CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

July 13, 2025

Gathering Song: "He Hideth My Soul" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 23)

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Unison: Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

† Hymn: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Page 7)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
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Amos 7:7-17 Responsive

7 This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built
true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD asked me, "What do
you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a
plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

**9 "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will
be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."**

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:
"Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot
bear all his words. 11 For this is what Amos is saying: "'Jeroboam will die by the
sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'"

**12 Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of
Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. 13 Don't
prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the
temple of the kingdom."**

14 Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I
was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. 15 But the LORD took me
from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' 16 Now
then, hear the word of the LORD. You say, "'Do not prophesy against Israel, and stop
preaching against the descendants of Isaac.'

**17 "Therefore this is what the LORD says: "'Your wife will become a prostitute in
the city, and your sons and daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be
measured and divided up, and you yourself will die in a pagan country. And
Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'"**

Psalm 19:7-11 Responsive

**7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD
are trustworthy, making wise the simple.**

8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of
the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The 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.

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: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (Page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "It Is Well with My Soul" **arr. Yuta Sugano**

† 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

2 Timothy 3:1-17 Responsive

3 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be
lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient
to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous,
without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4 treacherous, rash,
conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— 5 having a form of
godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

**6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control
over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed
by all kinds of evil desires, 7 always learning but never able to come to
a knowledge of the truth.**

8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose
the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned,
are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those
men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

**10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose,
faith, patience, love, endurance, 11 persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of
things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I
endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12 In fact, everyone
who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while
evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being
deceived.**

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become con-
vinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from
infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you
wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, cor-
recting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be
thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

Hebrews 4:11-16

11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will
perish by following their example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

Sermon: The Most Powerful Force in the World

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (Page 9)

Responsive Litany (from 2 Thessalonians 3)

Pastor: And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

People: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.

Unison: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor **Yuta Sugano, Pianist**

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30am

1 Kings

Teacher - Elder M.

Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:30

Gospel of John

Teacher - Elder S.

2 Timothy 2:15

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.

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

- **July 13: Session Meeting**
- **July 20: Session meets with reps from Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and Presbyterian Church of America (PCA).**
- **July 29: Session meets with PCA's Mission to North America.**
- **August 17-19: VBS, contact Sue W. for information.**

Congratulations to Elisabeth and Yuta Sugano on the birth of their third daughter, Miyuki Ellynn Lois Sugano, born July 8. Miyuki weighed six pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

***"You are a child of God, wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight."* Psalm 139**

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To Our Visitors

We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome among us. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Prayer Needs

Karen: Stacey for peace as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Pray for the families of those who died in the devastating floods in Kerrville, Texas.

Westminster Shorter Catechism #11

Q. What is God's providence?

A. God's providence is his completely holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing every creature and every action.

Ps. 145:17, Ps. 104:24, Is. 28:29, Heb. 1:3, Ps. 103:19, Matt. 10:29-30, Job 38-41

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