



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: My Jesus, I Love Thee

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 116)

Pastor: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

People: Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

Pastor: The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

People: The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

Unison: Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

† Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Joel 2:28-32 Responsive

²⁸“And afterward,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

²⁹Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

³⁰**I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

³¹**The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**

³²And everyone who calls
on the name of the LORD will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the LORD has said,
even among the survivors
whom the LORD calls.

Psalm 38 Responsive

A psalm of David. A petition.

¹LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger
or discipline me in your wrath.

²Your arrows have pierced me,
and your hand has come down on me.

³Because of your wrath there is no health in my body;
there is no soundness in my bones because of my sin.

⁴My guilt has overwhelmed me
like a burden too heavy to bear.

⁵**My wounds fester and are loathsome
because of my sinful folly.**

⁶**I am bowed down and brought very low;
all day long I go about mourning.**

⁷**My back is filled with searing pain;**

there is no health in my body.
⁸I am feeble and utterly crushed;
I groan in anguish of heart.

⁹All my longings lie open before you, Lord;
my sighing is not hidden from you.
¹⁰My heart pounds, my strength fails me;
even the light has gone from my eyes.
¹¹My friends and companions avoid me because of my wounds;
my neighbors stay far away.
¹²Those who want to kill me set their traps,
those who would harm me talk of my ruin;
all day long they scheme and lie.
¹³**I am like the deaf, who cannot hear,**
like the mute, who cannot speak;
¹⁴**I have become like one who does not hear,**
whose mouth can offer no reply.
¹⁵**LORD, I wait for you;**
you will answer, Lord my God.
¹⁶**For I said, "Do not let them gloat**
or exalt themselves over me when my feet slip."

¹⁷For I am about to fall,
and my pain is ever with me.
¹⁸I confess my iniquity;
I am troubled by my sin.
¹⁹**Many have become my enemies without cause;**
those who hate me without reason are numerous.
²⁰**Those who repay my good with evil**
lodge accusations against me,
though I seek only to do what is good.
²¹**LORD, do not forsake me;**
do not be far from me, my God.
²²**Come quickly to help me,**
my Lord and my Savior.

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: The Apostles' Creed

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Guest Pianist: Ellen Van Noord

† 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
Philippians 1:12-30 Responsive

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

¹⁴ **And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.**

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

¹⁸ **But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.**

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. ²⁰ I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to**

depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Hebrews 13:1-18 Responsive

¹ Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

**“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”**

⁶So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹²And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that

openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷**Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.**

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

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Thanks be to God

Sermon: Making the Most of God's Grace: Part 2

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Responsive Litany (Colossians 1:9b-14)

Pastor: 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 might 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,

Pastor: 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 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

Nominations for Church Officers

Elders, Deacons, Trustees

For your prayerful consideration: Nominations for church officers are being accepted from members through August 28. Be sure to speak with the person you wish to nominate and get their agreement to be nominated. Then fill out the appropriate form and give it to an Elder or Pastor McGuire. Nomination forms can be found in the narthex.

Come to Our Church Garage Sale!

Donations are being accepted for our church garage sale being held **Friday, August 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, August 20, 9 a.m. to noon**. Please bring your items to the church prior to Thursday, August 18. Do not remove items brought in bags or boxes. If you do not have access to the church, please call first to make sure someone can let you in. Other arrangements can be made by contacting Gail H. Additional workers for the garage sale are appreciated. All proceeds will benefit the missions supported by Christ Presbyterian Church

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 in the narthex. We invite you to join us for light refreshments after worship in Fellowship Hall, turning left and through the double doors.

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

In Need of Prayer

Bill Rector, home
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, on oxygen & kidney failing
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Felicia, new diagnosis breast cancer
 Relative of Sean Murphy
 Jenn Freese, surgery August 12
 Jenn's parents with Covid
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda's sister, Joyce, eye cancer
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, poor health
 Dan, friend of L.Szczepanek
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie
 Vince, friend of Judy Carr, on dialysis

In Need of Prayer

Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, husband, Dan, in AL
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain
 Ray Boone
 Marlene, relative of Gail Nastwold, eye cancer
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczpanek
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 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, dialysis
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Peter & Renate Hartig in their grief
 Electrica Woods in her continued grief
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation; employment
 Family of Chet Doak's friend, recent death of his friend
 Grace, 15 yrs, psychosis, home now. Family, also.

 LaShell, cancer. Dominga needs transplant

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

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

Giving to General Fund last week: \$6,775
 Giving in July to date: \$22,435

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ as the Persecuted Church throughout the world. Many face beatings, lack of housing and food, alienation from family and more. In some countries, churches are burned, pastors jailed.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 75. How does the Lord's Supper remind you and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his gifts. **A.** In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup. With this command he gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely his body was offered and broken for me, and his blood poured out for me on the cross. (Continued next week.)