



CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
July 13, 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: *Listen to My Words, O LORD* (Psalm 5) set to SCARBOROUGH FAIR

*Listen to my words, O LORD;
Know the whispered things I say.
Heed my crying out for help –
God, my King, to You I pray.*

*Hear me in the morning, LORD,
When I lift my voice on high,
Setting forth my plea to You,
Looking out with watchful eye.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: JEREMIAH 29:10–14

Minister: For thus says the Lord: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

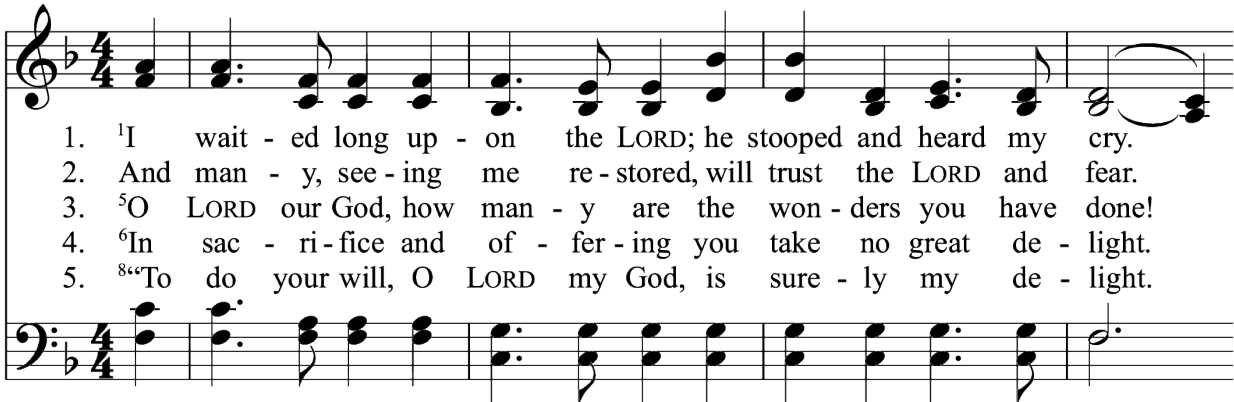
Church: I will be found by you, declares the Lord

