



CHRIST
Presbyterian Church
BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
May 12, 2024

Ascension Sunday

WELCOME

*During Christian worship we cross the threshold
of the secular to the sacred,
from the common to the uncommon,
from the profane to the holy.*

*Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter
with a different dimension of reality;
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.*

*Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.
It involves a meeting with a holy God.¹*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *The LORD Has Spoken To My Lord* (Psalm 110) set to ALL SAINTS NEW

CALL TO WORSHIP: ACTS 1:6–11

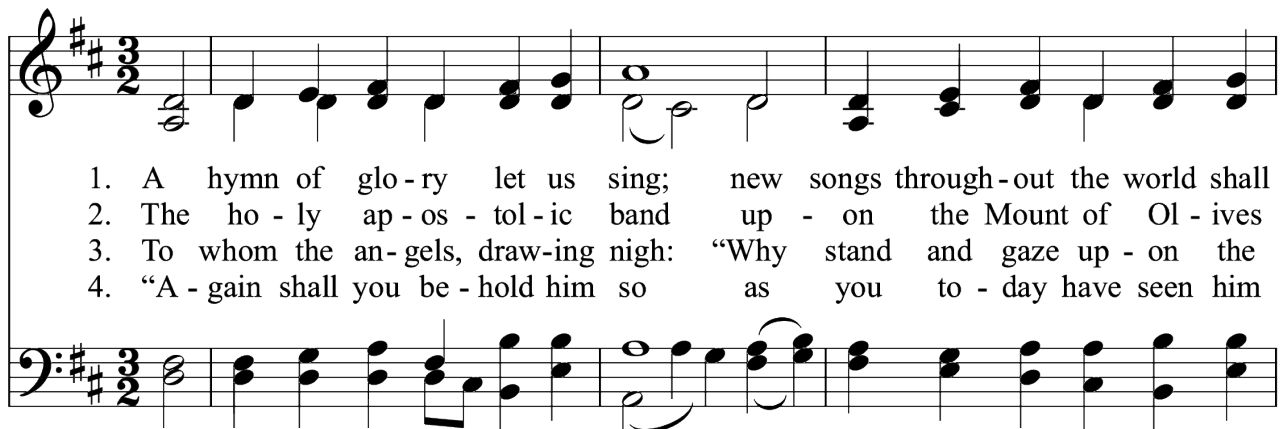
Minister: So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said,

Church: **"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."**

HYMN OF ADORATION

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs through - out the world shall
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4. "A - gain shall you be - hold him so as you to - day have seen him

¹ R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

ring: *Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!* Christ, by a road be-fore un-
stand; *Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!* and with his fol-low-ers they
sky?" *Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!* "This is the Sav-ior," thus they
go, *Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!* in glo-rious pomp as-cend-ing

trod, as-cends un-to the throne of God.
see Je-sus' re-splen-dent ma-jes-ty. *Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-*
say. "This is his no-ble tri-umph day.
high, up to the por-tals of the sky."

lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The Venerable Bede, 673–735
Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.
Geistliche Kirchensgesänge, Cologne, 1623
Tune from the *English Hymnal*, used by permission of Oxford University Press.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 46, 47, 49²

Minister: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

Church: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

Church: Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Minister: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

Church: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

³ The Lord has done great things for us;
we are glad.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like streams in the Negeb!

⁵ Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶ He who goes out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

² The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), one of the earliest confessions of the Reformation, warmly states the doctrines of the Bible with numerous annotations to the Scriptures that support its doctrine. For the sake of brevity, the Scriptural annotations are omitted, but they may be found [here](#).

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 53:3–5

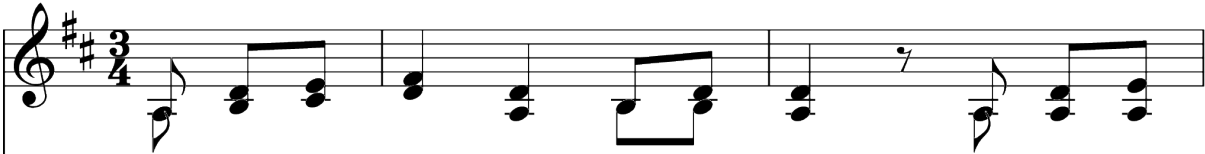
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
**⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;**
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
**⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

³ In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, honest with ourselves, and honest with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and confessing that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and judgment. We then have the joy of hearing God's Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess them (1 John 1:9). Then we rejoice in song.


