



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
February 23, 2025

## 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: *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, text by Aurelius Clemens Prudentius  
(AD 348–413), set to DIVINUM MYSTERIUM (12th Century)

*Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!*

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be,  
honor, glory, and dominion  
and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore!*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 118:19, 24

Minister: Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

Church: **This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## PSALM OF ADORATION

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Now with Joyful Exultation

1. Now with joy - ful ex - ul - ta - tion let us sing to God our praise;  
2. For how great a God, and glo - rious, is the Lord to whom we sing;  
3. To the Lord such might re - veal - ing, let us come with rev - 'rence meet,  
4. While he of - fers peace and par - don, let us hear his voice to - day,

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

to the rock of our sal - va - tion loud ho - san - nas let us raise.  
o - ver i - dol gods vic - to - rious, great is he, our God and King.  
and, be - fore our ma - ker kneel - ing, let us wor - ship at his feet.  
lest, if we our hearts should hard - en, we should per - ish in the way;

Thank - ful trib - ute glad - ly bring - ing, let us come be - fore him now,  
In his hand are earth's deep pla - ces, al - so his are all the hills;  
He is our own God who leads us, we the peo - ple of his care;  
lest to us, so un - be - liev - ing, he in judg - ment shall de - clare:

and, with psalms his prais - es sing - ing, joy - ful in his pres - ence bow.  
his the sea whose bounds he trac - es, his the land his boun - ty fills.  
with a shep - herd's hand he feeds us as his flock in pas - tures fair.  
"You, so long my Spir - it griev - ing, nev - er in my rest can share."

Paraphrase  
*The Psalter*, 1912; alt.

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
John Zundel, 1870; alt.

## 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 CATECHISM<sup>2</sup> AND HEIDELBERG CATECHISM<sup>3</sup> 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READINGS: JEREMIAH 23:23–29, MALACHI 3:1–5

**Jeremiah 23:23** “Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? <sup>25</sup> I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup> How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup> who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> **Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?**

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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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

**Malachi 3:1** “Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? **For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.** <sup>3</sup> **He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord.** <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. <sup>5</sup> “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>4</sup>**

**All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Book of Common Prayer

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 PETER 2:24–25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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<sup>4</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.

# PSALM OF CONFESSION

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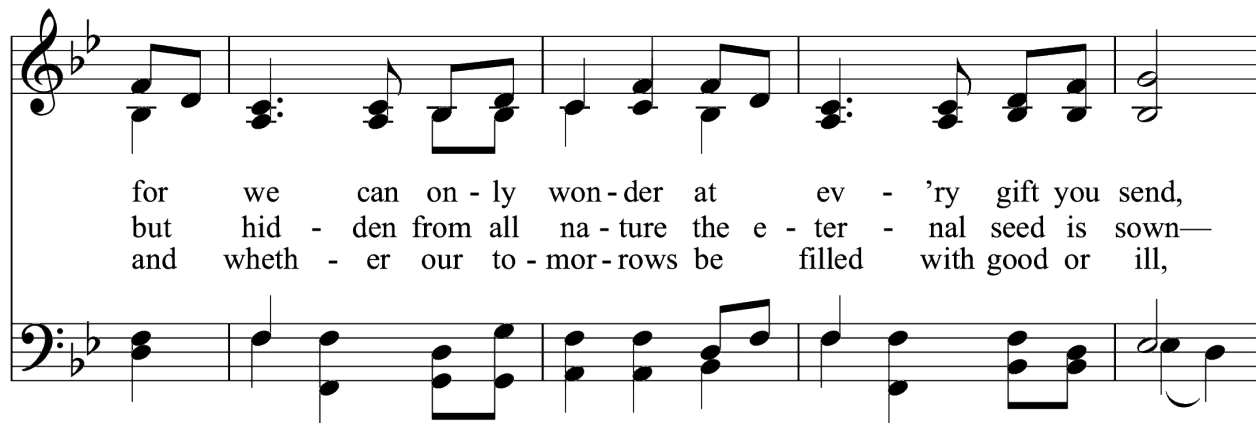
## O God beyond All Praising



