



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 104 ESV)

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Pastor: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

People: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you made them all; all the earth is full of your creatures. They all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

Unison: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 8 Responsive

LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**You have set your glory
in the heavens.**

**² Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?

**⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.**

**⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,

⁸ the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

**⁹ LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

**²³ The man said,
"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;**

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant.

He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified:

**"What is mankind that you are mindful of them,
a son of man that you care for him?
⁷ You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor
⁸ and put everything under their feet."**

In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.

⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says,

**"I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the assembly I will sing your praises."**

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

Sermon: Saving the Best Till Last
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

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

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

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

⁴Against 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.

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

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

⁷Cleanse 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: The Love of God

Responsive Litany (Romans 11:33-36)

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out.

Pastor: “Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?”

People: “Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?”

Unison: For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

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 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

<p>In Need of Prayer 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 Ed Steele, for mobility</p>	<p>In Need of Prayer Bill Howard, pastor's brother-in-law, heart valve surgery 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, heart 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 Those grieving recent loss of loved ones</p>
<p>Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org</p>	<p>Our sincere sympathy to Russ & Celeste Chernenkoff on the recent death of her brother, Keith.</p>
<p>Monthly need: \$17,083.00 Giving to general fund last week: \$4,525 Giving to general fund in Sept.: \$17,780 Giving to mortgage in September: \$2,607</p>	<p>Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. <i>Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.</i></p>

Heidelberg Catechism: Q. 33. Why is he called God's "only begotten Son" when we also are God's children? **A.** Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are adopted children of God—adopted by grace through Christ.

At the congregational meeting on September 26, 2021, the following church officers were elected:
 Elders: Ron Lisowski and Lloyd O'Dell; Deacon: Elaine Clay; and Trustee: Peter Hartig.