



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

## OCTOBER 10, 2021

**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

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

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

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

<sup>31</sup>**You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He 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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."**

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

<sup>35</sup>**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.**

<sup>36</sup>Even 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. <sup>37</sup>For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup>**"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

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>**So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.**

<sup>5</sup>For 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"?

<sup>6</sup>**And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,**

**"Let all God's angels worship him."**

<sup>7</sup>In speaking of the angels he says,

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

<sup>8</sup>**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.**

<sup>9</sup>**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.”**

<sup>10</sup> He also says,

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

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

<sup>12</sup> 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.”

<sup>13</sup> **To which of the angels did God ever say,**

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

<sup>14</sup> **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

<sup>1</sup>Then 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup>But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

**<sup>4</sup>I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. <sup>5</sup>Then 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."**

<sup>6</sup>Then 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<sup>of God</sup> sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

**<sup>8</sup>And 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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.  
<sup>10</sup>You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign on the earth."

**<sup>11</sup>Then 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. <sup>12</sup>In 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!"

**<sup>13</sup>Then 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

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

**<sup>9</sup>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.**

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>He says,

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

<sup>13</sup>And again,

**“I will put my trust in him.”**

And again he says,

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

<sup>14</sup>Since 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— <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**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><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          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><b>In Need of Prayer</b>          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 &amp; Patty MacKenzie          Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness          First Responders &amp; Border Patrol, safety &amp; wisdom          Afghani Christians: protection, strong faith          Those grieving recent loss of loved ones</p>
<p><b>Audio Sermons</b> can be heard on the church website: <a href="http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org">http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org</a></p>	<p>The persecuted church around the world, especially Afghani Christians, and those in Niger, Africa.</p>
<p><b>Monthly need: \$17,083.00</b>  <b>Giving to general fund last week: \$5,435</b>  <b>Giving to general fund in Oct.: \$5,435</b>  <b>Giving to mortgage in October: \$400</b></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.