



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
May 17, 2026

*Ascension Sunday*

## 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.<sup>1</sup>*

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *O Worship the King*, by Robert Grant (1833) set to LYONS by Michael Haydn (1737–1806)

*O worship the King, all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.*

*O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
While angels delight to hymn you above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 110:1–3

Minister: <sup>1</sup> The Lord says to my Lord:  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup> The Lord sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Church: <sup>3</sup> **Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power**

## HYMN OF ADORATION

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### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs through - out the world shall  
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: “Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4. “A - gain shall you be - hold him so as you to - day have seen him

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

ring: *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand; *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* and with his fol - low - ers they  
sky?" *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
go, *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see Je - sus' re - splen - dent ma - jes - ty. *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -*  
say. "This is his no - ble tri - umph day.  
high, up to the por - tals of the sky."

*lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!*

The Venerable Bede, 673–735  
Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.  
*Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623  
Tune from the *English Hymnal*, used by permission of Oxford University Press.

## 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.

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM 46, 47, 48, 49<sup>2</sup>

Minister: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

**Church: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

Minister: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

**Church: Christ is true man and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.**

Minister: If his humanity is not present wherever his divinity is, then aren't the two natures of Christ separated from each other?

**Church: Certainly not. Since divinity is not limited and is present everywhere, Christ's divinity is beyond the bounds of his humanity; but at the same time his divinity is in and remains united to his humanity.**

Minister: How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**Church: First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: PSALM 24

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,

<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false

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<sup>2</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), one of the earliest confessions of the Reformation, warmly states the doctrines of the Bible with numerous annotations to the Scriptures that support its doctrine. For the sake of brevity, the Scriptural annotations are omitted, but they may be found [here](#).

and does not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup> He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup> Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>**

**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)

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<sup>3</sup> 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: ISAIAH 53:3-5

He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs,  
and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

## PSALM OF CONFESSION

### The Earth and Its Riches

24B

The musical score is written for a choir or solo voice with piano accompaniment. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered lines, each corresponding to a measure of the melody.

1. <sup>1</sup>The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,  
2. <sup>3</sup>O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?  
3. <sup>5</sup>Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;  
4. <sup>7</sup>O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!  
5. <sup>9</sup>O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.  
And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?  
• the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.  
The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!  
The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!

<sup>2</sup>For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,  
<sup>4</sup>The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,  
 • <sup>6</sup>Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;  
<sup>8</sup>O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?  
<sup>10</sup>This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?  
 and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.  
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.  
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.  
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!  
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!

*The Book of Psalms for Worship, 2009; alt.*

JOANNA (ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.  
 Traditional Welsh hymn melody

## 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 7:54–8:1

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup> But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup> But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup> Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my

spirit.”<sup>60</sup> And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.<sup>8:1</sup> And Saul approved of his execution.

## PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

### *Looking upon the Face of Jesus (Part II)*

J. Porter Harlow  
Minister

## HYMN OF CONFESSION

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### Before the Throne of God Above

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,  
spot - less righ - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,

who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines of each system.

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

BEFORE THE THRONE 8.8.8.8.8.8.8.8.  
 Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Meditation: *Abide with Me* by Thomas Benson Pollock (1871) set to a tune by Christopher Miner (1997)

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| <p>1. <i>Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;<br/>         The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.<br/>         When other helpers, fail and comforts flee,<br/>         Help of the helpless, abide with me.</i></p>                 | <p>4. <i>I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless<br/>         Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness<br/>         Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?<br/>         I triumph still, abide with me.</i></p>                |
| <p>3. <i>I need Thy presence, every passing hour.<br/>         What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?<br/>         Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?<br/>         Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.</i></p> | <p>5. <i>Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes<br/>         Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies<br/>         Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee<br/>         In life, in death, Lord, abide with me</i></p> |

**Sermon Outline**  
*Looking upon the Face of Jesus (Part II)*  
Acts 7:54–8:1

I. The Crowds Reaction

II. Stephen's Reaction

III. Jesus' Reaction

## 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,<sup>21</sup> 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: 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://cpcbunke.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.



### 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 Abilene, Texas.** Our former assistant pastor, Robert Hasler, is planting Christ the King Presbyterian 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 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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