



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Gathering Song: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

† 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 upon 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: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 125 Responsive

A song of ascents

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.

³**The scepter of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.**

⁴LORD, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.

⁵But those who turn to crooked ways
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be on Israel.

Luke 18:1-8 Responsive

¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.

³**And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'**

⁴"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

⁶**And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?**

⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

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

† Hymn: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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

Mark 7:24-30 Responsive

²⁴ Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

²⁵ **In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.** ²⁶ **The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.**

²⁷ "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁸ **"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."**

²⁹ Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

³⁰ **She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.**

Matthew 15:21-28 Responsive

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ **Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."**

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ **The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.**

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ **"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."**

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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Sermon: The Prayer of a Nuisance

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶ Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)

Pastor: What shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: He who did not spare his Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

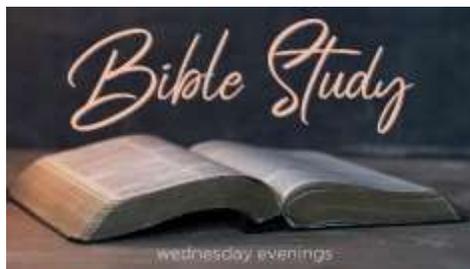
Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

Hello September

Today is the final day to submit nominations for church officers. You will find nomination forms on the table in the Narthex. (Be sure to get permission from the person you nominate.)

Upcoming Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of election of officers on September 26, 2021, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend.



The Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 14, at 10 am. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall for about an hour, they plan to study the book of Isaiah. Study Guides will be ordered soon. Please see or call Judy Dellinger.

New people are always welcome. If you have never participated in a small group study, you might give it a try; it is a blessing.

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

Marylyn Pfeifer, in hospital w/Covid
 Bill Sackett, Covid
 Dennis (Ellen) Dorman, in hospice care
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney
 Sue Work, continued recovery
 Jen Freese, grief, training of therapy dog
 George Donoian
 Don Rende's brother, Bob
 Don Rende's nephew, Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Alberta Weaver, for stability
 Regina 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
 Christy, daughter of Dellingers, heart
 Dennis, friend of Puzzuoli's, hard times
 Joan, dear friend of Janet Evans

In Need of Prayer

Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, lymphoma
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, severe hypertension
 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 healing of wound
 Bill Rector
 Nancy, friend of Doak's, recurrence of cancer
 Joyce, sister of Brenda Cook
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Grieving families with recent loss of loved ones
 Nancy, John Dellinger's sister
 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
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Teresa Lisowski and family. Daughter of Marylyn Pfeifer

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

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan and their little ones. Afghanistan is now listed as the second most dangerous place in the world for believers. Christians are targeted for death by the Taliban, etc.
 Pray for our military families, as well as for those who are suffering other losses.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
Giving to general fund last week: \$2,980
Giving to general fund in August: \$18,015
Giving to mortgage in August: \$1,063

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 29. Why is the Son of God called "JESUS" meaning "SAVIOR"?
A. Because he saves us from our sins. Salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for salvation elsewhere.