



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: Hallelujah! What a Savior**

† **Call to Worship** (Psalm 51:10-12, 15-17)

Pastor: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing heart, to sustain me.

People: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Pastor: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

Unison: My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, you, God, will not despise.

† **Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

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

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

Exodus 12:1-14 Responsive

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, ²“This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

³**Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. ⁴If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.**

⁵The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. ⁶Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

⁷**Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. ⁸That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.**

⁹Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. ¹⁰Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

¹¹**This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD’s Passover.**

¹²“On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

¹⁴**“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.**

Matthew 18: 15-20 Responsive

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷**If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.**

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹**“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”**

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: Holy, Holy, Holy (page 9)

Offertory	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
	Guest Pianist	Linda Johnson
	Prayer of Thanksgiving	

† 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.

Romans 13:8-14 Responsive

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

⁹ **The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ **And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Ezekiel 33:7-20 Responsive

⁷ “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood.

⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’

¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

¹²“Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’

¹³If I tell a righteous person that they will surely live, but then they trust in their righteousness and do evil, none of the righteous things that person has done will be remembered; they will die for the evil they have done.

¹⁴And if I say to a wicked person, ‘You will surely die,’ but they then turn away from their sin and do what is just and right— ¹⁵if they give back what they took in pledge for a loan, return what they have stolen, follow the decrees that give life, and do no evil—that person will surely live; they will not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that person has committed will be remembered against them. They have done what is just and right; they will surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But it is their way that is not just. ¹⁸If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, they will die for it. ¹⁹And if a wicked person turns away from their wickedness and does what is just and right, they will live by doing so. ²⁰Yet you Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ But I will judge each of you according to your own ways.”

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

Sermon: Every Christian’s Obligations
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

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

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

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

·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.

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

·Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

·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: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness (page 10)

Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 4:4-6, 18)

Pastor: The God of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

People: For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

Pastor: For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Unison: So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

† Benediction

Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

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 guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

In Need of Prayer

Janet Young, in rehab
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
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
Nancy, friend of Doaks
Joy Kull, critically ill (Szczepanek request)

In Need of Prayer

Patrick, Linda Davis' cousin, hospitalized
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Natalie, Pam's sister
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia 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
Siva, colleague of Brenda Cook visa renewal

**Please update this list as appropriate 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: \$4,450

Giving to general fund in August: \$21,400

Giving to mortgage in August: \$1,450

Our Military: Justin, 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.

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 109. Q. Does God, in this commandment (7th), forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery? **A.** We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why he forbids everything that incites unchastity, whether it be actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires.



The congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers will be held on September 27, 2020, following our worship service. Members are reminded to attend this part of the life of our church. Nominations for officers are due **TODAY**.

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

If you are not able to come, we remind you that *Audio Sermons* are available on our website: www.christ-presbyterianchurch.org In addition, Dr. McGuire's video sermons will premier Sunday mornings at 10:30 on Facebook and YouTube. Links will usually sent 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. **Pray for Siva, Brenda Cook's colleague, that his visa in the US will be extended. Christians are being killed for their faith, and he is vulnerable.**

African and South American countries are experiencing severe pandemic effects w/limited resources. Indian and Nigerian Christians are under intense persecution.

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.