



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 130 Responsive

A song of ascents.

¹Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

² Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.

³**If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?**

⁴**But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

⁵I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷**Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.**

⁸**He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

1 Kings 19:3-8 Responsive

³Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.

He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷**The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸So he got up and ate and drank.**

Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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

† Hymn: The Apostle's Creed

Offertory

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
And Can It Be
Pianist: Linda Johnson**

arr: Gail Smith

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 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, ²⁷ and 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.

^{5:1} **Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

John 6:35, 41-51 Responsive

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ **At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."** ⁴² They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

⁴³ "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

⁴⁵ **It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.**

⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: No Man Can Come to Me

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

† 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 that 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. Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

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

Sue Work
 Stella, 8 years old
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, cancer
 George Donoian
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Reginia Higgs, strength caring for Alberta
 Linda Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek's grandson, Justin
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer
 Ken Lindsay's brother, Al
 Leroy, friend of Ray Boone
 Lowell, brother-in-law of Elaine Clay
 Jack Deighton, age 12, elbow injury

In Need of Prayer

Val, wife Serena, in hospital, dialysis. Friend of Ray Boone
 Sean Murphy, medical tests
 Patty Bodnar, healing.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Gail Nastwold
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Donna Whiting
 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
 Bruce's co-worker, Tony, bladder cancer
 Joni, Philip, Christian workers in Myanmar, protection
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Nick Isles family, new home delays
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety and wisdom

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
 Giving to general fund last week: \$5,765
 Giving to general fund in August: \$5,765
 Giving to mortgage in August: \$150

Our Military: Metzners' grandson; and 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.
 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. 25. Since there is but one God, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **A.** Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word; these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.