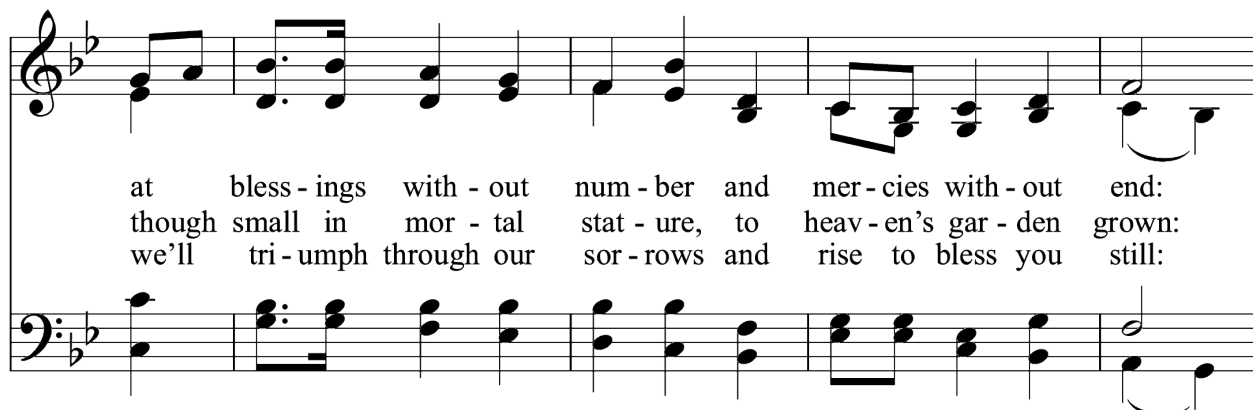
1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day  
2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,  
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord Most High;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,  
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown—  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael A. Perry, 1982

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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 use this time to greet those around you.*

## 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).*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 12:49–59

"I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup> For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup> They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter

and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup> You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

<sup>57</sup> “And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? <sup>58</sup> As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. <sup>59</sup> I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.”

## PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

### *Jesus’ Devotion*

Porter Harlow, Minister

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### All Glory Be to Christ

1. Should noth - ing of our ef - forts stand, no leg - a - cy sur - vive;  
2. His will be done, His king - dom come, on earth as is a - bove;  
3. When on the day the great I AM, the Faith - ful and the True;

Un - less the Lord does raise the house, in vain its build - ers strive.  
Who is Him - self our dai - ly bread, praise Him, the Lord of love.  
The Lamb who was for sin - ners slain is mak - ing all things new.

To you who boast to - mor - row's gain, tell me what is your life?  
Let liv - ing wa - ter sat - is - fy the thirst - y with - out price;  
Be - hold, our God shall live with us and be our stead - fast light

F C Dm B $\flat$  C F  
 A mist that van - ish - es at dawn; all glo - ry be to Christ!  
 We'll take a cup of kind - ness yet; all glo - ry be to Christ!  
 And we shall e'er His peo - ple be; all glo - ry be to Christ!

F(SUS4) F C Dm F/C B $\flat$   
 All glo - ry be to Christ, our King, all glo - ry be to Christ!

F C Dm B $\flat$  C F  
 His rule and reign we'll ev - er sing, all glo - ry be to Christ!

Words and arrangement by Dustin Kensrue (2012)

Traditional Scottish Folk Tune

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

1. *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.*
2. *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.*
3. *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?*
4. *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' Devotion***  
Luke 12:48–59

## 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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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.

2nd cent., tr.

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex) 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,<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: Brett Bloom, Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanel Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, Christopher Robertson, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts
- 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://cpcbunke.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 early 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, and with the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



## Recurring Events

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meals** on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- **Sunday School.** On all Sundays not the first of the month, we offer Sunday School after worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery, Pre-K to K next to the nursery, 1st to 5th grades meet in the pods outside the nursery before breaking into their 2 classes, Middle and High School meet in the band room on the other side of the sanctuary wall, and the adults meet in sanctuary.
- **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.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Women's Fellowship.** The Women's Bible Study 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.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Our own Joanna will be serving as an intern for RUF-I at UAB.

## 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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