



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Thanksgiving Sunday

Gathering Song: Every Heart Its Tribute Pays

† Call to Worship: (Psalm 104:24, 31 ,33)

Pastor: O Lord, how many are your works! In wisdom You have made them all.

People: The earth is full of your possessions. Let the glory of the Lord endure forever.

Pastor: Let the Lord be glad in his works. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Unison: I will sing praise to my God while have my being.

† Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Psalm 19:1-11 Responsive

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

³They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

⁴Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

⁵ **It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.**

⁶**It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.**

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

¹⁰**They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.**

¹¹**By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.**

Philippians 4:4-8 Responsive

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

⁶**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

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

Offertory	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	arr: Joel Raney
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† 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

Revelation 5:1-14 Responsive

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" ³But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it.

⁴**I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. ⁵Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the**

scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

⁸And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God,
and they will reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying:

**“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”**

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

**“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”**

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Psalm 150 Responsive

¹Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

²**Praise him for his acts of power;**

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴praise him with timbrel and dancing.

praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

Praise the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Giving God the Praise He Enjoys

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Responsive Litany (from Ephesians 5)

Pastor: Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

People: **For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light and find out what pleases the Lord.**

Pastor: Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

Unison: **Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Benediction

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't forget to plan for your participation in Angel Tree. We expect our electronic list of children soon, along with the passcode for your gift. Stay tuned!



A Christmas Bell Choir Concert



The Michigan Bell Choir will perform several times in the area. Our own Eric Roth will accompany them as his son-in-law, Kyle, leads the choir.

Dates and Locations

Saturday, December 4 at 7 pm	First United Methodist Church, Northville.
Friday, December 10 at 7:30 pm	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Bloomfield Hills
Saturday, December 11 at 7 pm	Celebration Lutheran Church, Westland
Sunday, December 19 at 2 pm	Silver Maples (retirement home), Chelsea

Planning ahead.....

We will be ordering poinsettias again this year. If you cannot get out, you may call Bev in the office on Mondays/Tuesdays.

Christmas Eve Service will be on December 24 at 4 pm.

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. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Sue Work, at home
 Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs as caregiver to Alberta
 Brenda Cook, blood pressure, kidney
 Jen Freese, training therapy dog, illness
 Cheryl Stevenson, Covid
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek and grandson, Justin
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dennis, friend of Puzzuolis, hard times
 Carmen, friend of Gail, fall with injuries
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 The Metzner Family, many stressors, and multiple Covid illnesses
 Al Lindsay, chemotherapy for lung cancer
 Lindsay neighbors, Armand w/Covid
 Christopher, neighbor of Linda S, cancer

In Need of Prayer

George Donoian, in hospice
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, very ill
 Bill Howard, pastor's brother-in-law, heart valve surgery
 Judy Carr, foot, plus sister's long term care decisions
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Norman John, Guilian-Barre, cousin of Cathie Cheslak
 Sue Work's parents, adjusting to assisted living
 Gail Nastwold, for health, wound healing
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 Nancy, sister of John Dellinger
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety & wisdom
 Friend of Tracy Hoff, Debbie Routin, brain/bone cancer
 Cassandra, friend of Elaine, cancer

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

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.*

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
Giving to general fund last week: \$3,130
Giving to general fund in Nov: \$8,960
Giving to mortgage in Nov: \$467

Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.
 The holidays are difficult for those grieving. Pray for them.

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 40. Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

A. Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.