



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
January 28, 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: *The Earth and Its Riches*, Psalm 24 set to the traditional Welsh hymn melody JOANNA (ST DENIO)

*O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?  
And who in the place of his holiness stand?  
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,  
who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.*

*O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!  
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!  
This great King of glory, O who can he be?  
The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is he!*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 29:2–3

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.  
<sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over many waters.

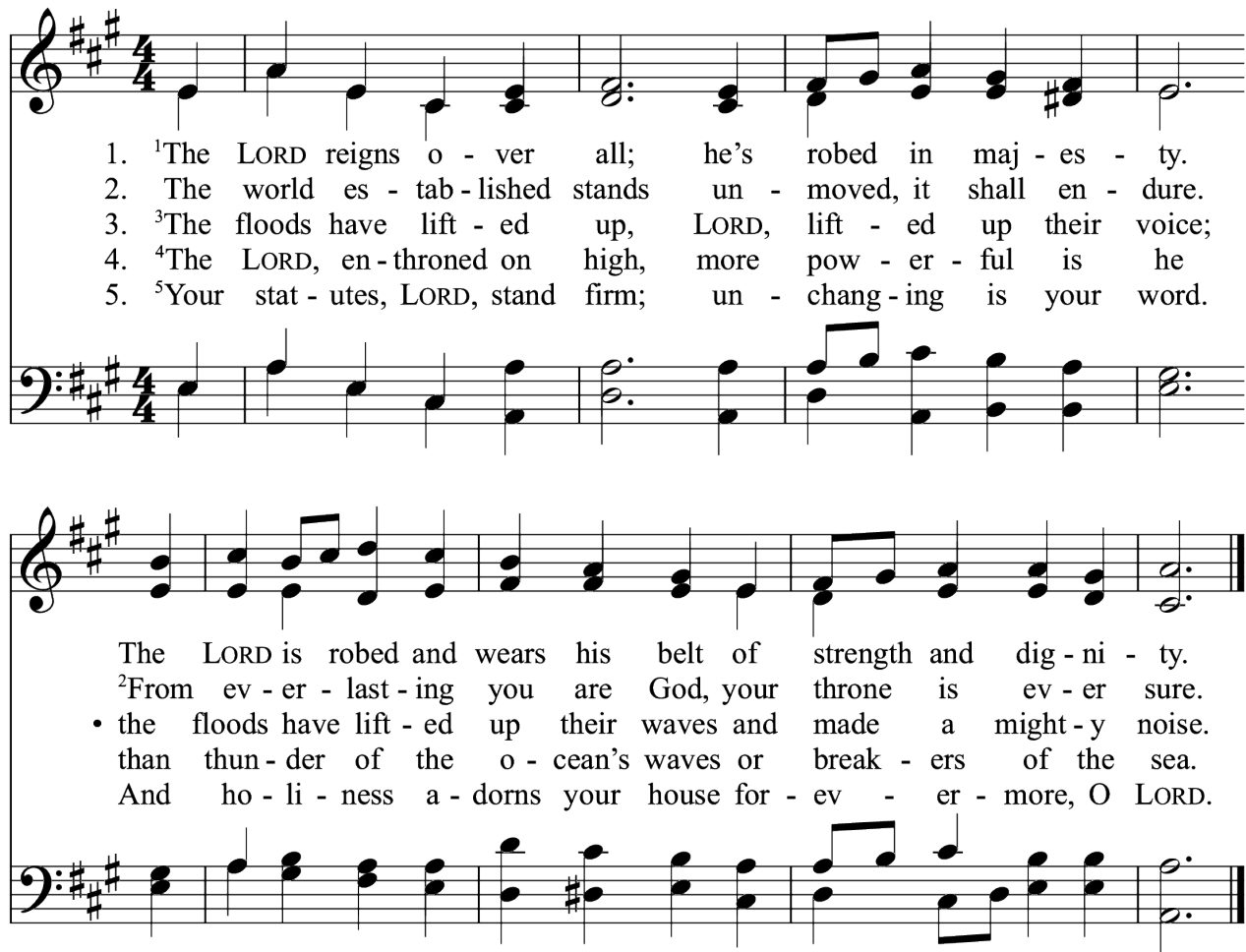
Church: **The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

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

## The LORD Reigns over All

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1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns o - ver all; he's robed in maj - es - ty.  
 2. The world es - tab - lished stands un - moved, it shall en - dure.  
 3. <sup>3</sup>The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;  
 4. <sup>4</sup>The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he  
 5. <sup>5</sup>Your stat - utes, LORD, stand firm; un - chang - ing is your word.