HYMN OF CONFESSION

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Before the Throne of God Above




1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.
Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

GREET ONE ANOTHER

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to "Greet one another" (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying "with each other for each other" as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1-4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 6:21B, 25B

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

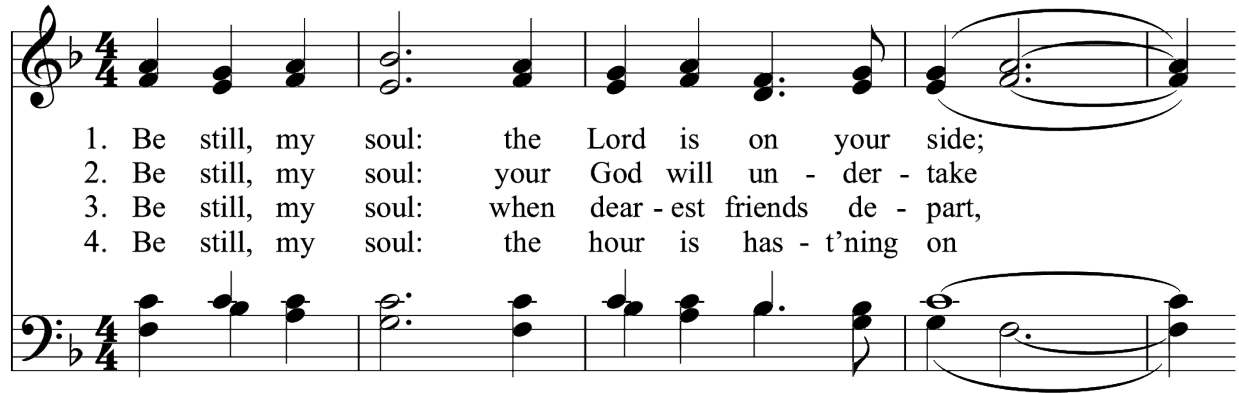
From Sorrow & Weeping to Joy and Laughing

