



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**Gathering Song: How Long Has it Been?**

**† Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 16:23-27)

**Pastor:** Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.

**People:** **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.**

**Pastor:** For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

**People:** **For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.**

**Unison:** **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place.**

**† Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

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

## First Scripture Readings

### Psalm 124 Responsive

A song of ascents. Of David.

<sup>1</sup>If the LORD had not been on our side—  
let Israel say—  
<sup>2</sup>if the LORD had not been on our side  
when people attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup>they would have swallowed us alive  
when their anger flared against us;  
<sup>4</sup>the flood would have engulfed us,  
the torrent would have swept over us,  
<sup>5</sup>the raging waters  
would have swept us away.

<sup>6</sup>**Praise be to the LORD,  
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.**  
<sup>7</sup>**We have escaped like a bird  
from the fowler's snare;  
the snare has been broken,  
and we have escaped.**  
<sup>8</sup>**Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

### John 6:28-31, 35-41 Responsive

<sup>28</sup>Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"  
<sup>29</sup>**Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."**  
<sup>30</sup>So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'  
<sup>35</sup>**Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.**  
<sup>37</sup>All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.  
<sup>40</sup>**For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."**  
<sup>41</sup>At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

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



now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

**<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The Lord became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.**

<sup>18</sup> “Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!”

**Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. <sup>19</sup> You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, <sup>20</sup> but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?””**

<sup>31</sup> Now a wind went out from the LORD and drove quail in from the sea. It scattered them up to two cubits deep all around the camp, as far as a day’s walk in any direction. <sup>32</sup> All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they spread them out all around the camp.

**<sup>33</sup> But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. <sup>34</sup> Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food.**

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### **Sermon: Are You a Grumbler?**

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### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **† Hymn: This is My Father’s World**

### **Responsive Litany (from Philippians 2 ESV)**

**Pastor:** Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,

**People:** for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**Pastor:** Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation,

**Unison:** among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

### **Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers**

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

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



### **Upcoming Congregational Meeting**

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting for the purpose of election of officers **today, September 26, 2021**, immediately following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend for this brief meeting.

### **Looking Ahead to Tax Season**

Did you know that if you itemize your deductions, the CARES Act allows you to deduct charitable contributions up to 100% of your AGI (adjusted gross income on your 2021 taxes. And if you are not itemizing, you can claim up to \$300 (singly) & \$600 (jointly) as an “above-the-line” deduction. Consult your tax preparer for more information.

### **Ladies’ Bible Study**

The Tuesday Morning Ladies’ Bible Study has resumed meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10 am. Gathering in the Fellowship Hall for about an hour, they have begun to study the book of Isaiah.

It is not too late to join in. Please call or email Judy Dellinger if you are interested. [jfdellinger@yahoo.com](mailto:jfdellinger@yahoo.com)

**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**

Celeste Chernenkoff's brother, Keith  
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney function  
 Nancy Hill  
 Jen Freese, training of therapy dog  
 George Donoian, in hospital  
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris  
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek  
 Alberta Weaver, for stability  
 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  
 Dennis, friend of Puzzuolis, hard times  
 Carmen, friend of Gail, fall with injuries  
 Linda Johnson's parents  
 Judy Carr's sister, stroke, seeks guardian  
 Gail, friend of Patty Bodnar  
 Brenda's co-worker, Pat' daughter  
 Staff needs at St. Mary Hospital

**In Need of Prayer**

Bill Howard, pastor's brother-in-law, heart valve surgery  
 Jackie (Charlie) Wilson, death in family  
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor  
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, lymphoma  
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer  
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, hypertension  
 Sue Work's parents, mom in rehab, both need assist living  
 Pam Paglino's mother, extensive back surgery  
 Gail Nastwold, for health, wound healing  
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma  
 Darlene Little, health  
 Joyce, sister of Brenda Cook  
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer  
 Nancy, John Dellinger's sister  
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer  
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger  
 Joan, dear friend of Janet Evans  
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie  
 Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness  
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety & wisdom  
 Afghani Christians: protection, strong faith

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

**Our Military:** Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

**Monthly need: \$17,083.00**  
**Giving to general fund last week: \$2,500**  
**Giving to general fund in Sept.: \$13,255**  
**Giving to mortgage in September: \$975**

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

Pray for our Session for guidance on important decisions and care of the congregation.

**Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 32.** But why are you called a Christian? A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.