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

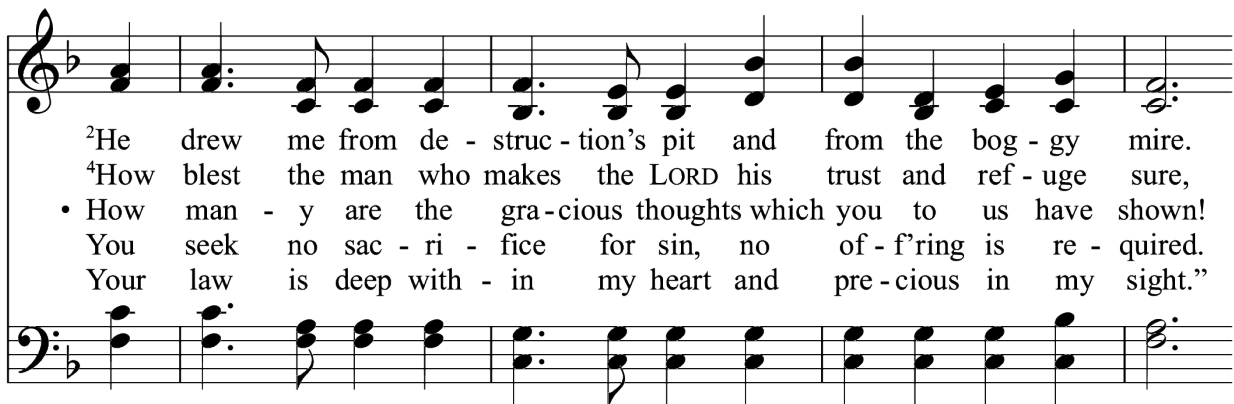
PSALM OF ADORATION

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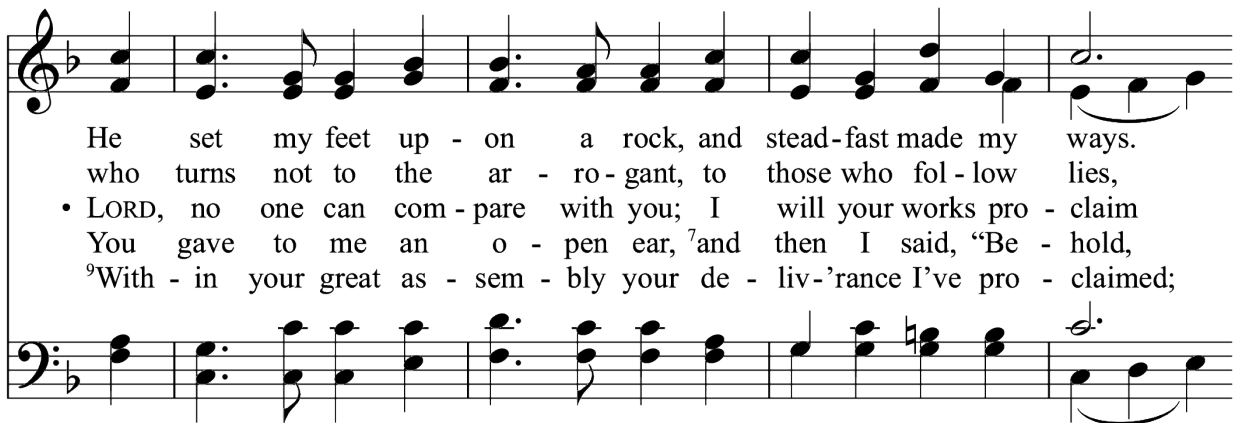
I Waited Long upon the LORD



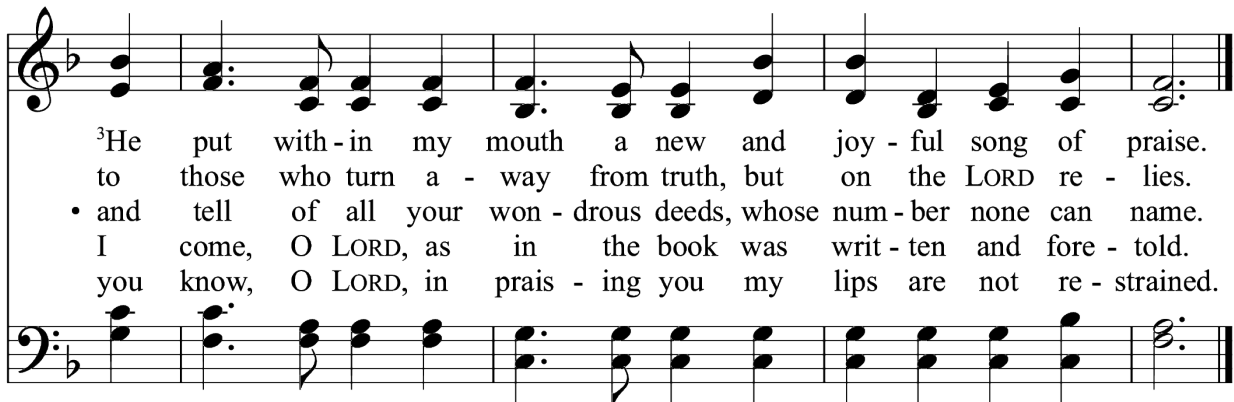
1. ¹I wait - ed long up - on the LORD; he stooped and heard my cry.
2. And man - y, see - ing me re - stored, will trust the LORD and fear.
3. ⁵O LORD our God, how man - y are the won - ders you have done!
4. ⁶In sac - ri - fice and of - fer - ing you take no great de - light.
5. ⁸To do your will, O LORD my God, is sure - ly my de - light.



²He drew me from de - struc - tion's pit and from the bog - gy mire.
⁴How blest the man who makes the LORD his trust and ref - uge sure,
• How man - y are the gra - cious thoughts which you to us have shown!
You seek no sac - ri - fice for sin, no of - f'ring is re - quired.
Your law is deep with - in my heart and pre - cious in my sight."



He set my feet up - on a rock, and stead - fast made my ways.
who turns not to the ar - ro - gant, to those who fol - low lies,
• LORD, no one can com - pare with you; I will your works pro - claim
You gave to me an o - pen ear, ⁷and then I said, "Be - hold,
⁹With - in your great as - sem - bly your de - liv - 'rance I've pro - claimed;



³He put with - in my mouth a new and joy - ful song of praise.
to those who turn a - way from truth, but on the LORD re - lies.
• and tell of all your won - drous deeds, whose num - ber none can name.
I come, O LORD, as in the book was writ - ten and fore - told.
you know, O LORD, in prais - ing you my lips are not re - strained.