J. Porter Harlow
Minister

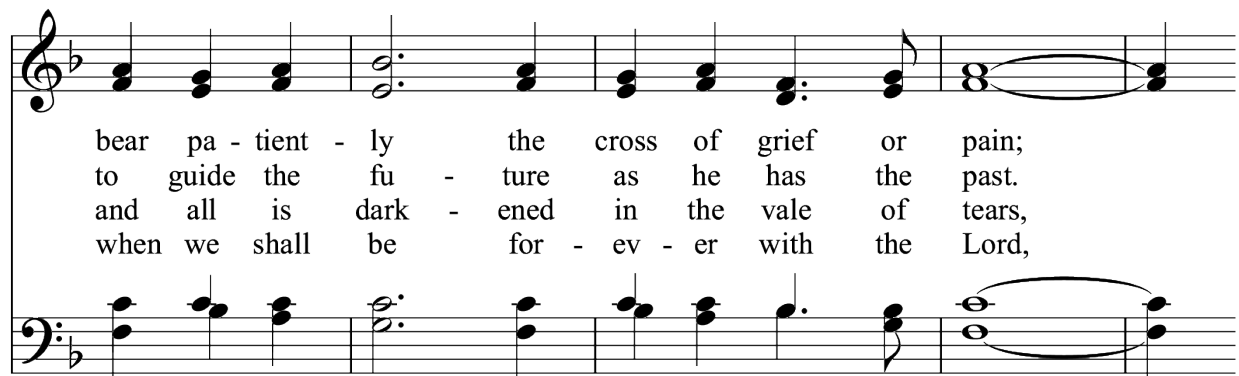
HYMN OF RESPONSE

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Be Still, My Soul



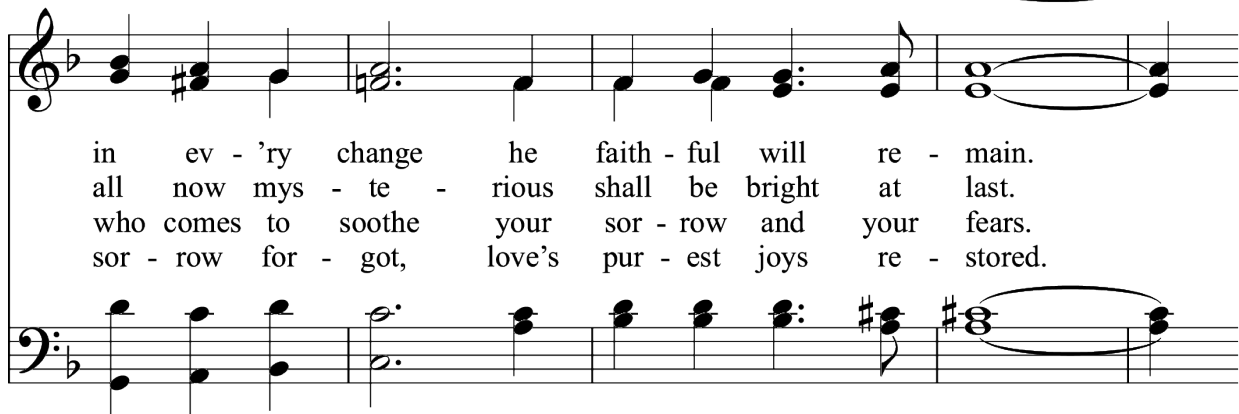
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part,
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - t'ning on



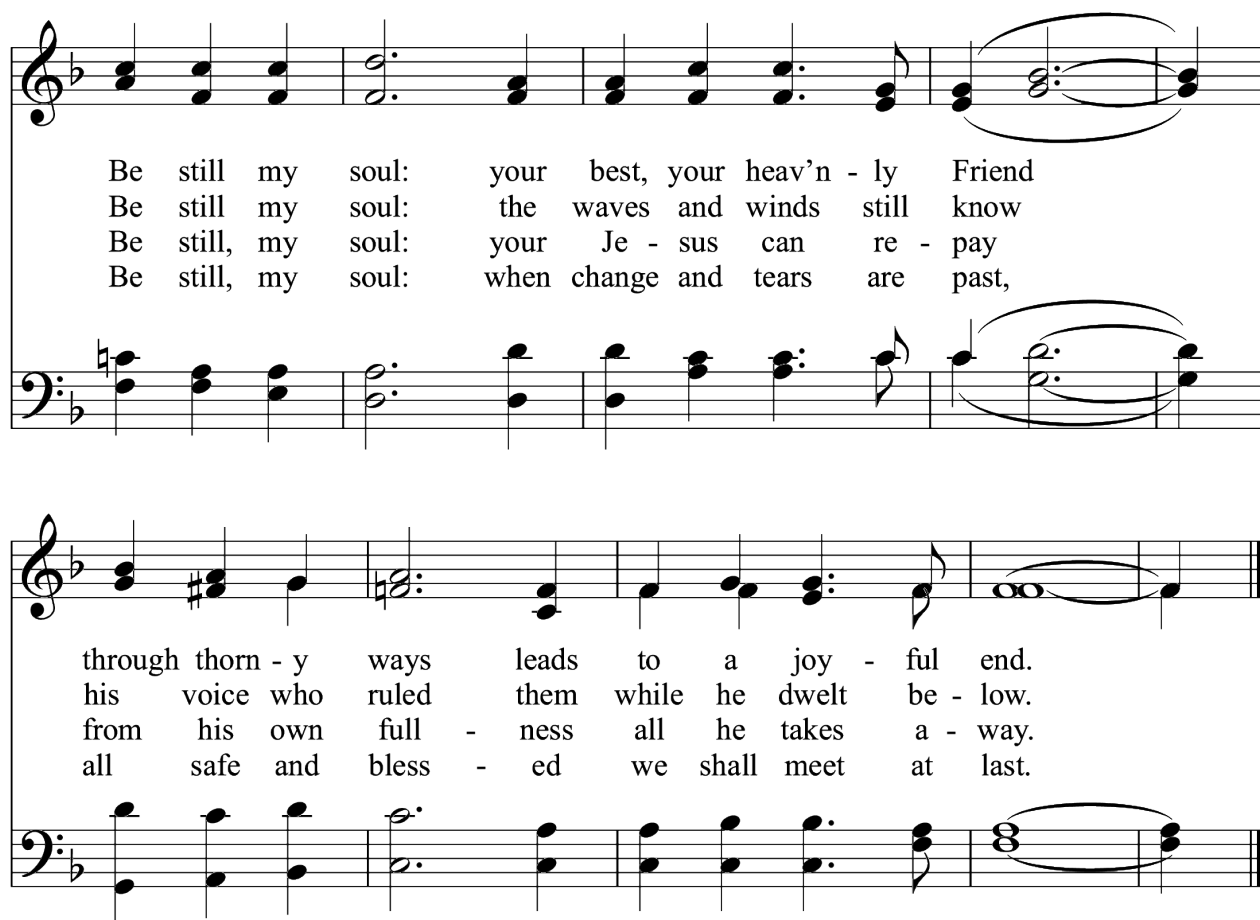
bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
and all is dark - ened in the vale of tears,
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
then shall you bet - ter know his love, his heart,
when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
who comes to soothe your sor - row and your fears.
sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: your Je - sus can re - pay
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
 through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Katharina von Schlegel, 1752
 Tr. Jane Borthwick, 1855; alt. 1990; mod.

