

CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
May 26, 2024

Trinity 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: *I Waited Long upon the LORD* (Psalm 40) set to ANCYRA

*I waited long upon the LORD;
he stooped and heard my cry.
He drew me from destruction's pit
and from the boggy mire.
He set my feet upon a rock,
and steadfast made my ways.
He put within my mouth a new
and joyful song of praise.*

*My lowly state and bitter need
have come before the LORD.
He graciously takes thought of me;
my cry for help he heard.
My helper and deliverer,
to you I plead and pray.
My help, my Savior, come to me!
My God, do not delay*

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 136:1

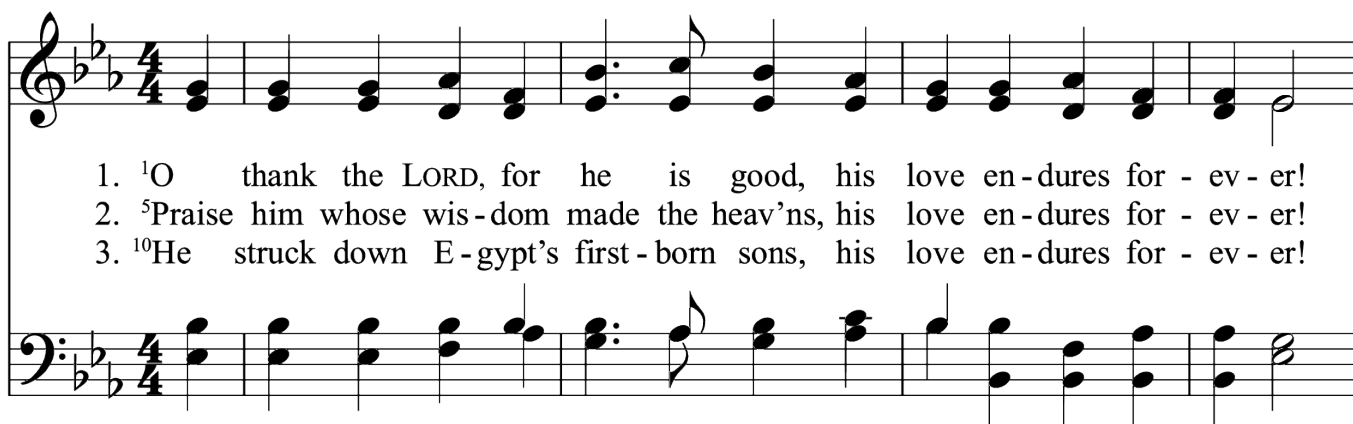
Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

Church: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

HYMN OF ADORATION

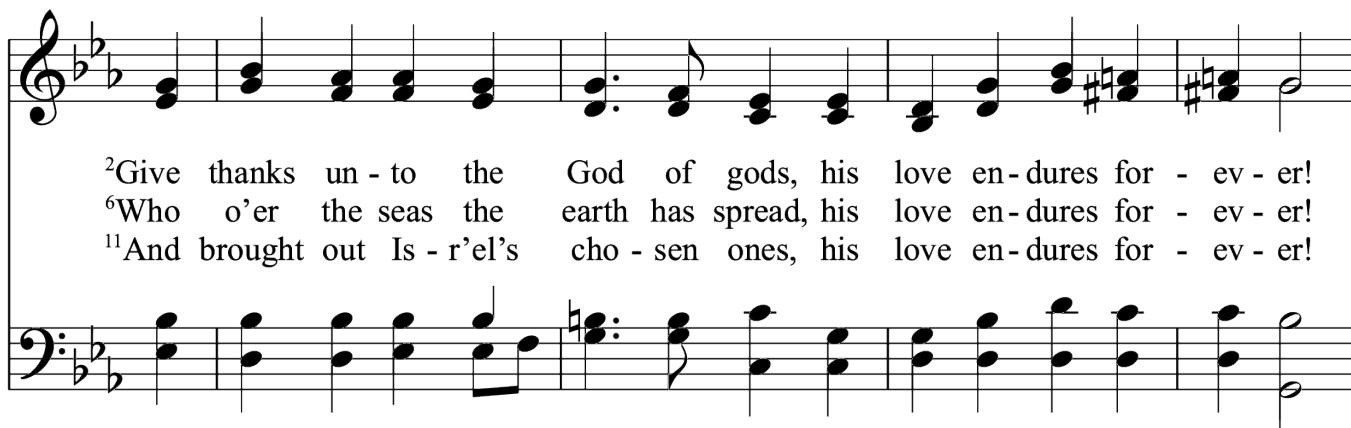
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O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good

