



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Spirit of the Living God

†Call to Worship (Nehemiah 9:5-6)

Leader: "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting."

People: "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise."

Leader: You alone are the LORD.

People: You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

Unison: You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

†Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 100 Responsive

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ **Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Ephesians 4:25–32 Responsive

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

²⁶ **“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷and do not give the devil a foothold.**

²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ **Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.**

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

³² **Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

†Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Joanna Perumalla, Pianist

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Second Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:12-17 Responsive

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³ **Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.**

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ **Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.**

¹⁶ **Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Ephesians 2:1-10 Responsive

¹ As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

³ **All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.**

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

⁶**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.**

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

¹⁰**For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Created in Christ Jesus for Good Works
Justin Isles, MDiv student

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Am Thine, O Lord

Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:9b--14)

Leader: We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,

People: so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Leader: being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,

People: and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

Unison: For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire. Pastor

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. You are invited to join us for light refreshments after the service turning left as you leave the sanctuary and through the double doors.

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

In Need of Prayer

Patty Bodnar, surgery Tuesday, 5/24
 Karen Isles, surgery Wednesday, 6/8
 Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Sue Work's mother, hospitalized
 Judy Carr, healing of hands
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Brenda's siblings, Bernard and Joyce
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 Marion, Dan, friends of L. Szczepanek
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Boone's friend caring for invalid, age 102

Pray for the war in Ukraine

In Need of Prayer

Mark (18) a-fib, Justin (16) knee surgery, grandsons of Linda Szczepanek
 Judy Dellinger, recovering from surgery
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer
 Chris with stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Alanna, serious surgery for auto injuries, home
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, improving
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Keely, daughter of Linda Johnson, husband at sea 6 months
 Darlene Little, heart health
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Karen Isles' brother-in-law, Lance, anxiety, loss of job.
 Karen Isles, sister-in-law, completing chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Vince/Lois, friends of Judy Carr. Vince has internal bleeding
 Ken, Bev's son-in-law, intolerable pain, depression
 Pray for safety for pro-life ministries
 Benita & Kent Puzzuoli, and Terras son's family: Covid

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

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

Monthly Budget Need: \$18,333

Giving to General Fund last week: \$7,795
 Giving to General Fund in May: \$15,160
 Giving to Mortgage in May: \$650

Please pray for Peter & Renate Hartig in the recent death of their son, Gregor.

Remember to pray for others still grieving losses as well.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.. What are the sacraments? A. Sacraments are holy signs and seals for us to see. They were instituted by God so that by our use of them he might make us understand more clearly the promise of the gospel, and might put his seal on that promise.
 (Continued next week)

Missions Report
From Central Detroit Christian Development
Lisa Johanan

During the week, we make every effort to serve our children, teach them the Gospel, strengthen literacy skills, and for some, provide the only meal they will have for the evening. We recognize that our efforts, strengthened and carried by the Holy Spirit, need to address more than just the youth.

In zip code 48206, **over 43% of the households are led by single women and only 23% of the households are married couples.** In other words, almost half of the children that participate in our programs are from single-mother homes and this reality alone creates other issues. Statistics show that in urban communities, a lack of male presence can affect a child in many ways: **children are four times more likely to grow up in poverty, more likely to have behavioral problems, at higher risk of going to prison, and two times more likely to drop out of school.**

As we serve families in our community, we can attest to the credibility of these numbers. We spend a lot of time addressing the social and behavioral issues of the youth that walk through our doors every day. We can see the pain of fatherlessness in their eyes and the agony of the overworked mother who is begging for help to raise her son or daughter. Because of these dynamics, we continue to focus on serving the whole family and not just the children.

Recently, we launched an initiative with “The Order of the Fisherman” (a Head Start Preschool ministry located in Detroit) to encourage and create a community for our fathers. This month, we invited Fathers from Pathways of Promise to an all-expense paid bowling event and encouraged them to bring their families. That night, we witnessed the joy of fatherhood expressed through laughter and friendly competition. We listened to fathers converse about their appreciation for a space of comradery and community. Our hearts were overwhelmed as we shared a meal and watched our dads take refuge in the presence of their children.

That event showed us that we are exactly where we need to be, but we have a lot of work to do. Ultimately, only the Triune God as our Father provides Shalom in our neighborhoods, and we are confident that change is happening, and families will be whole again.

Announcements



Our Church Picnic is happening on June 12! Save the date; you won't want to miss this. For convenience and safety, the picnic food will be catered. No need to bring a dish to pass. Please sign up to help Carolyn plan the order.

Adult Sunday School: Resumes on June 5 at 9:30 am. Pastor McGuire is teaching from the book of Genesis. Discussion encouraged.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Do you know the riches in the book of Malachi? **Resumes on June 8, at 6 p.m.** and thereafter on each Wednesday. Get to know Malachi.

We invite you to remain after today's service for light refreshment and fellowship.