



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship January 4, 2026

Gathering Song: "O Mighty Cross" (Page 7)

† Call to Worship (From 1 John 1)

Pastor: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

People: The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

Pastor: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us.

Unison: And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

† Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" (Page 8)

† Invocation

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings Bruce Terras

Genesis 27:1-13, 18-21 Responsive

¹ When Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see, he called for Esau his older son and said to him, "My son." "Here I am," he answered.

² Isaac said, "I am now an old man and don't know the day of my death. ³ Now then, get your equipment—your quiver and bow—and go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me.

⁴ Prepare me the kind of tasty food I like and bring it to me to eat, so that I may give you my blessing before I die." ⁵ Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to his son Esau. When Esau left for the open country to hunt game and bring it back, ⁶ Rebekah said to her son Jacob, "Look, I overheard your father say to your brother Esau, ⁷ 'Bring me some game and prepare me some tasty food to eat, so that I may give you my blessing in the presence of the Lord before I die.'

⁸ Now, my son, listen carefully and do what I tell you: ⁹ Go out to the flock and bring me two choice young goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, just the way he likes it. ¹⁰ Then take it to your father to eat, so that he may give you his blessing before he dies."

¹¹ Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, "But my brother Esau is a hairy man while I have smooth skin. ¹² What if my father touches me? I would appear to be tricking him and would bring down a curse on myself rather than a blessing." ¹³ His mother said to him, "My son, let the curse fall on me. Just do what I say; go and get them for me."

¹⁸ He went to his father and said, "My father." "Yes, my son," he answered. "Who is it?" ¹⁹ Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me. Please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing."

²⁰ Isaac asked his son, "How did you find it so quickly, my son?" "The Lord your God gave me success," he replied. ²¹ Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not."

Psalms 66:1-7, 16-20 Responsive

¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth! ² Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.” ⁵ Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot— come, let us rejoice in him. ⁷ He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him.

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. ¹⁷ I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; ¹⁹ but God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

²⁰ Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

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: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” (Page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Come, Let Us Anew”

Yuta Sugano, piano

† 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.

Second Scripture Readings

Genesis 27:26-29, 38-40 Responsive

²⁶ Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come here, my son, and kiss me." ²⁷ So he went to him and kissed him. When Isaac caught the smell of his clothes, he blessed him and said, "Ah, the smell of my son is like the smell of a field that the Lord has blessed.

²⁸ **May God give you heaven's dew and earth's richness—an abundance of grain and new wine. ²⁹ May nations serve you and peoples bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed and those who bless you be blessed."**

³⁸ Esau said to his father, "Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!" Then Esau wept aloud. ³⁹ His father Isaac answered him, "Your dwelling will be away from the earth's richness, away from the dew of heaven above.

⁴⁰ **You will live by the sword and you will serve your brother. But when you grow restless, you will throw his yoke from off your neck."**

Hebrews 11:13-21 Responsive

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

¹⁴ **People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.**

¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son,

¹⁸ even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

¹⁹ **Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.**

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

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

Sermon: Blessing Children with a Confident Future
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Page 6)

† Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" (Pages 10-11)

Responsive Litany (from 2 Corinthians 5)

Pastor: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

People: The old has gone, the new is here!

Pastor: We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

People: We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Unison: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Benediction

Announcements & Prayer Request

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Yuta Sugano, Pianist

**The Apostles' Creed
(Unison)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He
rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the
right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy
catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7)
(Unison)**

**Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so that you are proved right when You speak
and justified when you judge.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.
Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

A Note from the Elders

Session (your current Elders) voted to recommend that we join the PCA and then, on October 5th, our congregation voted overwhelmingly to petition to join the PCA as a church plant/reboot. Session still encourages you to review the PCA's website at www.pcanet.org.

**Feel free to contact any of your current Elders with questions:
Bruce Terras, Justin Isles, Mark Tarpinian, and Pastor Jimmy McGuire**

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Survey of the New Testament

Teacher - Dr. James N. McGuire

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Announcements:

**Treats and cleanup needed for fellowship time.
Please sign up in the fellowship hall.**

**Due to various reasons, we will not be ordering
giving envelopes for the 2026 giving year.**

Prayer Needs

Continue to pray for your **Session** for God's wisdom and protection
in making the transition to the PCA.

Pray for the Lord's guidance, peace, and care for our upcoming **Congregation meetings** to discuss and decide important matters for the future of our church.

Pray for the **new Trustee(s), Mark Tarpinian and Justin Isles**, as they take the helm of important church affairs moving through our transition to the PCA.

Pray that God will bring us a new, wonderful, able, and enthusiastically
Scripture-centered **pastor** to shepherd us in the near future.

Pray for **Pastor Jimmy and Lucy** for strength, healing, peace, and guidance
in preparing for their retirement.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

December giving last week: \$4,075

December giving total: \$15,236