



CHRIST  
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# Welcome to Worship

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† **Gathering Hymn: Approach, My Soul, the Mercy-Seat**

† **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 119)

Pastor: May my cry come before you, Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

**People: May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.**

Pastor: May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous.

**People: May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.**

Pastor: I long for your salvation, Lord, and your law gives me delight.

**Unison: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.**

† **Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God**

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Sue Work)

### Deuteronomy 34:1-13 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, <sup>2</sup>all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, <sup>3</sup>the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

<sup>4</sup>**Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”**

<sup>5</sup>And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. <sup>6</sup>He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

<sup>7</sup>**Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. <sup>8</sup>The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.**

<sup>9</sup>Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup>**Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup>who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. <sup>12</sup>For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.**

### Leviticus 19:1,2,15-18

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: ‘Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

<sup>15</sup>“**Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.**

<sup>16</sup>“Do not go about spreading slander among your people.

“**Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.**

<sup>17</sup>“Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

<sup>18</sup>“**Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.**

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**



## 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup>You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. <sup>2</sup>We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

<sup>3</sup>**For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. <sup>4</sup>On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.**

<sup>5</sup>You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. <sup>6</sup>We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. <sup>7</sup>Instead, we were like young children among you.

**Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, <sup>8</sup>so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.**

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**Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon: Motive and Message**

Dr. James N. McGuire

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **† Hymn: Be Still, My Soul**

### **Responsive Litany (2 Thessalonians 2:13-16)**

**Pastor:** But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

**People:** **He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor:** So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

**Unison:** **May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.**

### **† Benediction**

### **Welcome, Announcements and Prayers**

**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.**

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**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  
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  
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay

Gene & Linda Szczepanek  
Jackie Whiting (Covid) mother-in-law of Donna  
Priscilla Smith, spine problem  
Brenda's sister, healing from eye surgery  
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  
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.**

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

**Monthly need: \$17,083.0**

**Giving to general fund last week: \$4,525**

**Giving to general fund in October: \$12,125**

**Giving to mortgage in October: \$2,300**

**Our Military:** Justin, just returned stateside; 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 115.** No one in this life can obey the ten commandments perfectly; why then does God want them preached so pointedly? **A.** First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. *(Continued next week.)*

**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 well.**



## 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, by phone, or you can schedule to meet with her while social distancing.

**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](mailto:gdh148@yahoo.com)

Don't forget, next Sunday we return to Eastern Standard Time. Set your clocks. Fall Back.