

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 the register of friendship as it is passed and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

In Need of Prayer

Kent's sister Lori
 Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter
 George Donoian and family
 Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
 Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
 Gail Nastwold
 Jen Freese and family
 Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
 Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
 Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Bruce, friend of the Clay family
 Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
 Linda Szczepanek
 Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
 Cheri Boone's sister's family
 Bruce Hartley, employment
 Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende

In Need of Prayer

Keely & Josh (USN), daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
 Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
 Alberta Weaver, at home
 Regina Higgs
 Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
 Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
 Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
 Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
 Randy, friend of Bodnars
 Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
 Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
 Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
 Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
 Yvonne Ray, assisted living
 Ella, age 10, diabetes. friend of Metzners
 Unbelieving children in our families
 Grieving families with recent losses of loved ones
 Pray for the persecuted church worldwide

 Please help keep this up-to-date by alerting Bev Thompson

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.0
Giving to general fund last week: \$5,325
Giving to general fund in August: \$12,305
Giving to mortgage in August: \$1,150

Our Military: Justin Isles deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; 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.*
There is heavy persecution in both India and Nigeria. Also pray for China that the church will be protected and encouraged to share the Gospel in this crisis time.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 107. Is it enough then that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way? **A.** No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger God tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly to him, to protect him from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.



CHRIST
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Welcome to Worship

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Please sign the Register of Friendship and pass to your row.

Gathering Song: Freely, Freely (Bulletin page 7)

† Call to Worship (Psalm 107:1,2a,9,21,22 ESV)

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.

Pastor: For he satisfies the longing soul and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

People: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Unison: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

†Standing as you are able.

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Ron Lisowski)

Exodus 1:6-22 Responsive

⁶ Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷ but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

⁸ Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. ¹⁰ Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

¹¹ So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.

¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³ and worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁴ They made their lives bitter with harsh labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their harsh labor the Egyptians worked them ruthlessly.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶ “When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.”

¹⁷ The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸ Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

¹⁹ The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

²⁰ So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every Hebrew boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

Isaiah 51:1-6 Responsive

¹ “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
and who seek the LORD:
Look to the rock from which you were cut
and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

August.

Important! Please pray that God will call leaders, such as elders, deacons, and trustees to lead and care for our congregation. One way to identify these people is through nomination forms submitted by members. If you wish to nominate someone, remember to ask their consent before handing in the nomination to a current Elder. Nomination forms are in the narthex. Deadline for submission is September 6. The congregational meeting will be held on September 27.

Please remember to wear your mask or a face shield, and of course, maintain the six foot distance guideline.

For those who are not able to come, Dr. McGuire’s sermons will be on Facebook and YouTube, as well as audio on our website. Links are sent out usually on Saturday.

If you have not received your new **church directory**, please see Bev Thompson. Also, if you have not been able to download the directory to your PC or smart phone, she may be able to help you.

Praying Around the World

The churches in China and India, continue to be under increasing stress and persecution, especially pastors.

African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects w/ limited resources.

CDC (Central Detroit Christian) ministry to this neighborhood has been deeply limited, yet the needs have increased. Unemployment means no ability to pay rent, feed their children, etc. Pray for wisdom and resources for Lisa Johanan and her team.

Pray for our missionaries: the Fogelbachs, Tim North, Marcus Liew, Enrique Cepeda, as well as Lisa Johanan.

How Great Thou Art

² **Look to Abraham, your father,
and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
and I blessed him and made him many.**

³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion
and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴ **“Listen to me, my people;
hear me, my nation:
Instruction will go out from me;
my justice will become a light to the nations.**

⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily,
my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations.
The islands will look to me
and wait in hope for my arm.

⁶ **Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.**

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: All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord (pages 9)

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Praise Him! Praise Him!
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

arr: Mark Hayes

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

† 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

(Reader: Teresa Lisowski)

Matthew 16:13-20 Responsive

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ **They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ **Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

²⁰ **Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.**

Romans 12:1-8 Responsive

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

² **Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

The Church's One Foundation

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

Sermon: Living Sacrifices

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: How Great Thou Art (page 10)

† Responsive Litany (1 Corinthians 1:4-9)

Freely, Freely

Pastor: I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

People: For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you.

Pastor: Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

People: He will keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unison: God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers