CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

September 28, 2025

Gathering Song: "In Times Like These" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 150)

Pastor: Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

People: Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Unison: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

† Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" (Page 7)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
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Responsive 1 Peter 1:13-25

13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to
be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient
children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

**15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is
written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges
each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent
fear.**

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you
were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your
ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

**20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these
last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him
from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.**

22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have
sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have
been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and
enduring word of God.

**24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the
field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures
forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.**

Responsive 1 Timothy 6:3-19

3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree to the sound instruction of our
Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, 4 they are conceited and understand
nothing. They have an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about
words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions 5 and constant friction
between people of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think
that godliness is a means to financial gain.

**6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into
the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing,
we will be content with that.**

9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish
and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of
money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered
from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

**11 But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness,
godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the
faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made
your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.**

13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while
testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep
this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus
Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only
Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in
unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and
might forever. Amen.

**17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor
to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in
God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.**

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and
willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm
foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly
life.

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: "Be Thou My Vision" (Page 8)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **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

Responsive 1 Corinthians 9:24-10:13

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the
prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the
games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but
we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like
someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. 27 No, I
strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to
others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that
our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the
sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They
all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they
drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was
Christ.**

5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were
scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us
from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. 7 Do not be idolaters, as some
of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up
to indulge in revelry."

**8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in
one day twenty-three thousand of them died. 9 We should not test
Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. 10 And do not
grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.**

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as
warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. 12 So, if you
think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 Don't you know that
those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple, and that those
who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar?

Responsive Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most
Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us
through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the
house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full
assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty
conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Full Assurance of Faith

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "May the Mind of Christ My Savior" (Page 9)

Responsive Litany (from Isaiah 26)

Pastor: You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

People: LORD, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished you have done for us.

Unison: Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.

Benediction

Announcements & Prayer Requests

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

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Book of Matthew

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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Upcoming Events:

- **Oct. 5: Congregation meeting to vote on petitioning to join the PCA at CPC / Church Fellowship Meal (following congregation meeting)**
- **Oct. 19: Deacon Meeting / Session Meeting**
- **Nov. 23: Harvest Dinner**

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Announcement:

Treats and cleanup needed for fellowship time.
Please sign up in the fellowship hall.
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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) petition to 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:

1. Weekly emails

2. Sunday, Oct 5: Official Congregation Meeting, at CPC, for Members to vote on Session's recommendation to petition to join the PCA as a church plant/reboot. (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, Justin Isles, Jack Engebretson, Ray Boone, Mark Tarpinian, Dr. James N. McGuire

Prayer Needs

Pray for members to prayerfully consider voting to petition to join the PCA as a church plant/reboot

Continue to **pray for Session** that the Holy Spirit will guide & give them wisdom

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September giving so far: $7,000