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 FAITH² CHAPTER 12: OF 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,
are sealed for the day of redemption;
and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 5:1–7

Give ear to my words, O Lord;
consider my groaning.
² Give attention to the sound of my cry,
my King and my God,
for to you do I pray.

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 O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.
⁴ For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
⁵ The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
⁶ You destroy those who speak lies;
the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
⁷ But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

**All: Almighty, everlasting God and Father,
we acknowledge and confess
that we were conceived in sin
and, therefore, inclined to do evil, and slow to do good;
that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments,
and corrupt ourselves more and more.
But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help.
Therefore, have mercy upon us, most merciful God and Father,
through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit,
so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness,
feel true contrition and grief for them,
and please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.**

Adapted from a prayer by Martin Bucer (1491–1551)⁴

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EPHESIANS 1:3–5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will....

³ 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.

⁴ Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship* (Wheaton, Crossway: 2021).

HYMN OF CONFESSION

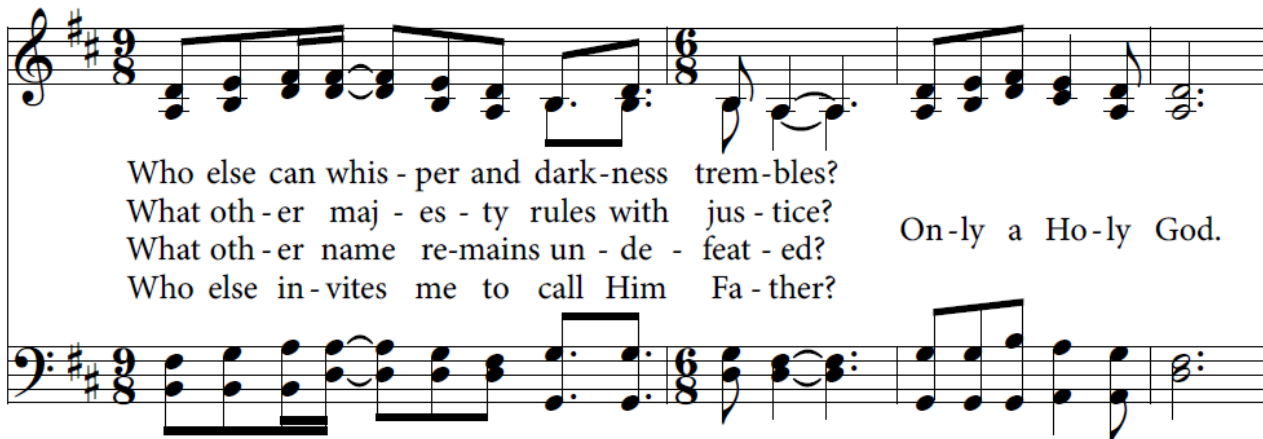
Only A Holy God



1. Who else com-mands all the hosts of heav - en?
2. What oth - er beau - ty de-mands such prais - es?
3. What oth - er glo - ry con-sumes like fire?
4. Who else could res - cue me from my fail - ing?

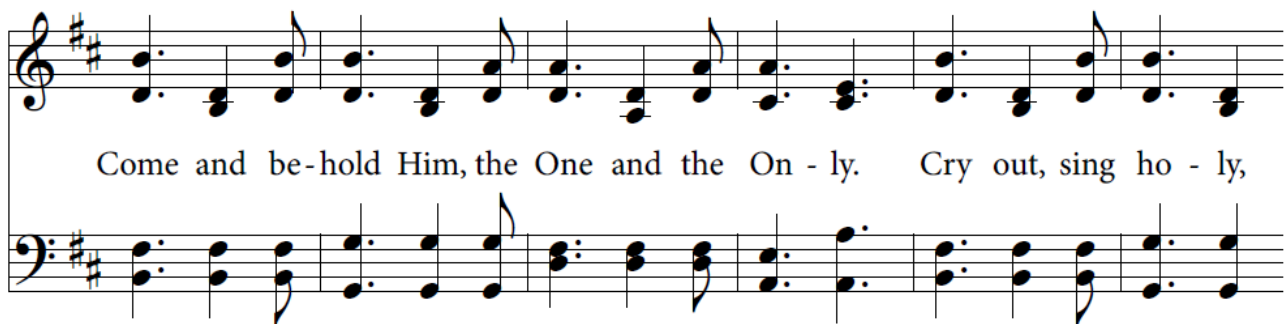


Who else could make eve - ry king bow down?
What oth - er splen - dor out - shines the sun?
What oth - er pow - er can raise the dead?
Who else would of - fer His on - ly Son?

