



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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† Gathering Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

† Call to Worship (from Psalm 104 ESV)

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, you are very great!

People: You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent.

Pastor: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

People: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. They all look to you to give them their food in due season.

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

Unison: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

† Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Brenda Cook)

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Responsive

⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;

⁹**a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.**

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

¹²**Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.**

¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you.

¹⁷**You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.**

Psalm 65 Responsive

¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

² You who answer prayer
to you all people will come.

³**When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.**

⁴**Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple**

⁵You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
⁶ who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

**⁸The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

⁹ You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

**¹⁰You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

**¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.**

¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

**¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.**

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
We Gather Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving**

arr: Joel Raney

† 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

(Reader: Brenda Cook)

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸**And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:**

**“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”**

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹²**This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.**

¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

¹⁴**And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.**

¹⁵**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**

Luke 17:11-19 Responsive

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ **When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.**

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ **Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Our Cups are Running Over
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

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.

In Need of Prayer

Pat Grad
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister (hospital)
Dennis Dorman
Bunny Rector
Cindy Bemis
Bruce Hartley, employment
Kent's sister Lori
George Donoian and family
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
Mark, cousin of Elaine Clay

Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living
CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer
Jackie Whiting, mother-in-law of Donna
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, Linda Szczepanek, grief
Kristen, Clay family friend, for successful pregnancy

Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.0

Giving to general fund last week: \$4,915

Giving to general fund in Nov: \$15,250

Giving to mortgage in Nov: \$245

Our Military: Justin has returned stateside; Metzners' grandson Bryan; and 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 117. How does God want us to pray so that he will listen to us? A. Second, we must acknowledge our need and misery, and humble ourselves in his majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. He has promised this.

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, a ministry of Prison Fellowship has a new procedure this year to accommodate the Covid-19 restrictions. It will be simple to participate, but you will need directions. If you need assistance, or you do not use a computer, please contact Cheri Boone.



Angel Tree is a worthwhile ministry to children whose parents are incarcerated. This gift of kindness given by you is tagged as coming from the parent and is a way to keep the families connected. The cost per child will be \$42.

So far, we have chosen 14 children, about half of our list.

Your Organization's URL: <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/c9a8d238-a084-43bb-8596-a38ab6e799ce>

Your Organization's Access Code: VCZX0

Procedure:

1. First copy Access Code number above
2. Go to the link that is listed above (URL). You should arrive at the Angel Tree Virtual system
3. Paste in the copied Access Code
4. The children will come up for you to view. Go through and pick a girl or boy at ages provided.
5. Click **choose** on your child, it will turn **green**. Siblings may or may not appear. You may choose one or all for the siblings for extra \$42.00. Tapping choose will unselect the child.
6. Then head to check out.
7. Enter your payment information. Once confirmed you will receive an e-mail receipt.

Please call if you have any problems.

Thank you for supporting Angel Tree.

Help with cleaning the church is still needed. Generally, the tasks are limited to vacuuming and dusting. Gail Hershenzon can tell you what is needed and how to do it safely. Email her at gdh148@yahoo.com.

Next Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent. This is a time to focus on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior. Consider how you might enrich this season of Advent, perhaps by singing carols, or trying a daily advent reading. Here is a suggested resource for daily readings: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/751-good-news-of-great-joy> which you can read using Facebook, Google, or Apple. Requires sign-up, but it is free.