

Lord's Day Worship June 8, 2025

Pentecost

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: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, words by Robert Robertson (1758), set to NETTLETON (1825)

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander— Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

CALL TO WORSHIP: ACTS 2:1–4, 14–21 (ESV)

Leader: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance....

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.

Church: ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

PSALM OF ADORATION

122A I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness



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 CATECHISM² AND HEIDELBERG CATECHISM³ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: JOEL 2:12–28 (ESV)

"return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

13 and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

14 Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly;
16 gather the people.
Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants....

¹⁷ Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

18 Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

19 The Lord answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations....

²¹ "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!

²² Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³ "Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

²⁵ I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you.

26 "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh"

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)

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: TITUS 3:4–7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ 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, ⁶ whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

HYMN OF CONFESSION







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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: ACTS 2:22–47 (ESV)

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³ this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.... ³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Responding to the Resurrection & Ascension of Christ Porter Harlow, Minister

Sermon Outline

I. The Individual Response (v.22–46)	
Repentance over sin	
Faith in Christ's Forgiveness	
II. The Corporate Response of the First Churches (v.42-47)	
 Devotion to the Apostles' Teaching (v.42) 	
• Prayer (v.42)	
• The Sacraments (i.e., the "breaking of bread" v. 42 & "breaking of bread in their homes" v	/. 46)
• Fellowship (v.44-47)	

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Church's One Foundation



- 5. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 6. Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:

 O happy ones and holy!

 Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D. Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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 His people. 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: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face by Horatius Bonar (1855) set to the tune MORECAMBE

- Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen, here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.
- Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heav'nly table spread for me: here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.
- 4. I have no help but thine, nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon: it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

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



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, 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: Nathanael 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://cpcburke.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.



- First Sunday Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Sunday School. Sunday School is on Summer Vacation, but during the school year 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.
 - o Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
 - o 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 <u>Andy Young</u>.
- Church Planting in Japan. <u>Jason & Ai Kueh</u> 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 <u>Matthew DeLong</u> and staff member <u>Janelle Grove</u> 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 <u>RUF-I at UAB</u>.

Mercy Ministries We Support

- The Lamb Center is a <u>daytime homeless shelter</u> 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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