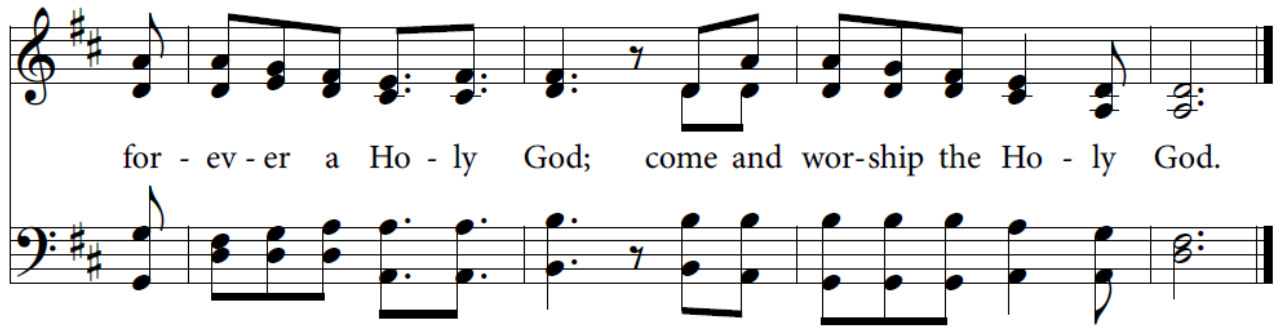


Who else can whis - per and dark-ness trem-bles?
What oth - er maj - es - ty rules with jus - tice?
What oth - er name re-mains un - de - feat - ed?
Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa - ther?

On-ly a Ho-ly God.



Come and be-hold Him, the One and the On - ly. Cry out, sing ho - ly,



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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.

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 18:1–8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Persevering in Prayer Without Losing Heart

Porter Harlow, Minster

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Afflicted Saint to Christ Draw Near

1. Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, Your
(2. Your) faith is weak, your foes are strong, and
(3. Should) per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still
(4. When) called to bear your weight - y cross, or

Sav - ior's gra - cious prom - ise hear, His faith - ful Word, you
if the con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the
trust in your Re - deem - er's name; in fier - y tri - als
sore af - flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress or

can be - lieve, that as your days your strength shall be.
tempt - er flee, that as your days your strength shall be.
you shall see, that as your days your strength shall be.
pov - er - ty, still as your days your strength shall be.

17 1. 2, 3, 4. **CHORUS** Bm A/C# D A D
2. Your So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the

bat - tle's fierce, but the vic - tr'y's won; God shall sup - ply all

that you need. Yes, as your days your

strength shall be.

3. Should
4. When

Fine D.C.

Words and Music by Constance Dever (2018)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: **Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat**, words by John Newton (1779)

DALEHURST by Arthur Cottman (1874)

*Approach, my soul, the mercy seat
where Jesus answers prayer;
there humbly fall before his feet,
for none can perish there.*

*Thy promise is my only plea;
with this I venture nigh:
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.*

*Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without and fears within,
I come to thee for rest.*

*Be thou my shield and hiding place,
that, sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him thou hast died.*

*O wondrous love! to bleed and die,
to bear the cross and shame,
that guilty sinners, such as I,
might plead thy gracious name!*

Sermon Outline

Persevering in Prayer Without Losing Heart

Luke 18:1–8

I. The Persistent Widow (v.1–5)

II. The Uncompassionate and Unjust Judge (v.2, 4–5)

III. The Compassionate and Just Judge of all the Earth (who is also God our Father) (v.7–8)

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 Elders: Porter Harlow and Robert Hasler
- 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

Giving. You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- **Internet.** Go to <https://cpcb Burke.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.** 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 (schedule subject to change in summer)**
 - 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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