



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† Gathering Hymn: Listen to My Cry, Lord

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 62)

Pastor: Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him.

People: Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Pastor: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

People: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Unison: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

† Hymn: My Soul, Praise the Lord!

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Pia Klein)

Exodus 33:12-23 Responsive

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴ **The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ **And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”**

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

¹⁹ **And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹ **Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”**

Psalm 99

¹ The LORD reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.

² **Great is the LORD in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.**

³ **Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.**

⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;

in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.

**5 Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.**

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel was among those who called on his name;
they called on the LORD
and he answered them.

**7 He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud;
they kept his statutes and the decrees he gave them.**

8 LORD our God,
you answered them;
you were to Israel a forgiving God,
though you punished their misdeeds.

**9 Exalt the LORD our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the LORD our God is holy.**

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: Before the Throne of God Above

Offertory
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Great is the Lord
Prayer of Thanksgiving

arr: Jack Schafer

† 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

(Reader: Pia Klein)

Matthew 22:15-22 Responsive

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

“Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.”

They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us.

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

Sermon: Three Magnificent Gifts of God

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

Responsive Litany (1 Peter 1-3-6)

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Pastor: and into an inheritance which can never perish, spoil, or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you,

People: who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

Unison: In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little time you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

† 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 the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

In Need of Prayer

Dennis Dorman
Bunny Rector
Cindy Bemis
Bruce Hartley, employment
Kent's sister Lori
George Donoian and family
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese, lungs. Maya, and new service dog
Sally Freese, shingles pain
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes
Don Rende's brother, Bob
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
Bruce, friend of the Clay family
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks
Linda Szczepanek and other family members
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende
Nancy, friend of Doaks
Yvonne Ray, assisted living
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer

In Need of Prayer

Gene (in ICU) & Linda Szczepanek
Jackie Whiting (Covid) mother-in-law of Donna
Jack & Senie Engebretson
Janet Young
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Ben, student with Covid19, Bodnar nephew
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer
Unbelieving children in our families
Kelly Rende, grief
Family of Anna, died complications of childbirth
Relatives of Tom/Carol Metzner, who have Covid-19

Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.0

Giving to general fund last week: \$2,935

Giving to general fund in October: \$7,600

Giving to mortgage in October \$1,150

Our Military: Justin, deployed to Qatar and **coming home tomorrow!** Metzners' grandson Bryan; relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

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

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 114. But can those converted to God obey these commandments perfectly? **A.** No, in this life even the holiest have only a small beginning of this obedience. Nevertheless, with all seriousness of purpose, they do begin to live according to all, not only some of God's commandments.

Remember to pray for all our church members, some of whom are reluctant to come to our worship service. We miss them and pray that they will remain we



Angel Tree is Going Virtual This Year

To comply with the changing mandates, Angel Tree, a ministry to children of incarcerated parents, is going virtual this year. The new process will eliminate the need (and joy) of shopping for a child this year. Here is how it works. The coordinators of Angel Tree will call all the caregivers of our list of children. They will explain to them how this new process will work.



This is what you need to know:

The child's caregiver will receive a gift card to do the purchasing of clothing/toys instead of us. Our church will be given a list of our children to sponsor through a website. Angel Tree coordinators will send us a password to open the website. Then you will be able to choose a child you would like to sponsor.

Once you have selected a child, you may then purchase the gift card on-line, paying for it by Pay-Pal or your credit card. The amount of the gift is set at \$42.00 per child. Two dollars of that money is used to cover mailing the materials and the gift card. You may share the cost with a friend as long as one of you pay the \$42.00.

If you do not computer access or have questions about this, Cheri Boone is available to help you. You can schedule to meet with her while social distancing or give her a call.

The Ladies' Bible Study has begun, but new ladies are welcome. We meet in the Fellowship Hall for social distancing. Weekly meetings will be on Tuesdays at 10 am. The topic is the Minor Prophets, Book Two.

Help with cleaning the church is needed. If you can help once a week or every other week it would be so much appreciated. Jobs mainly involve dusting and vacuuming various rooms. Please let Gail Hershenson know; she can tell you what is needed and how to do it safely. Email: gdh148@yahoo.com