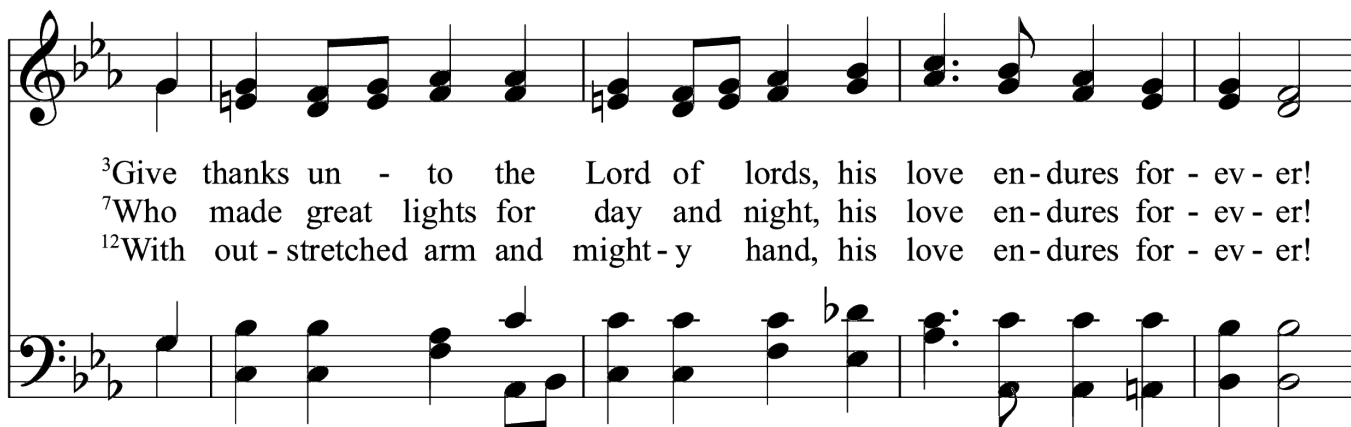


1. ¹O thank the LORD, for he is good, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
2. ⁵Praise him whose wis-dom made the heav'ns, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
3. ¹⁰He struck down E-gypt's first-born sons, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

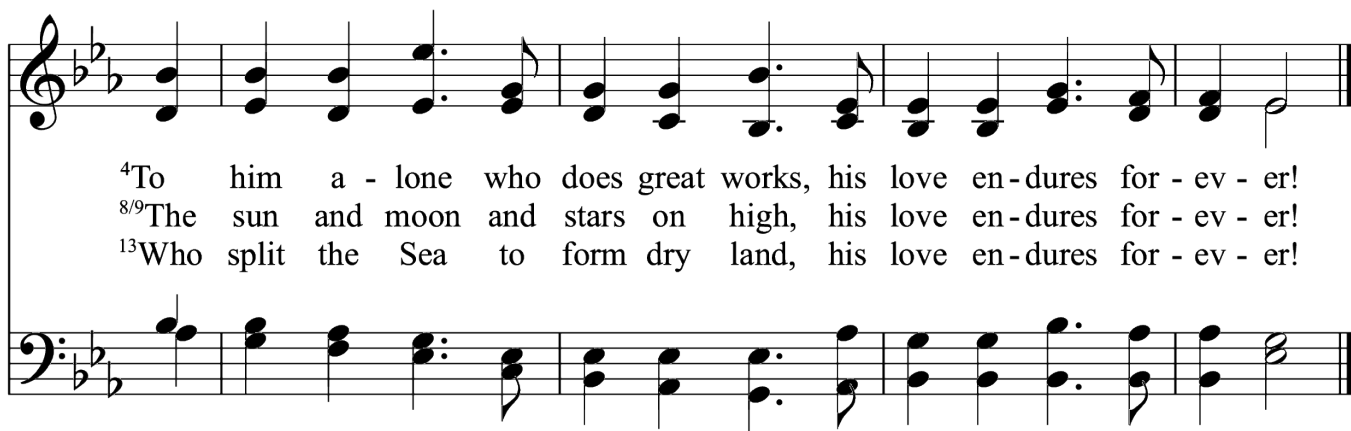
¹ R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.



