CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

September 21, 2025

Gathering Song: "The Old Rugged Cross" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 121)

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?

People: My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber;

Unison: indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

† Hymn: "Man of Sorrows What a Name" (Page 7)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings
Elder Mark .

Isaiah 49:3-6 Responsive

3 He said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”
4 But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet
what is due me is in the LORD’s hand, and my reward is with my God.”

**5 And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in
the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—**

6 he says: “It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of
Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the
Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Responsive

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion
and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can
comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

**5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our com-
fort abounds through Christ.**

6 If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is
for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings
we suffer. 7 And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in
our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

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: "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" **(Page 8)**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Crown Him With Many Crowns" **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

Isaiah 53:10-11 Responsive

10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though
the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong
his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear
their iniquities.

1 Peter 4:12-13 Responsive

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to
test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that
you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings
Reverend Dan Millward

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "At Calvary" (Page 9)

Responsive Litany (from Psalm 121)

Pastor: The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
People: the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life;
Unison: the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore.

Benediction

PCA Informational Meeting & Pastoral Candidate Introduction

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

Sermon Notes

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Survey of the Book of Matthew

Teacher - Dr. James N. McGuire

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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:

- **Today: PCA info & vision meeting with Congregation at CPC**
- **Oct. 5: - Congregation meeting to vote on joining the PCA at CPC / Church Fellowship Meal**
- **Oct. 19: Deacon Meeting**

Announcement:

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

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

3. 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, Justin Isles, Jack Engebretson, Ray Boone, Mark Tarpinian, Dr. James N. McGuire

Prayer Needs

Pray for the families who grieve the death of loved ones by the hands of evil doers

Elaine - that she no longer needs to wear her sling or knee brace

Thank you for your faithful giving.

September giving last week: $3,093
September giving so far: $4,268