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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.
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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *Man of Sorrows! What a Name*, words and music by Philip P. Bliss (1875)

*Man of sorrows! what a name
 for the Son of God, who came
 ruined sinners to reclaim:
 Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
 in my place condemned he stood,
 sealed my pardon with his blood:
 Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Guilty, vile, and helpless, we;
 spotless Lamb of God was he;
 full atonement! can it be?
 Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*Lifted up was he to die,
 "It is finished!" was his cry;
 now in heav'n exalted high:
 Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

*When he comes, our glorious King,
 all his ransomed home to bring,
 then anew this song we'll sing:
 Hallelujah, what a Savior!*

Sermon Outline
From Sorrow and Weeping to Joy and Laughing
Luke 6:21, 25

I. Weeping Over Death & Suffering

Jesus wept upon the death of Lazarus in John 11:17–44

II. Weeping Over Sin

Jesus wept over Jerusalem in Luke 19:41–44

III. The Promise that Joy and Laughter are Coming

The Promise that Jesus will wipe away our tears in Revelation 7:17, 21:4

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Gloria Patri

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest) Irreg.
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership. Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Michael Hornbuckle, David Och, Wade Woo
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak
- Pastoral Intern: Robert Hasler

Giving. You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- **Internet.** Go to <https://cpcburl.org/support> or you may scan this QR Code.
- **Offering Box.** You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1–4). The ancient church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice. With the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



Recurring Events

- **Sunday School** meets after worship. Children 0-3 meet in the nursery. Pre-K to 5th graders meet in the pod outside the nursery before breaking into their classes. 6th to 12th meets in the band room. Adult Sunday School meets in the cafeteria.
- **Small Groups**
 - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
 - Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
 - Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- **Church Fellowship Meals** on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Women's Fellowship.** The Women's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month.

Missions We Support. Please pray for the missions we support.

- **Church Planting in DC Area.** [One Voice Fellowship](#), pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- **Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan.** Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- **Church Planting in England.** [Oxford Presbyterian Church](#) is a church being planted by in Oxford, England, by [Andy Young](#).
- **Church Planting in Japan.** [Jason & Ai Kueh](#) are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU.** Pastor [Matthew DeLong](#) and staff member [Janelle Grove](#) are on mission to reach international students at GMU.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- **The Lamb Center** is a [daytime homeless shelter](#) sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- **Assist Pregnancy Center.** [Assist](#) has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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