



CHRIST
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WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

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Gathering Song: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

† Call to Worship (Psalm 66:1-5, 8)

Pastor: Shout for joy, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

People: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

Pastor: All the earth worships and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

People: Come and see what God has done: his is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Unison: Bless our God, O peoples; Let the sound of his praise be heard.

†Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

John 14:15-31 Responsive

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

“Come now; let us leave.

Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-2,13-21 Responsive

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

^{4:1} Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ **“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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: Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

I Call to Thee, Lord, Jesus Christ, by J.S. Bach

Pianist: Yuta Sugano

† 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

John 15:26—16:15 Responsive

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:1} **“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. ² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. ³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.**

⁴ I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me.

None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

¹² **“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.**

¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

Acts 2:1-21 Responsive

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

³ **They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

⁷ **Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near**

Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴**Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

¹⁷“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹**And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Sermon: What About the Holy Spirit?

Justin Isles, MDIV Student

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: God Our Father, We Adore Thee

Responsive Litany (Romans 5:1-5)

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Pastor: And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

People: Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Unison: And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Benediction

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

For Your Information

Please Note

Until further notice there will be no refreshments after church. However, we are planning a Thanksgiving meal after the worship service on November 20. More information next week.

The following people were elected as church officers in last Sunday's congregational meeting.

For Elder:

Jack Engebretson

Kelly Rende

For Deacon:

Linda Johnson

Sue Work

For Trustee:

Pam Paglino

Their terms of service will begin in January and they will serve for three years. Please pray for all our officers that they will rejoice in their service and please the Lord in all they do.

Adult Sunday School

Pastor McGuire will resume the study of Genesis at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We meet in Room 4.

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, and daughter, Liz
 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
 Reginia Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Scott, son of Jim and Patty MacKenzie
For those who grieve:
 Bunny Rector, husband
 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, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy
 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
 Ellen, friend of Sue Work, lost home in Fl. hurricane
 Katelyn ,24 y/o friend of Kelly Rende, hospice care

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

General Fund giving last week: \$7,275
 Giving in October: \$14,725

We join in the joy of a new baby in the Higgs family. Baby girl Eloise (Ellie) Reginia Higgs was born October 6 to Stephen and Erin Higgs, thus giving Reginia her first grandchild. Alberta Weaver is delighted to be the great-grandmother. Congratulations!

Heidelberg Catechism Q.82. Are those to be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they say and do that they are unbelieving and ungodly? **A.** No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's anger on the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.