



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: My Savior's Love

† Call to Worship (Isaiah 25: 1,4,6,8 ESV)

Pastor: O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

People: For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat.

Pastor: On this mountain the LORD of Hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine.

People: He will swallow up death forever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

Unison: And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

† Hymn: Most Perfect Is the Law of God

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Luke 1:26-38 Responsive

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

⁸**The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."**

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

³¹**You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."**

³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵**The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.**

³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸**"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.**

Hebrews 1:3-14 Responsive

³The 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.**

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

"You are my Son;
today I have become your Father"?

Or again,

"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

⁶**And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,**

"Let all God's angels worship him."

⁷In speaking of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels spirits,
and his servants flames of fire."

⁸**But about the Son he says,**

**"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.**

⁹**You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;**

**therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”**

¹⁰ He also says,

“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.

¹² You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be changed.
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end.”

¹³ **To which of the angels did God ever say,**

**“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet”?**

¹⁴ **Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

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: That Beautiful Name

Offertory **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**
 Sweet Hour of Prayer **arr: Joel Raney**

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

Revelation 5:1-13 Responsive

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

⁴I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits^{of God} sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.
¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth."

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying:

"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!**

Hebrews 2:5-16 Responsive

⁵It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶But 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?
⁷You made them a little lower than the angels;
you crowned them with glory and honor
⁸and 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.

⁹But 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.

¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Both 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. ¹²He says,

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

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again he says,

“Here am I, and the children God has given me.”

¹⁴Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: None Can Compare to Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Responsive Litany (Philippians 2:8-11, Revelation 5:13b)

Pastor: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name that is above every name,

Pastor: So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Unison: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.” Amen

Earlier in this service we witnessed the baptism of

Elizabeth Louellen Isles

Daughter of Nicholas and Larissa Isles

Granddaughter of Ron and Karen Isles

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Notice: The Annual Congregational Meeting for the purpose of approval of the 2022 Church Budget will be held on **October 24**, 2021, following the worship service. All members are encouraged to attend.

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 Jen Freese, training of therapy dog George Donoian, in nursing home 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 Ed Steele, for mobility Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab 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, needing assisted 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>The persecuted church around the world, especially Afghani Christians, and those in Niger, Africa.</p>
<p>Monthly need: \$17,083.00 Giving to general fund last week: \$5,435 Giving to general fund in Oct.: \$5,435 Giving to mortgage in October: \$400</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. 34. Why do you call him "Our Lord"? A. Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

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.