CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

September 14, 2025

Leader of Worship - Elder Justin Isles

Gathering Song: "The Lord Is King Enthroned in Might" (Page 6)

† Call to Worship (From Psalm 46)

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

Unison: The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

† Hymn: "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" (Pages 8-9)

† Invocation
The Lord's Prayer

† Standing as you are able

First Scripture Readings

Acts 2:22-36 Responsive

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to
you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as
you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan
and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by
nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the
agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

**25 David said about him: "'I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at
my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my
tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not
abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see
decay.**

28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your
presence.' 29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David
died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet
and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his
descendants on his throne.

**31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that
he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see
decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of
it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the
promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.**

34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "'The Lord said to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."'
36 "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you
crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

2 Peter 1:3-11 Responsive

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our
knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these
he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you
may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world
caused by evil desires.

**5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness;
and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to
self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to
godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.**

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you
from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus
Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting
that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

**10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your
calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble,
11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ.**

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: "I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes" (Page 7)

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Holy, Holy, Holy" **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 John 1:1-3; 4:1-3 Responsive

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen
with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we
proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and
testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and
has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that
you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and
with his Son, Jesus Christ.

**1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether
they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the
world. 2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that
acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 but every
spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of
the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in
the world.**

Hebrews 10:1-18 Responsive

1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities
themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly
year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 Otherwise, would
they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been
cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. 3 But
those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins.

**4 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering
you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; 6 with burnt offerings
and sin offerings you were not pleased. 7 Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written
about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"**

8 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did
not desire, nor were you pleased with them"—though they were offered in
accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your
will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10 And by that will, we have
been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

[11] Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and
again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. [12] But when
this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right
hand of God, [13] and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his
footstool. [14] For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being
made holy.

[15] The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: [16] "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." [17] Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." [18] And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Recommending Christ

Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

† Hymn: "Thank You, Lord" (Page 10)

Responsive Litany (from Micah 6)

Pastor: With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God?

People: He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?

Unison: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Benediction

Announcements and Prayer Requests

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

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning 9:30 - 10:10am

Survey of the Old Testament

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:

- **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**
- **Oct. 5: Tentative - 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. 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 a pastoral 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

Prayer Needs

Elders to be obedient to God's Word as they prayerfully guide the church
Brenda's nephew to find a permanent job & have a good attitude
Ron's niece as she has final chemo & for healing

Thank you for your faithful giving.

September giving last week: $1,175
September giving so far: $1,175