CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

July 27, 2025

Gathering Song: "Listen to My Cry, Lord" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Philippians 2)

Pastor: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

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

Unison: and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

† Hymn: "My Soul, Praise the Lord" (Page 7)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
Caroline M.

Job 38:1-7, 34-41 Responsive

1 Then the LORD spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: 2 "Who is this that obscures
my plans with words without knowledge? 3 Brace yourself like a man; I will question
you, and you shall answer me.

**4 "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you
understand. 5 Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who
stretched a measuring line across it? 6 On what were its footings set, or who
laid its cornerstone — 7 while the morning stars sang together and all the
angels shouted for joy?**

34 "Can you raise your voice to the clouds and cover yourself with a flood of water?
35 Do you send the lightning bolts on their way? Do they report to you, 'Here we
are'? 36 Who gives the ibis wisdom or gives the rooster understanding?

**37 Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can tip over the water jars
of the heavens 38 when the dust becomes hard and the clods of earth stick
together? 39 "Do you hunt the prey for the lioness and satisfy the hunger of
the lions 40 when they crouch in their dens or lie in wait in a thicket?**

41 Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander
about for lack of food?

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 33-35 Responsive

**1 Praise the LORD, my soul. LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed
with splendor and majesty. 2 The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent 3 and lays the beams of his upper
chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the
wings of the wind. 4 He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

5 He set the earth on its foundations; it can never be moved. 6 You covered it with the
watery depths as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. 7 But at
your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight; 8 they
flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you
assigned for them. 9 You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they
cover the earth.

[24] How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. [33] I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. [34] May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD. [35] But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise my LORD, my soul. Praise the LORD.

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: "Before the Throne of God Above" (Pages 8-9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Abide With Me" **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

Mark 10:35-45 Responsive

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said,
"we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for
you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at
your left in your glory."

**38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the
cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We
can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and
be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right
or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they
have been prepared."**

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and
John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are
regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials
exercise authority over them.

**43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you
must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of
all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and
to give his life as a ransom for many."**

Hebrews 5:1-10 Responsive

1 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to rep-
resent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for
sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going
astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacri-
fices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

**4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by
God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself
the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son;
today I have become your Father." 6 And he says in another place, "You are
a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."**

7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: What Makes Jesus the Only Source of Our Salvation?

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "It Is Well With My Soul" (Page 10)

Responsive Litany (from Isaiah 41)

Pastor: I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you.

People: I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.

Unison: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Evening 6:00 - 7:30

Gospel of John

Teacher - Elder Sean M.

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 29: Session meets with PCA's Mission to North America**
- **August 10: Session Meeting**
- **August 17-19: VBS**

Contact Sue W. for information and to assist.

- **September 21: Deacon Meeting**

A Note from the Pastor

To all who worship with us, 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.

If you are not a member of a church, we welcome discussing with you what being a member means. The essential prerequisite is trusting in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of His Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the membership of the church. If previously baptized, we ask all who desire membership to meet with the Elders and answer five questions:

1. Do you believe yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, and without hope except in his sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of sinners like yourself, and do you put your trust in him as he is offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you promise, in humble reliance on the grace of the Holy Spirit, to pursue a life of faith and obedience to the will of God?

4. Do you promise to participate in the work and worship of the Church to the best of your ability?

5. Do you promise to submit yourself to the government (by Elders) and discipline of the Church, and promise to promote its purity and peace?

Please let the Pastor or another Elder know if you desire to join.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Prayer Needs

Sue - painful infection - pray that antibiotic would work quickly and completely.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

July giving last week: $3,875
July giving so far: $10,405