



CHRIST

Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

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: *O God Beyond All Praising* by Michael A. Perry (1982) set to *THAXTED* by Gustav Holst (1918)

*O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord..*

*The flow'r of earthly splendor
in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender
to you, the Lord Most High;
but hidden from all nature
the eternal seed is sown--
though small in mortal stature,
to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven,
from death has set us free,
and we through him are given
the final victory..*

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 110:1-2

Minister: The LORD says to my Lord:
"Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool."

Church: **The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

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

HYMN OF ADORATION

The LORD Has Spoken to My Lord

110B

1. ¹The LORD has spo - ken to my Lord: "Sit here at my right hand
2. ³When you dis - play your might - y pow'r, your peo - ple come to you;
3. ⁵The Lord at your right hand will strike earth's rul - ers in his wrath.

un - til I make your foes a stool on which your feet may stand."
at dawn, ar - rayed in ho - li - ness, your youth ap - pear like dew.
⁶A - mong the na - tions he will judge; the slain will fill his path.

²The LORD from Zi - on shall ex - tend the scep - ter of your pow'r:
⁴The LORD has sworn, and from his oath he'll nev - er be re - leased:
In man - y lands he'll crush their kings, his wrath will be their dread.

"Rule all sur - round - ing en - e - mies, and be their con - quer - or."
"Of th'or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek, you'll al - ways be a priest."
⁷And from the way - side brook he'll drink, in vic - t'ry lift the head.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and single notes. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a pair of staves. The first system contains three verses, the second and third systems contain two verses each, and the fourth system contains one verse. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED²

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.³
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,⁴
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

² The Apostles' Creed is the oldest and simplest creed in the Christian church. Its earliest forms have been dated to around AD 200 when new converts were asked to profess it before joining the church. Christians have used it during worship for thousands of years to show our unity in the faith.

³ "He descended into hell" expresses Christ's "being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day." See Westminster Larger Catechism 50.

⁴ The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Apostles' Creed predates the church's division into the Western Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches or the Reformation of the Western Church that came much later.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: SELECTIONS FROM JEREMIAH

19:14 Then Jeremiah came from Topheth, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy, and he stood in the court of the LORD's house and said to all the people: ¹⁵ "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all the disaster that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear my words." ^{20:1} Now Pashhur the priest, the son of Immer, who was chief officer in the house of the LORD, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. ² Then Pashhur beat Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper Benjamin Gate of the house of the LORD.

36:21 Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²² It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. ²³ As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. ²⁴ **Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments.**

38:1 Jeremiah was saying to all the people: ² "Thus says the LORD: He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence.... This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon and be taken." ⁴ Then the officials said to the king, "Let this man be put to death...." ⁵ King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you." ⁶ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁵

All: O Lord, You who are all merciful,
take away my sins from me,
and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.
Take away this heart of stone from me,
and give me a heart of flesh and blood,
a heart to love and adore You,
a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You,
for Christ's sake. Amen.

Ambrose of Milan (4th Century)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 5:8–10

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Abide With Me

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven -
2. Thou on my head, in ear - ly youth didst -
3. I need Thy pres - ence, eve - ry pass - ing
4. I fear no foe, Thee at my hand to
5. Hold Thou Thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing

3 A D G D
tide; The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a -
smile; And, though re - bel - lious, and per verse mean -
hour. What but Thy grace, can foil the tempt - er's
bless; Ills have no weight, and tears lose their bit - ter -
eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the

⁵ In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing to Him that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. 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 (1 John 1:9). And we have the joy of responding in song.

6 A B m G D

bide, while, power? ness. skies. When Thou hast not like Thy - Where is thy heav'n's morn - ing help left self, sting breaks, ers, me, my death? and Where grave earth's vain fail and oft as guide and thy vain com - forts I left can stay vic - to - shad - ows

9 G D A D

flee, Thee, be? ry? flee; Help On to the the Through cloud and I tri - umph in In life, in help - less, close Lord, sun - shine, still, death, Lord, a - bide with me. a - bide with me. a - bide with me. a - bide with me.

Henry Lyte, 1847

Justin Smith, 2007

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 6:22-23, 26

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets....

²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Jesus Promises Persecution

J. Porter Harlow
Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ is Mine Forevermore

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb). The score is divided into several systems, each with a treble and bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines numbered for different parts of the choir.

System 1: Chords: Bb, Bb(SUS4), Bb, Gm, F/A, Bb. Lyrics: 1. Mine are days that God has num - bered; I was made to walk with Him. 2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood. 3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way.

System 2: Chords: Bb, Bb(SUS4), Bb, Gm, F, Bb. Lyrics: Yet, I look for world - ly treas - ure and for - sake the King of kings. Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth - ly good. One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for His Name.

System 3: Chords: Bb/D, Eb, Bb, F, Bb. Lyrics: 1. But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, His love is sure. 2. But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need. 3a. But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war. 3b. And mine are keys to Zi - on ci - ty where be - side the King I'll walk.

System 4: Chords: Bb/D, Eb, Bb, F, Bb. Lyrics: For Christ has paid for ev' - ry fail - ing; I am His for - ev - er - more. I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes His work in me. And He has said He will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en shore. (to 3b) For there my heart has found its treas - ure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

System 5 (Chorus): Chords: Bb, Eb, Bb, F. Lyrics: Come re - joice now, O my soul, For his love is my re - ward.

System 6: Chords: Bb, Eb, Bb, F, Bb. Lyrics: Fear is gone and hope is sure: Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* by Isaac Watts (1707) set to HAMBURG

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down:
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Sermon Outline
Jesus Promises Persecution
Luke 6:22–23, 26

I. Promise of Persecution (v.22)

Apostle Peter: “Beloved, do not be surprised at the **fiery trial** when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But **rejoice** insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when **his glory is revealed.**” 1 Peter 4:12–13

Apostle Paul:

- “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted**” 2 Tim 3:12
- “For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also **suffer for his sake**” Philippians 1:29

II. Promise of Joy (v.23a)

“Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.” Acts 5:41

Stephen: “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” Acts 7:56

“About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that...immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone’s bonds were unfastened. Acts 16:25-26

“We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because **God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**” Rom 5:3–5

III. Promise of Great Reward (v.23b)

Jehovah’s Covenant Promise to Abraham & the Church: “I am your shield; **your exceedingly great reward.**” Genesis 15:1 (NKJV)

“By faith **Abraham went to live in the land of promise**, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

“For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us an **eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison**, as we look not to the things that are **seen** but to the things that are **unseen**. For the **things that are seen are transient**, but the **things that are unseen are eternal.**” 2 Cor 4:17–18

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

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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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