



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23455 Novi Road
Novi MI 48375
Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire
248-719-7787
www.christ-presbyterianchurch.org

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Gathering Song: Now I Belong to Jesus

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 146)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

People: I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

People: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Pastor: He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

Unison: The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

†Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Romans 5:1-11 Responsive

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

³**Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

John 10:1-18 Responsive

¹Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. **5** But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” **6** Jesus used this figure speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. **13** The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— **15**just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

**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: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Pianist: John Beresford

† 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

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Responsive

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

Luke 15:11-32 Responsive

¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Love Beyond Imagination

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receive the Elements of the Lord's Supper

† Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Responsive Litany (2 Corinthians 5:17,21, Romans 8:35,37-39 ESV)

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.

People: For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might be the righteousness of God.

Pastor: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

People: No, for in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Unison: For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Announcements of Interest

Today we welcome a new member, Electrica Woods, to our church family. She is already active and a blessing to us.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Even though we have had to diminish our fellowship times following the worship service, we are happy to announce that we will have a modified Thanksgiving meal together. The food will be presented in individual boxes but will contain much of a traditional Thanksgiving menu. Please sign up no later than November 13 (next Sunday) so we can have enough food for all who come.

Adult Sunday School

Pastor McGuire has resumed the study of Genesis at 9:30 each Sunday morning. We meet in Room 4. Do you know the significance of Esau, also known as Edom, in the story of God's plan? Why are there so many accounts of genealogy? What was God doing back in those early years of the Bible? Come and find out.

Angel Tree

Brenda Cook and Cheri Boone are working in the background organizing our part in the Angel Tree ministry. This year you will have the choice of shopping for a local child or to donating to a specific child on-line. More information to come soon.

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.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

In Need of Prayer Elain Clay, recovery from stroke Brenda's brother, Bernard, kidney failure Care of Bunny Rector, new residence Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney poor Jen Freese 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 Richard Abraham, Hartig's son-in-law, biopsy this week Donna Whiting's sister, Judy, and brother-in-law Dan, in AL. Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer Ray Boone, chemotherapy every 3 weeks Engebretson's son, John, hip replacement Patty Bodnar for better health Benita Puzzioli, diagnosis and treatmnet Darlene Little, heart problems, dialysis Felicia, breast cancer, relative of Sean Murphy Chris, stage 4 cancer, neighbor of Linda Szczepanek Dan, friend of Linda Szczepanek Linda Johnson's mother, advanced dementia Wilsons' friend, Margaret, with brain tumor Sue Isles, relative of Ron & Karen, recurrence of cancer 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 Sue Work's mother Phyllis, in her 90's with Covid Katelyn, 24 y/o friend of Kelly Rende, hospice care
Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org	Pray for our pastor, elders, deacons, and trustees for strength, wisdom, and discernment as they serve the Lord and our church.
General Fund giving last week: \$3,950 Giving to date in October: \$22,451	Many unspoken requests Angel Tree preparation; Brenda and Cheri

Heidelberg Catechism Q.84.1: How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven? **A.** According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to each and every believer that, as often as he accepts the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of what Christ has done, truly forgives all his sins.