

Lord's Day Worship July 20, 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: Jesus, Lover of My Soul words by Charles Wesley (1740) tune by Greg Thompson (2000)

Jesus, lover of my soul, Let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'Til life's storm is past; Safe into the haven guide; Receive my soul at last. Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on Thee; Leave, oh leave me not alone, Support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, All help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head In the shadow of Thy wing.

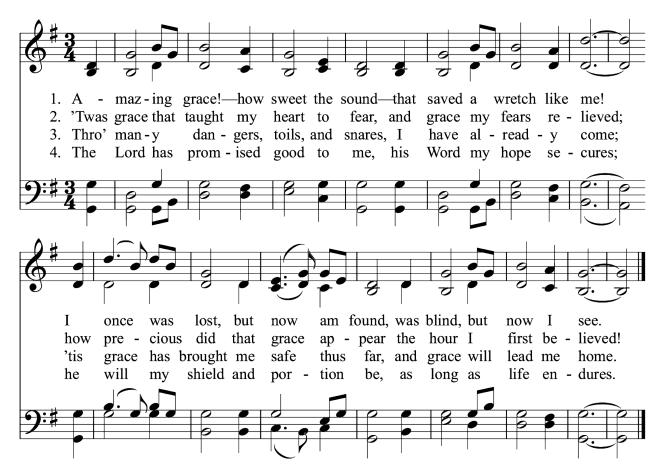
CALL TO WORSHIP: JEREMIAH 33:2-3, 11

Minister: "Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: ³ Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Church: "Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"

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

Amazing Grace!



- 5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779 St. 6, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790 AMAZING GRACE C.M. Traditional American melody Adapted and harm. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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: CREED OF CHALCEDON²

All: We, then, following the holy fathers, teach people to confess One and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a rational soul and body: of one substance with the Father according to his Godhead. and of one substance with us according to his manhood; like us in all things, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father, according to his Godhead; and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the God-bearer, according to his manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, without confusion, without change, without division, without separation; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one person and one subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons. but one and the same Son, the Only-begotten, God the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ. as the prophets from the beginning declared concerning him, and the Lord Jesus Christ himself taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us. Amen.

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² The Creed of Chalcedon was established by a council of the early church that met in October of the year 451. Its purpose was to provide an orthodox definition of Christ as fully God (in response to the heresy of Arianism), fully man (in response to the heresy of Docetism), indivisibly united (against Nestorianism), without confusion as a third being (against Eutyches). The Creed of Chalcedon, also known as the Definition of Chalcedon, is accepted among the 4 ecumenical creeds (alongside the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed) by most churches. By confessing the same faith as the early church, we believe that the Reformation was not the beginning of a new church but a continuation of Christ's church until He returns.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 34:1–19

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
- ⁹Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
- ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.
- ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

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)4

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 Peter 2:24-25

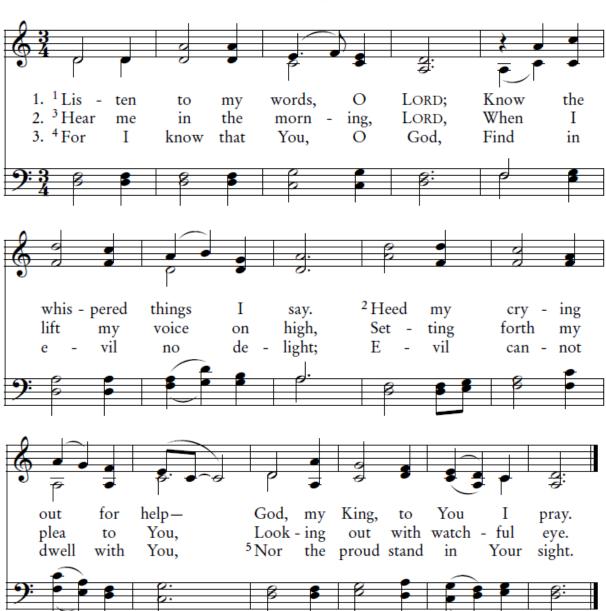
He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

³ 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.

⁴ Jonathan Gibson, O Sacred Head, Now Wounded: A Liturgy for Daily Worship from Pascha to Pentecost (Wheaton, Crossway: 2024).

PSALM OF CONFESSION

5C Psalm 5:1-7 Listen to My Words, O LORD Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. -Matthew 26:41



 ⁷ Yet in Your abounding love, To Your house will I draw near, Bowing to Your holy place, Worshiping in rev'rent fear.

Traditional English melody

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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: LUKE 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Humility before God
Porter Harlow, Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE



Words and arrangement by Dustin Kensrue (2012)

Traditional Scottish Folk Tune

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: Before the Throne of God Above by Charitie Bancroft (1863) tune by Vikki Cook (1997)

1. Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
a great High Priest whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2. When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Sermon Notes
Humility before God
Luke 18:9–14

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 Elders: Porter Harlow, 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://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.

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 (Summer may affect schedule)
 - o 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 Andy Young.
- 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 daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- Assist Pregnancy Center. <u>Assist</u> has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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