



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

**† Gathering Hymn: Now Blessed Be the Lord our God
Psalm 72:18-19**

† Call to Worship (Psalm 28:6-9 ESV)

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped.

Pastor: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

People: The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Unison: Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

† Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Lloyd O'Dell)

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Responsive

- ²⁴ How many are your works, LORD!
In wisdom you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ **There is the sea, vast and spacious,
teeming with creatures beyond number—
living things both large and small.**
- ²⁶ **There the ships go to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.**
- ²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.
- ²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.
- ²⁹ **When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.**
- ³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.
- ³¹ **May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works—**
- ³² **he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.**
- ³³ I will sing to the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- ³⁴ May my meditation be pleasing to him,
as I rejoice in the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

Praise the LORD.

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 Responsive

^{3b} No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit,

to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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: To God Be the Glory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

My Jesus, I Love Thee

arr: Kristen Campbell

Violinist: Karen Roth

Accompanist: Eric Roth

Prayer of Thanksgiving

† 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

(Reader: Angie O'Dell)

John 7:37-39 Responsive

³⁷ On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Acts 2:1-21 Responsive

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?

⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I

say. ¹⁵ **These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!**¹⁶ **No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

¹⁷ **"In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.**

¹⁸ **Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.**

¹⁹ **I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

²⁰ **The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.**

²¹ **And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**

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

Sermon: What is the Holy Spirit Doing Now?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

† Responsive Litany (From Ephesians 5, ESV)

Pastor: Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People: Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Pastor: Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

People: **Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart,**

Unison: **Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

†Benediction

† Welcome, Announcements and Prayer

Again remember to mail your tithes and offerings to keep us on budget. **Please enclose your offering envelope in a regular envelope.** You may send it to the church or to Pastor McGuire's home at 48028 Andover Dr., Novi, MI 48374.

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 are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

During the coronavirus crisis, we will not meet together. Our service will be available on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be sent by email. If we do not have your email, please send it to Bev at cpcnovi@gmail.com.

In Need of Prayer

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter
Renate Hartig
George Donoian and family
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
Yvonne Ray
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese, her family and Maya
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Bruce, friend of the Clay family
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cheri Boone's sister's family
Bruce Hartley, employment
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Diana, Metzners' daughter
Tom & Carol Metzner

In Need of Prayer

Judy Carr
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Julia Rende
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Judy All, relative of the Chernenkoffs
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
Employment for Gabriel and Tammy
Unbelieving children in our families
Jim Paglino
Sam Hutson, grief
Janet Young, doctor on 6/4

Karen Isles, Ray Johnson, Krystal Murphy, Angie O'Dell, Claudine Sordyl, Manuel & Astrid Valdivieso, and all healthcare and first responders

Pray for Elaine (Louis) Clay and family in the death of her sister, Sylvia, on May 27 in Columbus OH. Please also pray for travel mercies today.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last week: \$4,105

Giving to date in May: \$15,615.27

Giving in May to mortgage fund: \$1,530

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

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

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 95. What is idolatry? **A.** Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.



Updates for the new few weeks

As you know the pandemic has resulted in many cancellations throughout our state. Session meets regularly to consider the implications of this upon our church body. You may want to know some of those recent decisions with the safety of our congregation in mind:

The church picnic has been cancelled.

VBS has been cancelled.

Carpeting in the entire building has been cleaned and sanitized.

Safe methods of such things, as entry and exit from the building are being developed.

There will be no food or beverages served.

Bible study groups (Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening) will not resume until further notice.

A date of return is not settled as yet, but will not be before June 7.

This period of lockdown has been hard on us. Please make special efforts to keep in contact with others who may be lonely. Phone calls, emails, texts, cards and notes are all ways to connect. And pray for one another. Pray also for Pastor McGuire and for the Elders as they seek to make good decisions.

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. They will be distributed as soon as we resume meeting together in the church building.

But read on.....we are now ready to provide you with an on-line computer directory. This week, you should receive in your email a **code** that you may use to access this. It seems easy to use and includes photos and other pertinent information. Watch for this email and directions on how to begin.

Once we are successful with this, we will tell you how to download an app for your smart phone so you will be able to access the same information on your phone, if you wish to do so.