



CHRIST
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WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Gathering Song: Children of the Heavenly Father

† Call to Worship (Psalms 95:6,7; 100:2,4,5)

Pastor: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

People: For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Pastor: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

People: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Pastor: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good;

Unison: His mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures to all generations.

† Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (page 8)

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Matthew 25:31-46 Responsive

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴**“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’**

³⁷“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’**

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

⁴⁴**“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’**

⁴⁵“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶**“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”**

Galatians 6:1-10

¹Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

²Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. ⁴Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, ⁵for each one should carry their own load. ⁶Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all

good things with their instructor.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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: Soldiers of Christ, Arise

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Pianist: Ellen VanNoord

† 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

The Service of Ordination and Installation of Officers

For Ordination: Sue J. Work as Deacon

For Installation: Jack Engebretson as Elder

Kelly Rende as Elder

Pamela Paglino as Trustee

Second Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 8:1-12 Responsive

¹ And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.

Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

¹⁰ And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. ¹¹ Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. ¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Luke 16:1-15 Responsive

¹ Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon: Making Friends in Heaven

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Redeemed

Responsive Litany (Titus 2:11-14)

Pastor: For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

People: It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Pastor: while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Unison: who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Announcements of Interest

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 **TODAY** 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? How did God use Joseph's imprisonment for His greater purposes? 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 may have the choice of shopping for a local child, or 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, full healing
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

Ray Boone, chemotherapy every 3 weeks
Engebretson's son, John, restoration of kidney, hip pain
Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
Benita Puzzuoli, health, for diagnosis and treatment
Patty Bodnar for better health
Boone, sister-in-law, serious Covid Infection
Benita Puzzuoli, diagnosis and treatment
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
Sue Isles, relative of Ron & Karen, recurrent cancer/chemo
Delilah, young relative of Isles family
Domingo, needs transplants, LaShell, cancer.
Emily, friend of Isles, salvation, employment
Rachel Hobson, deliverance from worldly ways (Sean)
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
Karen, friend of Judy Carr, aggressive cancer, 13y/o son, upset

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

General Fund giving last week: \$3,656
Giving to date in November: \$3,656

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Donna Whiting, whose sister, Judy, passed into glory on November 8 in Alabama. Donna had provided much of her care for several weeks.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.84.2 : How does preaching the gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven? **A.** The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the anger of God and eternal condemnation rest on them.