The LORD is robed and wears his belt of strength and dig - ni - ty.  
<sup>2</sup>From ev - er - last - ing you are God, your throne is ev - er sure.  
 • the floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a might - y noise.  
 than thun - der of the o - cean's waves or break - ers of the sea.  
 And ho - li - ness a - dorns your house for - ev - er - more, O LORD.

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FESTAL SONG S.M.  
 William Howard Walter, 1894

## 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 CONFESSION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>

## CHAPTER 12: ON ADOPTION

**All: All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth,  
in and for his only Son Jesus Christ,  
to make partakers of the grace of adoption,  
by which they enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God,  
have his name put upon them,  
receive the Spirit of adoption,  
have access to the throne of grace with boldness,  
are enabled to cry, Abba, Father,  
are pitied,  
are protected,  
are provided for,  
and chastened by him, as by a father:  
yet never cast off, sealed for the day of redemption;  
and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 11:1–2, 42:1–3, 53:10–12

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>42:1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>53:10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

**All: O merciful God, who is compassionate, long-suffering and full of pity,  
make me earnestly repent and heartily lament all of my misdoings;  
make the remembrance of them so burdensome and painful  
that I flee to you with a troubled spirit and a contrite heart.  
Then, O merciful Lord, comfort me and relieve me of my sorrow.  
Give me knowledge of Your grace,  
confidence in your mercy  
and an assurance of your forgiveness,  
during this life and in the world to come. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by Samuel Johnson (1709–1784)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: TITUS 3:4–7**

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might **become heirs** according to the hope of eternal life.

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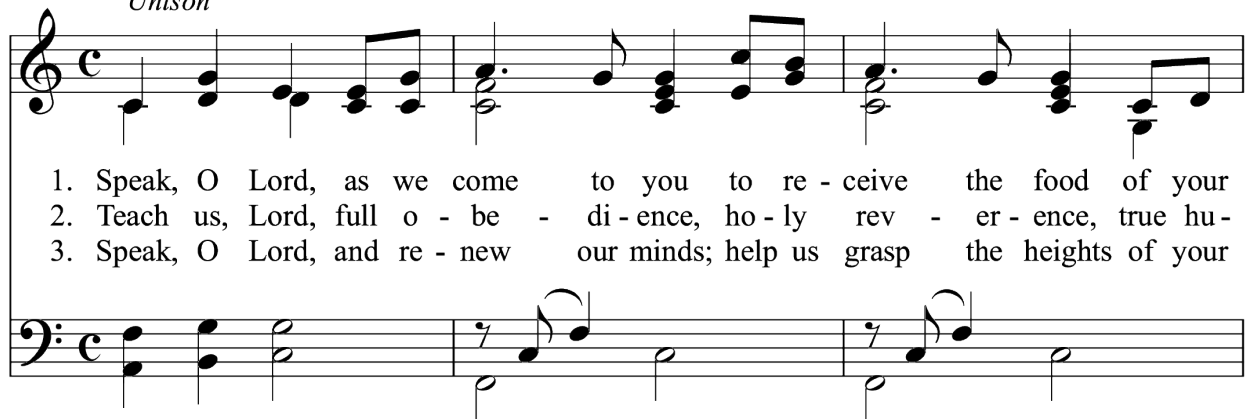
<sup>3</sup> In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing to Him that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. We then have 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.

