



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
January 14, 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.<sup>1</sup>*

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Unless the LORD Builds Up the House*, Psalm 127 in *The Psalter* of 1912 set to the tune DEUS TUORUM MILITUM (1753)

*Unless the LORD builds up the house,  
the weary builders toil in vain;  
unless he keeps the city safe,  
the guards a useless watch maintain.*

*In vain you rise before the dawn,  
and late your nightly vigils keep;  
while you eat bread of anxious toil,  
God gives to his beloved sleep.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 18:2–3

Minister: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,  
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Church: **I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
and I am saved from my enemies.**

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

# HYMN OF ADORATION

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## I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills

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 two systems of music. The first system contains the first four verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four verses. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. <sup>1</sup>I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?  
2. <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; your keep - er will not sleep.  
3. <sup>5</sup>At your right hand the LORD, your keep - er, is your con - stant shade.  
4. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life se - cure.

<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD a - bove, who heav'n and earth has made.  
<sup>4</sup>Be - hold, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps, for he will Is - r'el keep.  
<sup>6</sup>The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.  
<sup>8</sup>Your go - ing out and com - ing in, the LORD keeps ev - er - more.

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DUNDEE C.M.  
Scottish Psalter, 1615

## 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' CREED<sup>2</sup>

**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.<sup>3</sup>  
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,<sup>4</sup>  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## READING OF THE LAW: EXODUS 20:1–20

**Minister:** And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**Church:** “**You shall have no other gods before me.**

**Minister:** “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**Church:** “**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> “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.

<sup>4</sup> The “catholic” church is not the Roman Catholic church but 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.

Minister: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**Church: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.**

Minister: "You shall not murder.

**Church: "You shall not commit adultery.**

Minister: "You shall not steal.

**Church: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

Minister: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off...Moses said to the people:

**Church: "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>5</sup>**

**All: Almighty God and heavenly Father,  
we confess that from our childhood until this very hour  
we have sinned against your commandments  
by evil thoughts, words, and works, which we cannot count,  
and most of all by vast unbelief.  
Therefore, we are not worthy to be called your children,  
nor lift our eyes up to heaven.  
O God and Father, in your mercy and for the sake of your glory,  
we ask you to receive us into your grace  
by the forgiveness of our sins in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Adapted from John Oecolampadius (1482–1531)

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<sup>5</sup> 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.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ROMANS 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

