



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

JUNE 21, 2020

† **Gathering Hymn: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

† **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 57)

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge.

People: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

Pastor: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.

**People: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.
For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Unison: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

† **Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Donna Whiting)

Isaiah 53:1-9 Responsive

¹ Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² **He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ **Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.**

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ **We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ **By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.**

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Romans 15:1-13

¹ We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written:

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing the praises of your name."

¹⁰ Again, it says,

"Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹ And again,

**"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles;
let all the peoples extol him."**

¹² And again, Isaiah says,

"The Root of Jesse will spring up,
one who will arise to rule over the nations;
in him the Gentiles will hope."

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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.

him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

⁴⁴ In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

Psalm 69:7-21 Responsive

⁷ For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.

⁸ **I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;**
⁹ **for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.**

¹⁰ When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;
¹¹ when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.
¹² Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.

¹³ **But I pray to you, LORD,
in the time of your favor;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.**

¹⁴ Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
¹⁵ Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.

¹⁶ **Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.**

¹⁷ **Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.**

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¹⁸ Come near and rescue me;
deliver me because of my foes.

¹⁹ You know how I am scorned, disgraced and shamed;
all my enemies are before you.

²⁰ **Scorn has broken my heart
and has left me helpless;
I looked for sympathy, but there was none,
for comforters, but I found none.**

²¹ They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

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Sermon: The Song of the Anguish of the Lord Jesus
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: What Wondrous Love Is This

† Responsive Litany (Philippians.2:8-10, Revelation 5:13 ESV)

Pastor: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

People: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

Pastor: so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Unison: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.” Amen.

†Benediction

† Welcome, Announcements and Prayers

Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire

Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you are blessed to share this time with us. We would be happy to hear from you.

During the coronavirus crisis, we will not meet together. Our service will be available on Facebook and YouTube. The links will be sent by email. If we do not have your email, please send it to Bev at cpcnovi@gmail.com.

In Need of Prayer

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter, surgery 7/23
Kelly, Pat Grad's daughter
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister
George Donoian and family
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck
Yvonne Ray
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12
Gail Nastwold
Jen Freese's family
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son
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
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger
Cheri Boone's sister's family
Bruce Hartley, employment
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende

In Need of Prayer

Judy All, relative of the Chernenkoffs, in hospice
Gloria, sister of Bev Thompson
Alberta Weaver, at home
Reginia Higgs
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin
Julia Rende
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome
Randy, friend of Bodnars
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden
Employment for Gabriel and Tammy
Unbelieving children in our families
Jim Paglino
Sam Hutson, grief
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living

Karen Isles, Ray Johnson, Krystal Murphy, Angie O'Dell, Claudine Sordyl, Manuel & Astrid Valdivieso, and all healthcare and first responders

Our sympathy to Elaine (Louis) Clay and family on the recent death of her sister, Sylvia, her last surviving sibling. Our sympathy also to the Rende family in the recent death of Don's sister-in-law.

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

Monthly need: \$17,083.00

Giving to general fund last week: \$5,060

Giving to date in June: \$12,031

Giving in June to mortgage fund: \$650.00

Our Military: Justin, deployed to Qatar; Metzners' grandson; Bryan 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 98. But may not images be permitted in the churches as teaching aids for the unlearned? **A.** No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God. He wants his people instructed by the living preaching of his Word—not by idols that cannot even talk.



As you know the pandemic has resulted in many cancellations throughout our state. Session meets regularly to consider the implications of this upon our church body. You may want to know some of those recent decisions with the safety of our congregation in mind:

The church picnic and VBS have been cancelled.

Carpeting in the entire building has been cleaned and sanitized.

Safe methods of such things, as entry and exit from the building are being developed.

There will be no food or beverages served.

Bible study groups (Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening) will not resume until further notice.

A date of return is tentatively set for July 5. More information will follow.

This period of lockdown has been hard on us. Please make special efforts to keep in contact with others who may be lonely. Phone calls, emails, texts, cards, and notes are all ways to connect. And pray for one another. Pray also for Pastor McGuire and for the Elders as they seek to make good decisions.

The **new church directories** were delivered just about the time the lockdown began. They will be distributed as soon as we resume meeting together in the church building.

But read on.....we are now ready to provide you with an on-line computer directory. You should have received in your email a **code** that you may use to access this. It seems easy to use and includes photos and other pertinent information. If you did not receive your personal code, or if you need assistance please call Bev Thompson @ 734-664-2033.

You may also download the directory information to a smart phone. The same code is set up for your household, not necessarily for an individual.



ANGEL TREE PROGRAM - 2020

Due to the Covid-19 situations Prison Fellowship is offering a virtual Angel Tree Program procedure. Christ Presbyterian Church has chosen 25 children to minister to for Christmas 2020. Prison Fellowship will be creating a website with the child's name, sex, age & ethnicity. I (Cheri Boone) will furnish a link to the web site with a pass code for you to view. You can pick a child and make a monetary donation for a gift card on the web site using your credit card. Prison Fellowship will then purchase the gift card and mail it to the Caregiver of that child. In addition, the usual literature we send to the children will be sent. The gift card price is yet to be determined. This plan is subject to change in August.

There will be no gifts for us to purchase, no gift wrapping, and no delivery. Sign-ups for participation will be available after we return to the church building next month. For questions, please contact Cheri Boone by phone or text at 734-765-9271 or email at caboone@sbcglobal.net.