

CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
May 18, 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.¹*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *Eternal Is Your Word, O LORD*, Psalm 119:89–96 set to the tune
MELITA by John Dykes (1861)

*Eternal is your word, O LORD;
in heav'n it stands forever sure.
Your truth remains thro' ev'ry age
the earth you founded, it endures.
They stand by your decree this day,
for all things serve your sov'reign way.*

*Had not your law been my delight,
I would have perished in my strife.
Your precepts I will not forget;
for thro' them you preserved my life.
LORD, rescue me, for I am yours,
and I have sought to know your word.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: ISAIAH 6:1–4

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

Church: ⁴ **And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.**

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

HYMN OF ADORATION

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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 CREED²

**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 catholic³ and apostolic church.**

² 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.

³ 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. The Nicene Creed

**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: PSALM 119:33–37, 97–105

- Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to selfish gain!
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.
- ⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
- ⁹⁸ Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is ever with me.
- ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your testimonies are my meditation.
- ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.
- ¹⁰¹ I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.
- ¹⁰² I do not turn aside from your rules,
for you have taught me.
- ¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.
- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

**All: O Lord, You who are all merciful,
take away my sins from me,
and enkindle within me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.
Take away this heart of stone from me,
and give me a heart of flesh and blood,
a heart to love and adore You,
a heart which may delight in You, love You, and please You,
for Christ's sake. Amen.**

Ambrose of Milan (4th Century)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EZEKIEL 36:25–27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

PSALM OF CONFESSION

PSALM 1

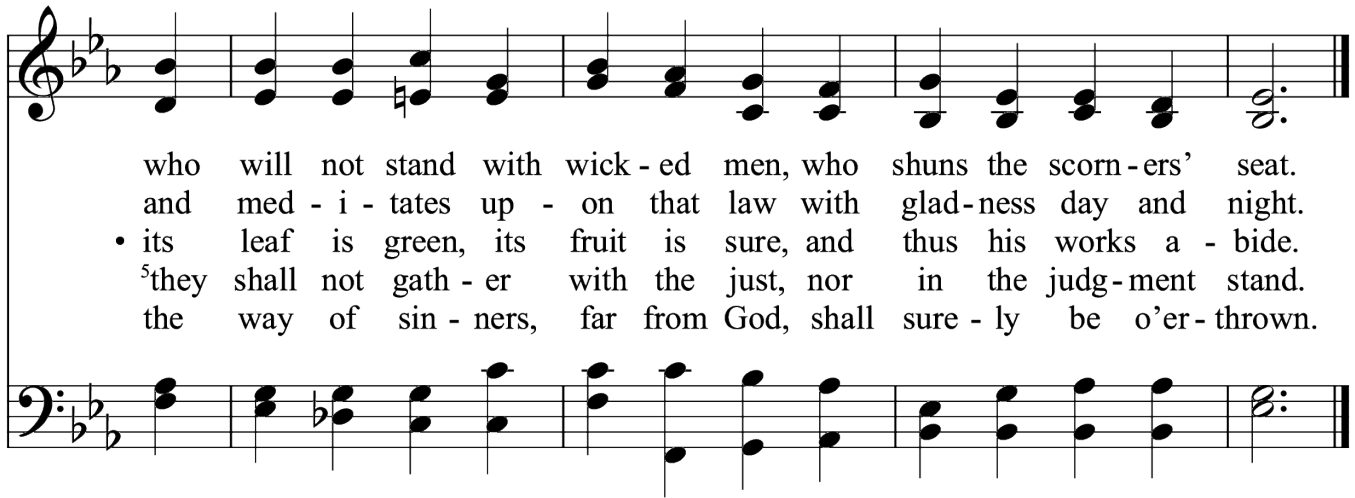
That Man Is Blest

1A

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time, using a treble clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

1. ¹That man is blest who, fear - ing God, from sin re - strains his feet,
2. ²Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his por - tion and de - light,
3. ³That man is nour - ished like a tree set by the riv - er's side;
4. ⁴The wick - ed, like the driv - en chaff, are swept from off the land;
5. ⁶The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their way to him is known;

⁴ 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, confessing that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and confessing 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.



The Psalter; 1912

MEDITATION C.M.
 John H. Gower, 1890

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 16:14–18

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

¹⁶ "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷ But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

¹⁸ Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Living in the Kingdom of God
 Porter Harlow, Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

He Will Hold Me Fast

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with piano accompaniment in the bass staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with some lines split across two staves. The score is divided into six systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are as follows:

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. He will hold me fast, He will hold me
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 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 about your journey to faith in Jesus!

Meditation: A Debtor to Mercy Alone, by Augustus M. Toplady (1740–1778)

*A debtor to mercy alone,
Of covenant mercy I sing;
Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on,
My person and offering to bring.
The terrors of law and of God
With me can have nothing to do;
My Savior's obedience and blood
Hide all my transgressions from view*

*The work which His goodness began,
The arm of His strength will complete;
His promise is yea and amen,
And never was forfeited yet.
Things future, nor things that are now,
Not all things below nor above
Can make Him His purpose forego,
Or sever my soul from His love.*

*My name from the palms of His hands
Eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure,
As sure as the earnest is given
More happy, but not more secure,
The glorified spirits in heaven*

Sermon Outline
Living in the Kingdom of God
Luke 16:14–18

I. The Heart of Man (v.14–15)

II. The Law of God (v.16–18)

- The 3 sets of Law in the Bible: Ceremonial Law, Civil Law, and the Moral Law (WCF 19:2–5)

- The 3 uses of the Law of God: Mirror, Muzzle, and Map (WCF 19:6)

III. The Gospel of God's Kingdom (The Book of Hosea)

*"The saying is trustworthy, for:
if we have died with him, we will also live with him...
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself."* 2 Timothy 2:11–13

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: 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://cpcburbke.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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