



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

**AUGUST 22, 2021**

**Gathering Song: Great is the Lord**

**† Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Pastor: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

**People: He says: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

**Unison: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**† Hymn: Satisfied**

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

### I Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Then King Solomon summoned into his presence at Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the chiefs of the Israelite families, to bring up the ark of the LORD's covenant from Zion, the City of David.

**<sup>6</sup> The priests then brought the ark of the Lord's covenant to its place in the inner sanctuary of the temple, the Most Holy Place, and put it beneath the wings of the cherubim.**

<sup>10</sup> When the priests withdrew from the Holy Place, the cloud filled the temple of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> And the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled his temple.

**<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven <sup>23</sup> and said:**

"LORD, the God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way. <sup>24</sup> You have kept your promise to your servant David my father; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled it—as it is today.

**<sup>25</sup> "Now LORD, the God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father the promises you made to him when you said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your descendants are careful in all they do to walk before me faithfully as you have done.' <sup>26</sup> And now, God of Israel, let your word that you promised your servant David my father come true.**

<sup>27</sup> "But will God really dwell on earth? The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you. How much less this temple I have built! <sup>28</sup> Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, LORD my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.

**<sup>29</sup> May your eyes be open toward this temple night and day, this place of which you said, 'My Name shall be there,' so that you will hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the supplication of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.**

<sup>41</sup> "As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name— <sup>42</sup> for they will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm—when they come and pray toward this temple, <sup>43</sup> then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

### Psalm 34:15-22 Responsive

<sup>15</sup> The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,  
and his ears are attentive to their cry;

<sup>16</sup> but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,  
to blot out their name from the earth.

**<sup>17</sup> The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;  
he delivers them from all their troubles.**

**<sup>18</sup> The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

<sup>19</sup> The righteous person may have many troubles,  
but the LORD delivers him from them all;



**<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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

**Sermon: Fight to Win**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

**† Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)**

**Pastor:** For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does.

**People:** **The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world.**

**Pastor:** On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

**People:** **We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God,**

**Unison:** **and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.**

**† Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music**

## Participation in the Life of the Church

The Church is instructed in Scripture to have Elders and  
Deacons

for governing and tending to  
the spiritual needs of the congregation.  
In addition, we have trustees to help with  
the acquisition/disposition of property.

You are encouraged to participate as  
members in choosing these individuals  
for service in these roles. Please pray that we may  
choose the ones whom God has prepared for this  
service.

You may nominate someone for any of these offices by  
filling out a nomination form, located in the Narthex,  
and giving it  
to an elder. (Ask the person first.)

**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, continued recovery  
 Marylyn Pfeifer, in hospital w/Covid  
 Bill Sackett, Covid  
 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, and grandson, Justin  
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone  
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak  
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer  
 Ken Lindsay's brother, Al  
 Lowell, brother-in-law of Elaine Clay  
 Jack Deighton, age 12, elbow injury  
 Ray Boone, surgery 8/24

**In Need of Prayer**

Pam Paglino's mother, extensive back surgery  
 Rebekah, major heart reconstruction, friend of Judy Carr  
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer  
 Gail Nastwold, for health  
 Bill Rector  
 Katalie Deighton, lymphoma  
 Alanna, auto accident, more surgeries & rehab  
 Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
 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  
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer  
 Justin Isles as he begins his seminary education  
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger  
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety and wisdom  
 Pam's friends, Bill, Sophie, in hospital  
 Joan, dear friend of Janet Evans  
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie  
**Afghani Christians, strong faith, the Lord's protection**

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

**Monthly need: \$17,083.00**  
**Giving to general fund last week: \$3,425**  
**Giving to general fund in August: \$11,405**  
**Giving to mortgage in August: \$450**

Our deep sympathy is extended to Renate (Peter) Hartig in the death of her brother, in Germany.  
 Our sympathy also, to Sean (Krystal) Murphy) in the death of his father on August 16.  
*Psalm 34:18: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 27.** What do you understand by the Providence of God? A. Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God, by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us, not by chance but from his fatherly hand.