



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

January 11, 2026

Leader of Worship - Elder Bruce Terras

Gathering Song: "To God Be the Glory" (Page 7)

† Call to Worship (Psalm 100)

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

People: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Unison: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

† Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" (Page 8)

**† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer**

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Elder Bruce Terras

Genesis 50:15-26; Exodus 13:17-19; Joshua 24:32 Responsive

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"

¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

²² Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years ²³ and saw the third generation of Ephraim's children. Also the children of Makir son of Manasseh were placed at birth on Joseph's knees. ²⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

²⁵ And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

²⁶ So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

¹⁹ Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

³² **And Joseph's bones, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem in the tract of land that Jacob bought for a hundred pieces of silver from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem. This became the inheritance of Joseph's descendants.**

Psalm 105:16-25 Responsive

¹⁶ He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;
¹⁷ and he sent a man before them—Joseph, sold as a slave.

¹⁸ **They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons, ¹⁹ till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true.**

²⁰ The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free. ²¹ He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed, ²² to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.

²³ **Then Israel entered Egypt; Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.**

²⁴ The LORD made his people very fruitful; he made them too numerous for their foes, ²⁵ whose hearts he turned to hate his people, to conspire against his servants.

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: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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

Acts 7:1-16 Unison

¹ Then the high priest asked Stephen, "Are these charges true?"

² To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Harran.

³ 'Leave your country and your people,' God said, 'and go to the land I will show you.'

⁴ "So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Harran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.

⁵ He gave him no inheritance here, not even enough ground to set his foot on. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.

⁶ God spoke to him in this way: 'For four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated.

⁷ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,' God said, 'and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.'

⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.

⁹ “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him

¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt. So Pharaoh made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.

¹¹ “Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our ancestors could not find food.

¹² When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our forefathers on their first visit.

¹³ On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph’s family.

¹⁴ After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all.

¹⁵ Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our ancestors died.

¹⁶ Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.

Hebrews 11:21-22 Responsive

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.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

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Sermon: “Rereading Your Life: Joseph at 110”

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: “In Christ There Is No East or West” (Page 10)

Responsive Litany (from Romans 12)

Pastor: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

People: **Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

Unison: **Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

Benediction

Announcements & Prayer Request

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Yuta Sugano, Pianist

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Survey of the New Testament

Teacher - Dr. James N. McGuire

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**2 Timothy 2:15-16**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.*

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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.**

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 where you will find a wealth of information on this denomination, as well as the same for their local churches in Detroit, Dearborn, Trenton, Fenton, Brighton, and Ann Arbor.

Feel free to contact any of your current Elders with questions:

Bruce Terras, Justin Isles, Mark Tarpinian, Pastor Jimmy McGuire

Prayer Needs

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

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.

Healing for **Mark and Melinda's grandson Theo**, diagnosed with Leukemia.

Healing for **Patty**, who hasn't been feeling well.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

January giving last week: \$1,415

January giving total: \$1,415