



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

MAY 16, 2021

Gathering Song: Spirit Song

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 119)

Pastor: May my cry come before you, LORD; give me understanding according to your word.

People: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.

Pastor: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

People: May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

Pastor: I long for your salvation, LORD, and your law gives me delight.

Unison: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.

† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ralph Klein)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Responsive

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, “Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.”

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.”²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1 Responsive

¹Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

**²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.**

³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.

**⁴Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

¹⁷**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.**

1 John 4:19--5:12 Responsive

¹⁹**We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.**

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

³**In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

⁹**We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony.**

Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

¹¹**And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.**

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Sermon: Here's What We Know (Part 4)

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

† Responsive Litany (Romans 13:8-10)

Pastor: Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

People: The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command:

Pastor: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Unison: Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Stella, 8 years, brain bleed
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Cindy Taaffee
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer
 Kent's sister, Lori
 George Donoian, in rehab
 John Dellinger's sister, Nancy
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Mark, Elaine's cousin, home now
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Ray Boone's friend, Marvin, set-back
 Dan, friend of Doaks, fall/rehab
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta
 Justin Conn, kidney transplant recovery
 Linda Szczepanek
 Lori Palumbo, grief
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, back surgery
 Renata, Elaine's friend, wrist surgery 5/18

In Need of Prayer

Priscilla Smith, recent surgery
 Charlie Wilson
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Gail Nastwold's family for full recovery from Covid
 Anastasia, high risk pregnancy, 31 weeks
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab
 Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray's daughter
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
 Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones:
 Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, Sam Hutson, Dormans
 Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, Angie O'Dell, Krystal Murphy, Claudine Sordyl, and other healthcare workers to keep well
 Baby Jase, Mom Lindsey, friends of Linda Johnson
 Danny, brother-in-law of Donna Whiting, pain, leg ulcers
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer
 Bell family in death of 17 year old son
 Rita, friend of Bruce Terras, chemotherapy
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection
 India, suffering widespread Covid deaths

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Our Military: Metzners' grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
 Giving to general fund last week: \$4,440
 Giving to general fund in May: \$9,905
 Giving to mortgage in May: \$400

Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.

Pray for those of our church who worship on-line, that they will sense the love and care we have for each other.

Heidelberg Catechism: : Q 12. According to God's righteous judgement we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after; How then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor? **A.** God requires that the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.