



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
March 30, 2025

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## 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: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* by Bernard of Clairvaux (AD 1091–1153) set to PASSION CHORALE by Leo Hassler (1601) and harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach (1729)

*O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss 'til now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.*

*What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 27:4–5

**Leader:** One thing have I asked of the LORD  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.

**Church:** **For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

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

# PSALM OF ADORATION

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## Great Is the LORD Our God

1. <sup>1</sup>Great is the LORD our God, and great - ly to be praised.  
2. <sup>3</sup>God makes his cit - y strong by liv - ing in her halls.  
3. <sup>7</sup>LORD, you have dashed the ships of Tar - shish in your might;

Up - on a hill God's cit - y stands in glo - rious beau - ty raised—  
<sup>4</sup>When kings join forc - es and ad - vance, they mar - vel at her walls.  
you bat - tered them with east - ern winds, de - stroyed them in the fight.

<sup>2</sup>his ho - ly moun - tain high, Mount Zi - on in the north,  
<sup>5</sup>They stood and looked a - mazed, in ter - ror took to flight,  
<sup>8</sup>What we have heard is seen with - in your cit - y, LORD:

the cit - y of the might - y King, the joy of all the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>as an - guish gripped like la - bor pains, they trem - bled in their fright.  
the LORD of hosts es - tab - lish - es God's cit - y ev - er - more.

4. <sup>9</sup>Within your temple, LORD, in that most holy place,  
we on your loving-kindness dwell, the wonders of your grace.  
<sup>10</sup>Your people sing your praise, where'er your name is known;  
by ev'ry deed your hand has done your righteousness is shown.

## **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: NICENE CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who, for our salvation,  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
And we believe one holy catholic<sup>3</sup> and apostolic church.**

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<sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed (AD 325, 381) is the ancient church's statement on what the Scriptures teach about God: that he is a Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: co-equal and co-eternal persons inside the Godhead.

<sup>3</sup> The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting 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.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: ECCLESIASTES 1:1–13**

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?

<sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes,  
but the earth remains forever.

<sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down,  
and hastens to the place where it rises.

<sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south, and goes around to the north;  
around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns.

<sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;  
to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it;  
the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

<sup>9</sup> What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will  
be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

<sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"?  
It has been already, in the ages before us.

<sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things,  
nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be,  
among those who come after.

<sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my  
heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It  
is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be  
busy with.

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

**All: O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O God the Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.  
Be merciful to us and deliver us, O Lord.  
From all sin, from all error, from all evil—deliver us.  
From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death—deliver us.  
Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation,  
by your holy nativity,  
by your baptism, fasting, and temptations  
by your agony and bloody sweat,  
by your cross and suffering,  
by your death and burial,  
by your resurrection and ascension,  
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter  
deliver us, O Lord. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by Martin Bucer (1491–1551)<sup>5</sup>

## **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, honest with ourselves, and honest with each other about who God is and who we are. We confess that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and we confess that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and judgment. Then we 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.

<sup>5</sup> Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship* (Wheaton, Crossway: 2021).

# HYMN OF CONFESSION

## Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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1. Man of sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,  
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;  
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;  
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR 7.7.7.8.  
Philip P. Bliss, 1875

## 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 14:12-24

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" <sup>16</sup> But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' <sup>19</sup> And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' <sup>20</sup> And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' <sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'"

## PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

*Meals as Mission II: Enter the Kingdom!*

Porter Harlow, Minister

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

♩=71 CHORUS

F Dm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup> F Dm C B<sup>b</sup>



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



4 Gm C F Dm<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  F Dm C B $\flat$



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

8 C F B $\flat$  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 $\flat$  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 $\flat$  Dm B $\flat$  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: *Fairest Lord Jesus* by Anonymous, found in Munster Gesangbuch (1677) set to SCHONSTER HERR JESU (1677)**

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.*

Sermon Notes  
***Meals as Mission II: Enter the Kingdom!***  
Luke 14:12–24

I. How to Host a Meal (v. 12–14)

II. Jesus Illustrates His Point: The Parable of the Great Banquet (v. 15–24)

- Invitations Go Out (v. 16–17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Excuses Come In (v. 18–20)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The Host Sends Out New Invitations to More People (v. 21–23)
  - The Joy of Those Included (v. 21)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - “compel people to come in” (v. 23)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - The Banquet Begins without those who did not come (v. 24)

## 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: 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://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 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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