



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: We Have Come to Join in Worship

† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

†Hymn: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 92 Responsive

A psalm. A song. For the Sabbath day

¹It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,
²proclaiming your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night,
³to the music of the ten-stringed lyre
and the melody of the harp.

**⁴For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD;
I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

**⁵How great are your works, LORD,
how profound your thoughts!**

⁶Senseless people do not know,
fools do not understand,
⁷that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,
they will be destroyed forever.

⁸But you, LORD, are forever exalted.

⁹For surely your enemies, LORD,
surely your enemies will perish;
all evildoers will be scattered.
¹⁰You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox;
fine oils have been poured on me.
¹¹My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries;
my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

**¹²The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;
¹³planted in the house of the LORD,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

**¹⁴They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,
¹⁵proclaiming, "The LORD is upright;
he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 Responsive

1 There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:

2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

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: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Yuta Sagano

† 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

Matthew 23:1-12 Responsive

¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ²“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. ³So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ⁴They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵**“Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.**

⁸“But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah.

¹¹**The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.**

Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶**Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’**

¹⁸“But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹**“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’**

²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹**“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’**

²²“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

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

Sermon: RSVP and NO SHOWS

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.

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: We Are Called to Be God's People

Responsive Litany (Isaiah 25;1,4,6,8)

Pastor: LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

People: You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

People: He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

Unison: He will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

For Your Information

Please Note

After a necessary postponement, the date has been set for a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers. This meeting will be held following our worship service on **October 16, 2022.**

Members are urged to attend and participate in choosing new officers.

Until further notice there will be no refreshments after church. We remind you also to avoid hugging until our congregation is free of infections.

Ladies' Bible Study

The Ladies' in-person Bible study began last Tuesday and will continue weekly on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The study guide is titled Images of Christ. If you would like to join, see Judy Dellinger for a book.

Ladies' Zoom Study

The Zoom lesson, the study of Genesis, is headed by Elaine Clay. Contact Elaine or Brenda if you would like to participate.

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 in the narthex.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Elain Clay, stroke
 Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failure
 Care of Bunny Rector
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor
 Jen Freese, new Covid
 Janet Young, assisted living
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Scott, son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie

For those who grieve:

Kelly Rende, wife
 Ellen Dorman, husband
 Sam Hutson, wife
 Linda Szczepanek, multiple deaths in family
 Engebretsons, daughter, sister
 Hartigs, son
 Teresa Lisowski, mother
 Electrica Woods, sister
 Bill Sackett, grief for Marylyn

In Need of Prayer

Linda Szczepanek, Injuries in a fall
 Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL.
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
 Ray Boone, tests and possible chemotherapy
 Patty Bodnar, shoulder and knee pain. improving
 Felicia, new breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 Marlene, eye cancer, relative of Gail Nastwold
 Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek
 Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek
 Keely, young mom, husband at sea, L. Johnson's daughter
 Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia
 Benita's friend, Rachael, flare up of Lupus
 Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor
 Darlene Little, heart and dialysis
 Karen Isles, started new nursing position, recent hip surgery
 Delilah, young relative of Isles family
 Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
 Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, failing health
 Hout family, recent loss his mother, adopting baby
 Newborn with colic, pray for bonding with the dad

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

General Fund giving last week: \$4,800

Giving in October: \$4,800

Our sincere sympathy to Bunny Rector and family in the death of Bill on October 5. More info to come.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Gail Nastwold, who went to be with her Savior on September 28. Her memorial service will be held November 5 at 1 p.m. at O'Brian-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Heidelberg Catechism. Q.80. How does the Lord's Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass? **A.** Continued answer) The Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have their sins forgiven through the suffering of Christ unless Christ is still offered for them daily by the priests. It also teaches that Christ is bodily present in the form of bread and wine where Christ is there for to be worshiped. Thus the Mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ and a condemnable idolatry.