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WELCOME TO THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Gathering Song: Every Heart Its Tribute Pays

† Call to Worship

† Call to Worship (Psalm 95:1-7)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Unison: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

† Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: (Kelly Rende)

Genesis 2:19-24 Responsive

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

1 Corinthians 15:35-58 Responsive

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

³⁹ Not all flesh is the same: People have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another. ⁴⁰ There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. ⁴¹ The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ **“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ **Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.**

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: This is My Father’s World

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Medley: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty/Let There Be Praise Arr: M. Ham
Pianist: Linda Johnson

† 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

A Service of Installation of Officers

Linda Johnson, Deacon

Second Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 Responsive

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

^{5:1} For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Hebrews 10:1-18 Responsive

¹ The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

² Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. ⁴ It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷ Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”

⁸ First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹ Then he said, “Here I

am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ **The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:**

¹⁶ **“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”**

¹⁷ Then he adds:

“Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more.”

¹⁸ **And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary**

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: Four Bodies at Thanksgiving
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God (page 10)

Responsive Litany (From Ephesians 5 ESV)

Pastor: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People: Walk as children of light and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Pastor: Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs and making melody to the Lord with your heart,

Unison: Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

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

The Angel Tree has been decorated with paper angels for you to choose for your gift giving to a child whose parent is incarcerated. There is a limited number, but you also have the option to select a child on-line and provide the money for the care-giver to shop for that child's needs/desires. That information will be provided next week. A Ministry of Prison Fellowship.

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, next tomorrow
Benita Puzzuoli, health, for diagnosis and treatment
Engebretson's son, John, hip pain
Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, young mom, cancer
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 died, Pray for mother, Sheila, sister
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:
\$3,775

Giving to date in November: \$7,431

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Donna Whiting, whose sister, Judy, died on November 8 in Alabama.

Our sincere sympathy to Ralph and Pia Klein on the death of his father, Fred Klein.

Heidelberg Catechism Q.86. We have been delivered from our misery by God's grace alone through Christ and not because we have earned it: why then must we still do good? **A.** To be sure, Christ has redeemed us by his blood. But we do good because Christ by his Spirit is also renewing us to be like himself, so that in all our living we may show that we are thankful to God for all he has done for us, and so that he may be praised through us. And we do good so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.