



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1,2,6,7)

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: Come, let us bow down and 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: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 71:1-6 Responsive

¹In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;
turn your ear to me and save me.

³**Be my rock of refuge,
to which I can always go;
give the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

⁵**For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD,
my confidence since my youth.**

⁶**From birth I have relied on you;
you brought me forth from my mother's womb.
I will ever praise you.**

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Responsive

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
¹⁰and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹**The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.**

**You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.**

¹²Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins
and will raise up the age-old foundations;
you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls,
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

¹³**"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath
and from doing as you please on my holy day,
if you call the Sabbath a delight**

³He answered, “Haven’t you read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God, and he and his companions ate the consecrated bread—which was not lawful for them to do, but only for the priests.

⁵Or haven’t you read in the Law that the priests on Sabbath duty in the temple desecrate the Sabbath and yet are innocent? ⁶I tell you that something greater than the temple is here. ⁷If you had known what these words mean, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent. ⁸For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

⁹Going on from that place, he went into their synagogue, ¹⁰and a man with a shriveled hand was there. Looking for a reason to bring charges against Jesus, they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”

¹¹He said to them, “If any of you has a sheep and it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will you not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹²How much more valuable is a person than a sheep! Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” So he stretched it out and it was completely restored, just as sound as the other. ¹⁴But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.

Luke 13:10-17 Responsive

¹⁰On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” ¹³Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

¹⁵The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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

Sermon: The Sabbath Proofs of God’s Reconciling Love

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn: He Leadeth Me

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Pastor: Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place, by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,

People: and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Pastor: let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

People: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Unison: And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 next Sunday, August 28. Be sure to speak with the person you wish to nominate and get his/her 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.

Up-Coming Congregational Meeting

Members of Christ Presbyterian will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the next three years. The meeting will follow our worship service on September 11, 2022. All members are encouraged to attend.

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

Brenda's brother, Bernard, home oxygen
 Bill Rector, home
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, recovering from surgery
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie

For those who grieve:

Kelly Rende, wife
 Ellen Dorman, husband
 Sam Hutson, wife
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Engebretsons, daughter, sister
 Hartigs, son
 Teresa Lisowski, mother
 Electrica Woods, sister
 Bill Sackett, grief for Marylyn

In Need of Prayer

Linda Szczepanek, Injuries in a fall
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
 Ray Boone
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain
 Felicia, new breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Marlene, eye cancer, relative of Gail Nastwold
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek
 Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek
 Keely, young mom, husband at sea, L. Johnson's daughter
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Vince, dialysis, friend of Judy Carr
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Grace, 15, mental health, friend of Eric/Karen Roth
 Cheri Boone's friend Dot, fall injuries
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby

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.

Giving to General Fund last week: \$4,705
 Giving to date in August: \$7,155

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.** Part 2: Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of him who serves, and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord, given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.