## HYMN OF CONFESSION

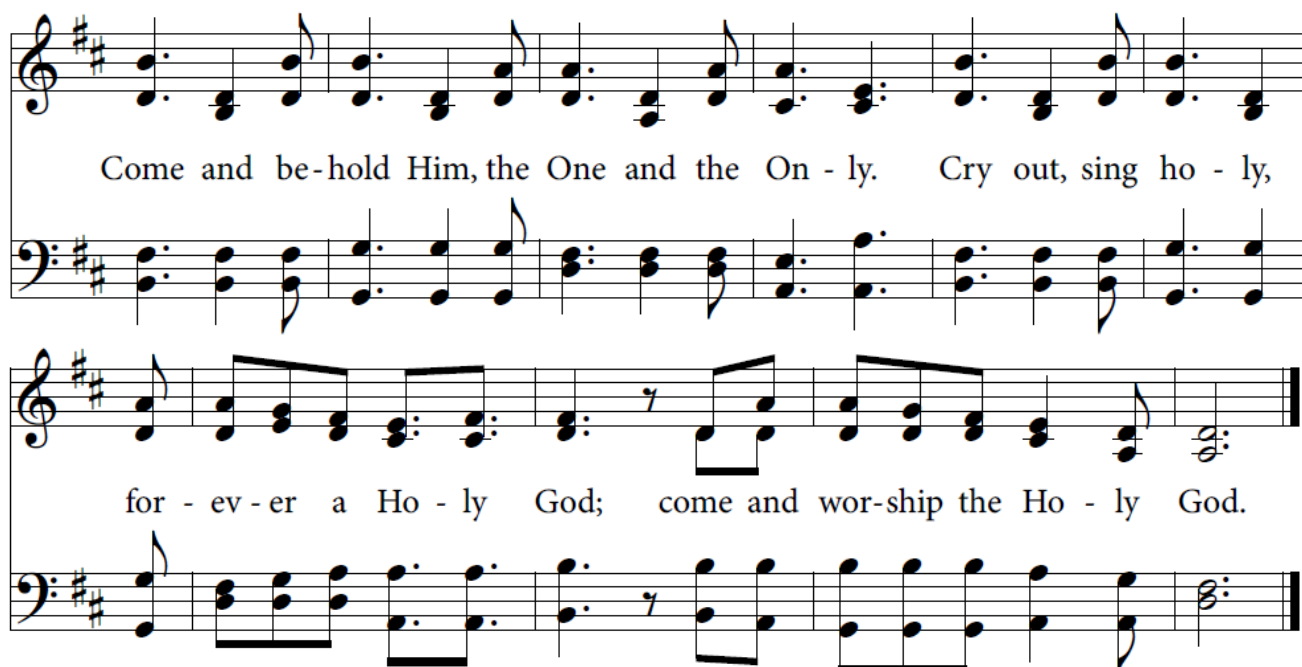
### Only A Holy God

1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of heav - en?  
2. What oth - er beau - ty de - mands such prais - es?  
3. What oth - er glo - ry con - sumes like fire?  
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?

Who else could make eve - ry king bow down?  
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?  
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?  
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?

Who else can whis - per and dark-ness trem-bles?  
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice?  
What oth - er name re-mains un - de - feat - ed?  
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther?

On-ly a Ho-ly God.



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## 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 2:39–52

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother

said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

## PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

### *Jesus Childhood (Why Does God Take So Long?)*

J. Porter Harlow

Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### Our God Will Go Before Us

**Chords:** C G/B C C/E F C Am<sup>7</sup> F G C

**Lyrics:**

1. Our God will go be - fore us and guide us by His pre - sence. What  
 2. Through un - known paths, through sha - dows, our hearts fear not to - mor - row. For  
 3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven will de - fend us. The  
 4. Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to hea - ven, where

**Chords:** G C/E F G Am Fma<sup>7</sup> G 1. C<sup>sus</sup> C

**Lyrics:**

con - fi - dence this pro - mise is: we will ne - ver walk a - lone. 2. Through  
 ev - 'ry step, His faith - ful - ness is the truth that lights our  
 gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the bat - tle is the  
 songs of sor - row strain no more and our ev - 'ry breath is

**Chords:** 2.3. C<sup>sus</sup> C **Refrain** G G<sup>7</sup>/B F/C C G G/B

**Lyrics:**

Our God will go be - fore us; the Lord of hosts is  
 way. Our God be - fore us; the Lord is  
 Lord's. praise



F with us. Am G F G Am Fma7 G  
 with us. O, praise the One who leads us on for His grace will bring us  
 with us.  
 1. C<sup>sus</sup> C 2. C<sup>sus</sup> C  
 home. 3. Though home. 4. Now

Words and Music by Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, and Matt Papa (2023)

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Meditation: *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder***, words by John Newton (1774)  
 set to a tune by Laura Taylor (2001)

Let us love and sing and wonder  
 Let us praise the Savior's name  
 He has hushed the law's loud thunder  
 He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
 Pitied us when enemies  
 Called us by His grace and taught us  
 Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He has washed us with His blood  
 He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
 Threatens hard to bear us down  
 For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
 Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
 He, Who washed us with His blood,  
 He, Who washed us with His blood,  
 He, Who washed us with His blood,  
 Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice  
 Join and point to mercy's store  
 When through grace in Christ our trust is  
 Justice smiles and asks no more  
 He Who washed us with His blood  
 He Who washed us with His blood  
 He Who washed us with His blood  
 Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Sermon Outline  
***Jesus Childhood or Why Does God Take So Long?***  
Luke 2:39–52

I. Boring and Normal: Jesus Childhood from Infancy until Age 12 (v.39–43a)

II. Amazing (v.47), Astonishing (v.48), Greatly Distressing (v.48), Hard to Understand (v.50): The Temple Episode

III. Boring & Normal: The Rest of Jesus' Childhood & Adulthood until Age 30 (v.51–52)

- Jesus was “made perfect” and “learned obedience” Hebrews 2:10 and Hebrews 5:8–9
- Jesus was sinless. Hebrews 4:15, Hebrews 7:26, and Hebrews 9:14
- We are being formed into the Image of Jesus. Galatians 4:19, Hebrews 12.11, and 1 John 3:2–3
- Progressive Sanctification in the Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 13
  - “They, who are once effectually called, and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit...are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ’s death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them: the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, **and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened and strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.**
  - “This sanctification is throughout, in the whole man; yet imperfect in this life, there abiding still some remnants of corruption in every part; whence ariseth a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.”

## 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,<sup>21</sup> 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 Fellowship** 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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