²Give thanks un - to the God of gods, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁶Who o'er the seas the earth has spread, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹¹And brought out Is - r'el's cho - sen ones, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



³Give thanks un - to the Lord of lords, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁷Who made great lights for day and night, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹²With out - stretched arm and might - y hand, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



⁴To him a - lone who does great works, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
^{8/9}The sun and moon and stars on high, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹³Who split the Sea to form dry land, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

²³ He saw us in our low estate,
his love endures forever!
²⁴ And saved us from our foes who hate,
his love endures forever!
²⁵ Each creature's food he does supply,
his love endures forever!
²⁶ Give thanks to God enthroned on high,
his love endures forever!

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: ATHANASIAN CREED²

All: Now this is the catholic³ faith:
that we worship one God in Trinity and the Trinity in unity,
neither confounding their persons nor dividing the essence.
For the person of the Father is a distinct person,
the person of the Son is another,
and that of the Holy Spirit still another.
But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
Such as the Father is,
such is the Son,
and such is the Holy Spirit.
The Father is uncreated,
the Son is uncreated,
the Holy Spirit is uncreated.
The Father is immeasurable,
the Son is immeasurable,
the Holy Spirit is immeasurable.
The Father is eternal,
the Son is eternal,
the Holy Spirit is eternal.
And yet there are not three eternal beings;
there is but one eternal being.

² The Athanasian Creed was named for Athanasius (293–373), the “great champion of Trinitarian orthodoxy during the crisis of the Fourth Century” (R.C. Sproul). It is believed to have been drafted in the late Fifth Century and adopted by the Fourth Council of Toledo in 633 AD. It summarizes the confession of the church on the Trinity (the first half of the creed) and the person of Christ (the second half of the creed).

³ The word “catholic” derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The “catholic faith” is the faith of the universal church, which is invisible and consists of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be gathered under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Athanasian 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.

So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings;
there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Thus, the Father is God,
the Son is God,
the Holy Spirit is God.

Yet there are not three gods; there is but one God.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone.

The Son was neither made nor created;

He was begotten from the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten;

He proceeds from the Father and the Son.

None in this Trinity is before or after,

none is greater or smaller;

the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other.

So in everything,

the unity in Trinity,

and the Trinity in unity,

is to be worshipped.

READING OF THE LAW FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: DEUTERONOMY 6:4–8, LEVITICUS 19:9–18

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.** ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

^{19:9} “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the **poor** and for the **sojourner**: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³ “You shall not oppress your **neighbor** or rob him. The wages of a **hired worker** shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the **deaf** or put a stumbling block before the **blind**, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the **poor** or defer to the **great**, but in righteousness shall you judge your **neighbor**. ¹⁶ You shall not

go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your **neighbor**: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your **brother** in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your **neighbor**, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself**: I am the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

**All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You:
hear us as we come,
humbly confessing our sins and transgressions,
and asking for Your mercy and forgiveness.
We have broken Your holy laws by our words, deeds,
and by the sinful affections of our hearts.
We confess our disobedience and ingratitude,
our pride and willfulness;
and all our failures and shortcomings toward You
and toward our neighbors.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
Grant that we may serve and please You in newness of life;
through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Adapted from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (1946)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 TIMOTHY 1:15–16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

⁴ 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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Holy, Holy, Holy!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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 6:27–36

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Love as God Loves

J. Porter Harlow

Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

He Will Hold Me Fast

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in the key of A major (indicated by two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature change to E major (three sharps) for the final phrase. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables split across notes. The lyrics are: "When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in His For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been". The score includes a treble clef for the Soprano part, an alto clef for the Alto part, and a bass clef for the Bass part. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words appearing on multiple lines of music.

would pre - vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
 ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
 sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less
 hold through life's fear - ful path for my love is of - ten cold;
 lost; His prom - is - es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost,
 life; He will hold me fast; 'Til our faith is turned to sight
 He must hold me fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me
 when He comes at last!
 fast. For my Sa - vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Vv. 1-2 Ada Habershon (1861-1918)
 Alt. Words (vv. 1-2) and Verse 3: Matt Merker

Matt Merker

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *What Wondrous Love Is This*, An American Folk Hymn

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!*

*What wondrous love is this
 that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free,
 I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
 and through eternity I'll sing on!*

Sermon Outline
Love as God Loves
Luke 6:27–36

I. Who Are We to Love?

II. How We Are to Love Them?

III. Who are We and How Does God Loves Us?

We were His Enemies. Romans 5:10: For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

He Adopted Us as Sons & Daughters. Romans 8:14–17: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but **you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.**

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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The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The lyrics are: '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.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth system.

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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