



CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
May 5, 2024

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: *How Blest are All Who Fear the LORD* (Psalm 128) set to the tune MCKEE

*How blest are all who fear the LORD,
and walk within his ways.
You'll eat your labor's fruit with joy
and prosper all your days..*

*Your wife within your house will be
a vine whose fruits abound;
your children will as olive plants
your table gather 'round.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: HEBREWS 1:1-3

Leader: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature

Church: **And he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**

HYMN OF ADORATION

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This Is My Father's World

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'This Is My Father's World'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. There are three verses of lyrics provided.

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

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

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;
This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done;

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
in the rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901

TERRA BEATA S.M.D
Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

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: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM² AND HEIDELBERG CATECHISM³ QUESTIONS 1

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

Church: **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Church: **That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.
Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
also assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: GENESIS 1:26–31

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to

² In 1643, the English Parliament convened an assembly at Westminster Abbey to advise them on how to reform the Church of England. The Assembly produced three documents: a Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism, which ultimately were not adopted by the Church of England but were adopted by the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian churches in America as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Bible.

³ The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), produced by the Reformed churches on the continent of Europe, was one of the earliest confessions of the Reformation. It is loved for how it warmly states the doctrines of the Bible.

everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

**All: So long, Lord, have I lived in this world of yours,
which you made and not I,
as if I might do in it, and with myself, what I pleased!
I have usurped upon your unquestionable right in me,
have lived to myself and not to you;
Turn me and I shall be turned;
you are the Lord my God. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by John Howe (1630–1705)⁵

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 8:1–4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Jonathan Gibson, *O Sacred Head Now Wounded* (Wheaton, Crossway: 2024).

HYMN OF CONFESSION

PSALM 113

113A

HENDON. 77.77.

1. ¹Praise Je - ho - vah; praise the LORD; Ye His serv - ants,
2. ³From the dawn to set - ting sun, Praise the LORD, the
3. ⁵Who is like the LORD our God? High in heav'n is

praise ac - cord; ²Bless - ed be Je - ho - vah's name; Ev - er -
Might - y One. ⁴O'er all na - tions HE is high; Yea, His
His a - bode, ⁶Who Him - self doth hum - ble low Things in

more His praise pro - claim, Ev - er - more His praise pro - claim.
glo - ry crowns the sky, Yea, His glo - ry crowns the sky.
heav'n and earth to know, Things in heav'n and earth to know.

4. ⁷He the lowly makes to rise
From the dust in which he lies,
⁸That exalted he may stand
With the princes of the land.

5. ⁹He the childless woman takes
And a joyful mother makes;
Keeping house she finds reward.
Praise Jehovah; praise the LORD.

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).

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: LUKE 6:17–26

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

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

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.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

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

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

The Blessing of Self-Denial

J. Porter Harlow
Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

♩=71 **CHORUS**

F Dm⁷ B^b F Dm C B^b

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

4 Gm C F Dm⁷ B^b F Dm C B^b

hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and

8 C F B^b Fine

weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be -

12 Dm B^b C Dm

fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not con -
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the prom - ised
-trayed, You are the faith - ful one. And _ from the

15 B^b Dm B^b C Dm C/E

-sumed by the flood; up - held, pro- tect - ed, gath - ered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

Words and music by Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore (2015)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* by Isaac Watts (1707) set to ST COLUMBA

*How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.*

*While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,
each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
"Lord, why was I a guest?"*

*"Why was I made to hear your voice,
and enter while there's room,
when thousands make a wretched choice,
and rather starve than come?"*

*'Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.*

*Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.*

*We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.*

Sermon Outline
The Blessings of Self Denial
Luke 6:21, 25

I. The Work of Self Denial Now (v.21)

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 35: What is sanctification?

Answer: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby

we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and
we are enabled more and more to die unto sin and to live unto righteousness.

Colossians 3:5–10: **Put to death** therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the **wrath of God is coming**. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must **put them all away**: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **put off the old self with its practices** ¹⁰ and have **put on the new self, which is being renewed** in knowledge after the **image of its creator**.

II. The Beautiful Vision of Faithful Christian Marriage

Jesus: Matthew in 19:5–9

Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:9–11: “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: **neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality**, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ **And such were some of you**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

The *Didache* (AD 70)

Bishop Athenagoras of Athens (AD 133–190)

Saint John Chrysostom (AD 347–407)

Saint Augustine (AD 354–430)

III. The Blessings of Self Denial Now and the Satisfaction that is Coming (v.21)

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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