



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: The Wonder of It All

† Call to Worship (Psalm 105:1-5a, 45b ESV)

Pastor: O give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works he has done.

Unison: Praise the LORD!

† Hymn: O God Beyond All Praising

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

John 14:1-14 Responsive

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

³**And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.”**

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶**Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”**

⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

⁹**Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?**

¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

¹²**Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.**

¹³And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

2 Corinthians 4:16—5:9 Responsive

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

¹⁸**So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.**

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

²**Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.**

⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

⁵**Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

⁶Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷For we live by faith, not by sight.

⁸We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

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: Lord of the Universe

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Linda Johnson

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

1 Peter 1:3-12 Responsive

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of

Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow.

¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

Hebrews 11:13-16 Responsive

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.

¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Why God Needs Heaven

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

†Hymn: The Solid Rock

† Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 2)

Pastor: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world.

People: We were by nature deserving of wrath.

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

People: God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

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

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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

In Need of Prayer

Karen Isles, surgery, 6/8
 Patty Bodnar, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, in rehab after falls
 Cheri Boone’s friend Dot, fall injuries
 Janet Evans, adjustment to move to AZ
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jen Freese, pain, possible surgery
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Brenda’s brother, Bernard, failing kidney
 Brenda’s sister, Joyce, possible eye cancer
 Don Rende’s brother, Bob, poor health
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Marion, Dan ,friends of L.Szczepanek
 Grace, injuries from a fall, per Gail N.
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Boone’s friend caring for invalid, age 102

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 Szczpanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Alanna, serious surgery for auto injuries
 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, sister-in-law, completing chemo for cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson’s mother, advanced dementia
 Salvation for Edward, Laura, Nick
 Ken, son-in-law of Bev, Parkinson’s, pain, walking problem
 Jane Kilpatrick
 Bodnar family in WA, 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:\$1,821
 Giving to General Fund in June: \$1,821
 Giving to Mortgage in June: \$160

Our deepest sympathy to Eleatrice Woods in the sudden death of her sister, Angela, on June 7, 2022.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q.67. Are both the Word and the sacrament then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Right! In the gospel the Holy Spirit teaches us and through the holy sacraments he assures us that our entire salvation rests on Christ’s one sacrifice for us on the cross.



OUR CHURCH PICNIC IS TODAY

Held in Fellowship Hall

**Enjoy the Mission BBQ individual entrees
and get re-acquainted with your fellow worshipers.
Thank you to Carolyn Sharpe and Cheri Boone
for all the details.**

Don't neglect your spiritual food this week. In addition to Sunday Morning Worship, we offer:

- Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. Pastor McGuire is guiding us through the book of Genesis.
- Wednesday evening Bible Study, taught by Pastor McGuire at 6 pm. Explore today's relevancy of the Minor Prophet, Malachi.