# HYMN OF CONFESSION

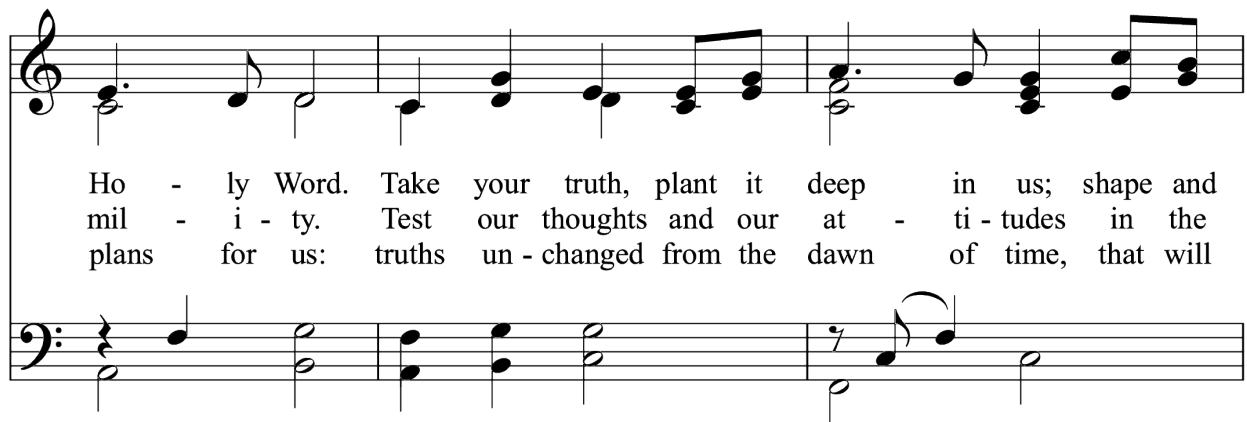
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## Speak, O Lord


*Unison*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food of your  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
plans for us: truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
eyes to see your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
prom - is - es; and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



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SPEAK O LORD 8.10.8.10.10.8.10.  
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

## 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 3:15–23A

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup> But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age....

# PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

## *The Father's Pleasure in His Children*

J. Porter Harlow

Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church

### HYMN OF RESPONSE

#### He Will Hold Me Fast

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

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  
He will hold me fast.  
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

*The Lord Jesus Christ invites all of His followers to commune with Him at His table. If you have publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and are a communing member in good standing with one of His faithful churches, then you are invited.*

*Each row will be invited to come forward. You may put your hands out, and the server will put the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread then move to receive and partake of the cup. If you have children who have not yet professed faith and been admitted as communing members of a Christian church, you are invited to bring them up with you, not to receive the Supper, but so that our officers may pray for the Lord's covenant blessings upon them as members of the household of God.*

*If you are not yet a follower of Christ, we are glad that you are here, but God's Word says in 1 Corinthians 11 that you should not partake of this meal until you become His follower and recognize what this meal represents: His sacrifice for the sins of those who follow him. Instead of receiving the meal, we invite you to remain in your seat during the meal and receive Christ as he has made come to you in the reading and preaching of His Word today. If you would like to become a member of this church and celebrate this meal with us in the future, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders. They would love to hear your story!*

## **Meditation: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*, words & music by Stuart Townend (1995)**

*How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory*

*Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished*

*I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom*

Sermon Outline  
***The Father's Pleasure in His Children***  
Luke 3:15–21

I. Two Baptisms: John's baptism with water and Jesus' baptism with Spirit and Fire (v.15–20)

- The Spirit Washes Us (v.16, Titus 3:6–7)
- The Spirit Joins us to Christ and each other (v.16)

Ephesians 1:3–5, 13 “Blessed be the **God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ...as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons **through Jesus Christ**...sealed with the promised **Holy Spirit**.

Romans 8:14–16 “For all who are led by the **Spirit of God** are **sons of God**. 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.”

1 Corinthians 12:13–14 For in one **Spirit** we were all baptized into one body...and all were made to drink of one **Spirit**. For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

Matthew 25:34 “Come, you who are blessed by **my Father**, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”

- The Fire Judges Those Who Do Not Believe in Christ (v.16, Matthew 25:41)

Matthew 25:41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

Mark 9:48: “where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.”

II. The Nature of the Baptism Jesus Receives (v.21)

Luke 12:49–50 “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!”

Mark 10:38 “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

Psalms 22:14–17 “I am poured out like water...my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws...they have pierced my hands and feet”

III. The Father's Endorsement of His Son (v.22)

## 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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