



CHRIST
Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship
January 25, 2026

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: *Unless the Lord the House Shall Build* Psalm 127, a Psalm of Solomon (c. 10th Century BC) set to the tune ILLA (1841)

*Unless the Lord the house shall build,
the weary builders toil in vain;
unless the Lord the city shield,
the guards a useless watch maintain.*

*In vain you rise ere morning break,
and late your nightly vigils keep,
and of the bread of toil partake;
God gives to his beloved sleep.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 27:4, 8

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: **You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

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

HYMN OF ADORATION

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
• dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
• thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vis - ion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.
Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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Traditional Irish melody
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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.

READING OF THE LAW FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: LUKE 10:25–28

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁴

**All: Almighty and most merciful God:
we acknowledge and confess
that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;
that we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength;
and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We beseech You, O God,
to forgive what we have been,
to help us to amend what we are,
and to direct what we shall be;
so that we may walk in the way of Your commandments,
and do those things which are pleasing in Your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church Book of Common Worship (1946)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: EPHESIANS 2:4–7

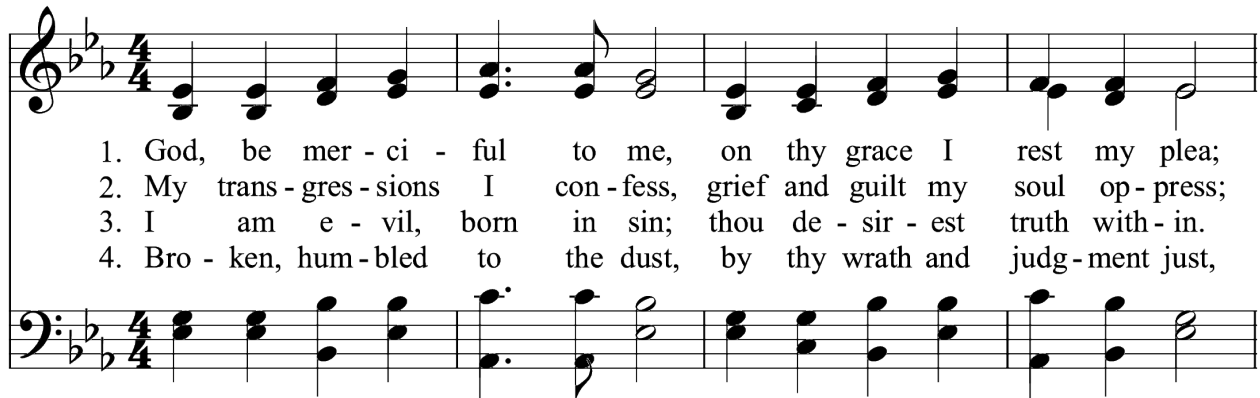
But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁴ 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 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.-

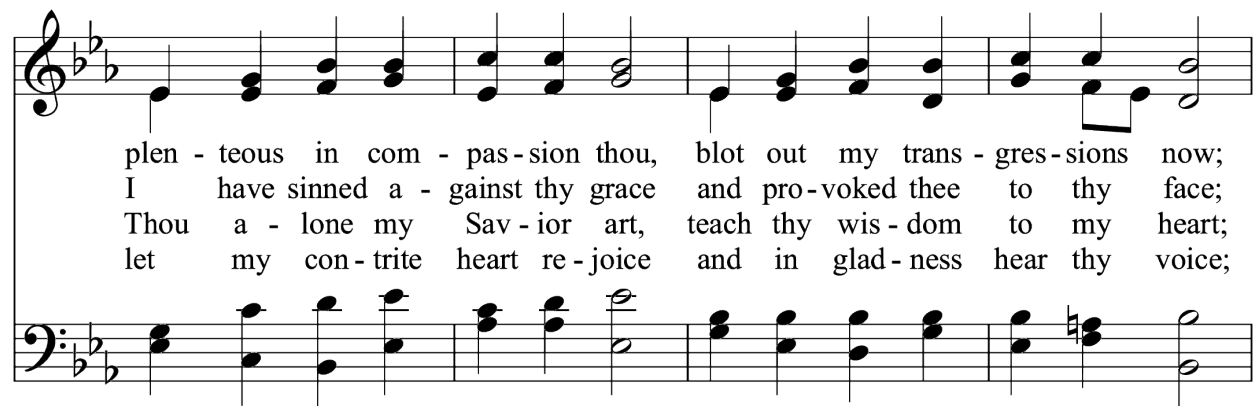
PSALM OF CONFESSION

God, Be Merciful to Me

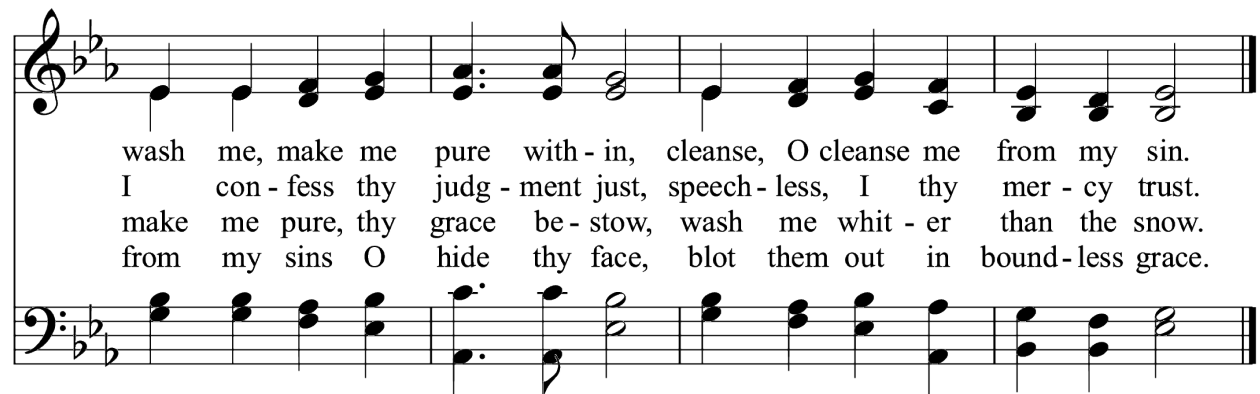
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1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;



wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

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: PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.

² It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one’s youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man
who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame
when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

Flourishing or Frustration

J. Porter Harlow, Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Key of C

HYMNAL SCORE

C F C Am G/B C

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.

C F C Am G C

No one else can sat - is - fy; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength; I should come to him.
 No one else can be my shield; I should come to him.
 And he showed me on that cross he will come to me.

F C G/B C F C Gsus

For the Lord is good and faith - ful; he will keep us day and night.

C/E F C G/B Am F G C

We can al - ways run to Je - sus: Je - sus, strong and kind.

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 made 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 your story!

Meditation: *The Church's One Foundation*, Samuel Stone (1866) set to AURELIA

*The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.*

*The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
though there be those that hate her,
and false sons in her pale,
against both foe and traitor
she ever shall prevail.*

*'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.*

Sermon Notes
Flourishing or Frustration
Psalm 127

I. The Temple

II. The City

III. The Workplace

IV. The Home

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 blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanael Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, 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://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.** We offer Sunday School after worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery through Middle and High School.
- **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.
 - Ark Covenant Church, pastored by Zhongming Chen, reaching Mandarin speakers in Fairfax
- **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 is 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 promotes "life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."
- **Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO):** Local food pantry.

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