CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

September 7, 2025

Gathering Song: "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry" (Page 7)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 95)

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Unison: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

† Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Page 8)

† Invocation

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Responsive

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who
sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no
hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God
will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

**15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who
have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a
loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of
God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**

17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

John 6:27-40 Responsive

27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which
the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of
approval." 28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God
requires?"

**29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and
believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the
wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"**

32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the
bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from
heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and
gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe.

37 All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. 38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

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: "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (Page 9)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" **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

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Responsive

50 I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Listen, I tell
you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in
the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the
dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to
God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my dear
brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves
fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not
in vain.

Hebrews 9:23-28 Responsive

23 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with
these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than
these. 24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was
only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in
God's presence.

25 Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

[27] Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, [28] so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Appointment You Must Keep

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "The Lord's Prayer" (See Insert)

Responsive Litany (from Matthew 6)

Pastor: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

People: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Unison: Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

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.

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Survey of the Old Testament

Teacher - Dr. James N. McGuire

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 Events:

- **Sept. 14: Denomination Affiliation Update / Q & A Session at CPC / Session meeting following Q & A**
- **Sept. 21: PCA info & vision meeting with Congregation at CPC / Deacon Meeting**
- **Oct. 5: Tentative - Congregation meeting to vote on joining the PCA at CPC / Church Fellowship Meal**

Announcements:

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

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Russ and Celeste C. in the death of his mother, Elaine C., on Thursday September 4. Her funeral will be 2 pm. next Thursday, September 11, at R.G and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.
Psalm 116:15

A Note from the Elders

After many long months of research, investigation, interviews, prayer, and lengthy discussions, Session (your current Elders) has voted to recommend that Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) join the denomination known as the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Their motto is:

"Faithful to the Scriptures, True to the Reformed Faith, and Obedient to the Great Commission."

Session has set up the following schedule for updates and information:

1. Weekly emails

2. Sunday, Sept 14: Update and Q&A with Session, at CPC (during our after service announcement time - approx. 11:30am)

3. Sunday, Sept 21: Info meeting, at CPC featuring Pastor Dan Millward, PCA Great Lakes Presbytery. Dan will share the PCA's vision for our church and introduce pastor candidate and his family to us. (following worship service - at approx. 11:30am)

4. Tentative: Sunday, Oct 5: Official Congregation Meeting, at CPC, for Members to vote on Session's recommendation to join the PCA. (following worship service - at approx. 11:30am)

For more, immediate info on the PCA, Session encourages you to review the PCA's website at *www.pcanet.org* where you will find a wealth of information on this denomination. Also, feel free to speak with or contact any of your currents elders:
Bruce Terras, Sean Murphy, Justin Isles, Jack Engebretson, Ray Boone, Mark Tarpinian, Dr. James N. McGuire

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

Judy - good dental health / strength and rebuilding for teeth
Judy - prayer for Carl - healing for his right foot

Thank you for your faithful giving.

August giving last week: $4,290
August giving total: $17,380