



CHRIST

Presbyterian Church

BURKE

Lord's Day Worship

September 13, 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: Psalm 16 set to STERLING by Don McCrory (2009)

Preserve me, O God, for I am trusting in you.
"Yes, you are my master," I said to the Lord;
besides you I do not possess any good.
In your holy messengers I take delight.

Those running to idols will multiply griefs.
I will not pour out their drink off'rings of blood,
nor will I confess their vain names with my lips.
The Lord's my inherited portion and cup.

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 67:4–7

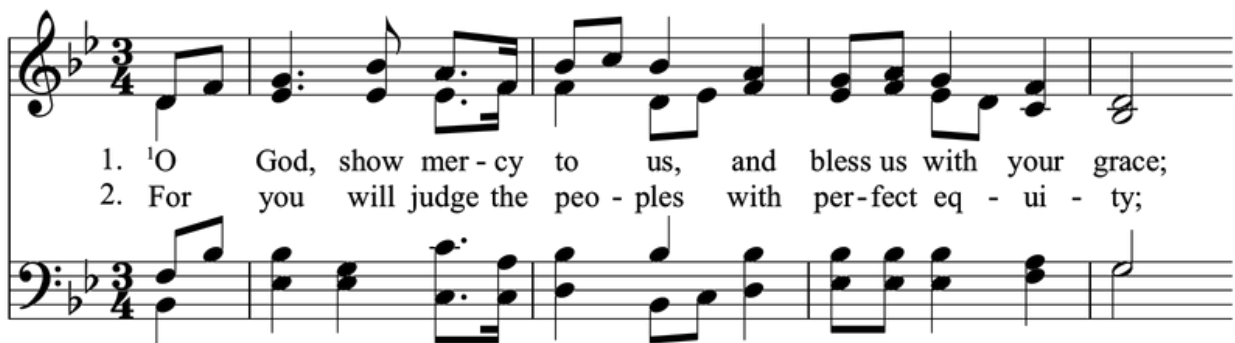
Minister: ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

Church: ⁷ **God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

PSALM OF ADORATION

67B

O God, Show Mercy to Us



1. 'O God, show mer-cy to us, and bless us with your grace;
2. For you will judge the peo-ples with per-fect eq-ui-ty;

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

and cause to shine up - on us the bright-ness of your face;
to na - tions of the whole earth a gov - er - nor you'll be.

²so that the whole world o - ver may tru - ly know your way,
⁵O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.

and so that your sal - va - tion all na-tions see dis - played.
⁶The earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest days

³O God, let peo - ples praise you; let all the peo - ples praise.
since God, our God, will bless us. ⁷Yes, God will bless - ing send,

⁴Let na - tions come re - joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
that all the earth may fear him to its re - mot - est end.

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: PSALM 2

Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break[b] them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden—
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
so that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer (1552)

² 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). Then we have the joy of responding in song.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: ISAIAH 53:4-5

⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ 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.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Key of Em

HYMNAL SCORE



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;



lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me; thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was: wea - ry, and worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1850
 Music: English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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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).

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD: ACTS 13:4–43

God Keeps His Promises

J. Porter Harlow
 Minister

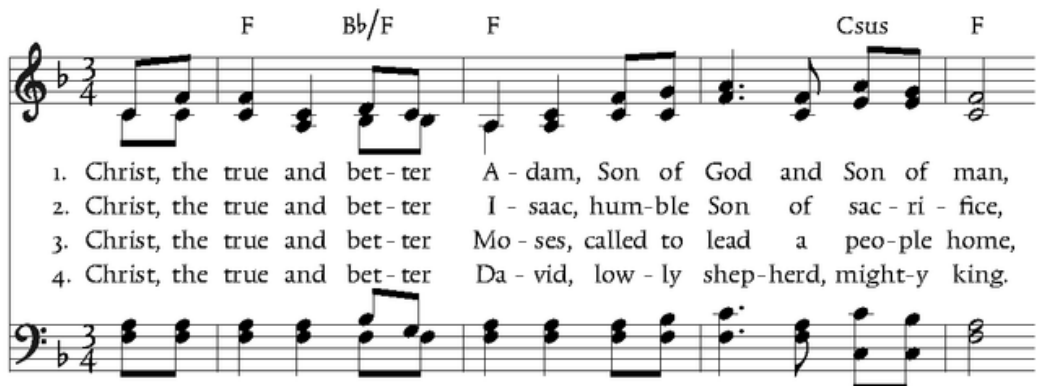
HYMN OF RESPONSE

Christ, the True and Better

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HYMNAL SCORE

F Bb/F F Csus F



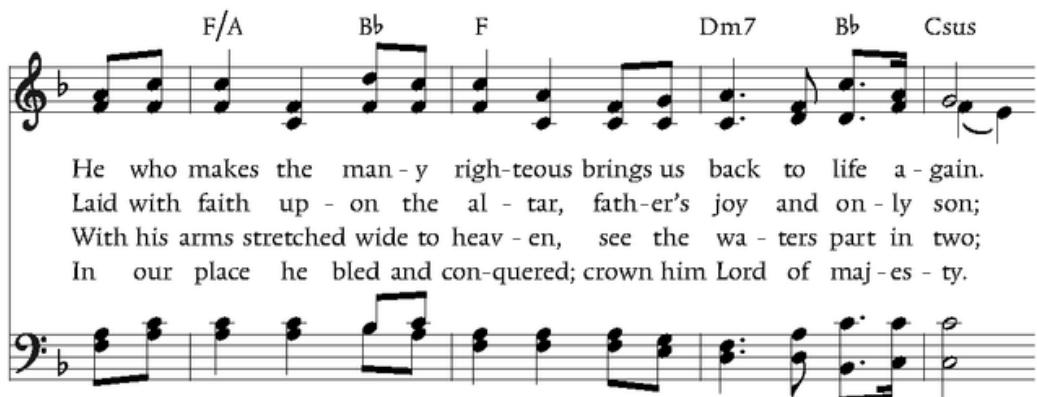
1. Christ, the true and bet-ter A - dam, Son of God and Son of man,
2. Christ, the true and bet-ter I - saac, hum-ble Son of sac - ri - fice,
3. Christ, the true and bet-ter Mo - ses, called to lead a peo-ple home,
4. Christ, the true and bet-ter Da - vid, low - ly shep-herd, might-y king.

Fsus F Bb/F F Dm7 Csus F



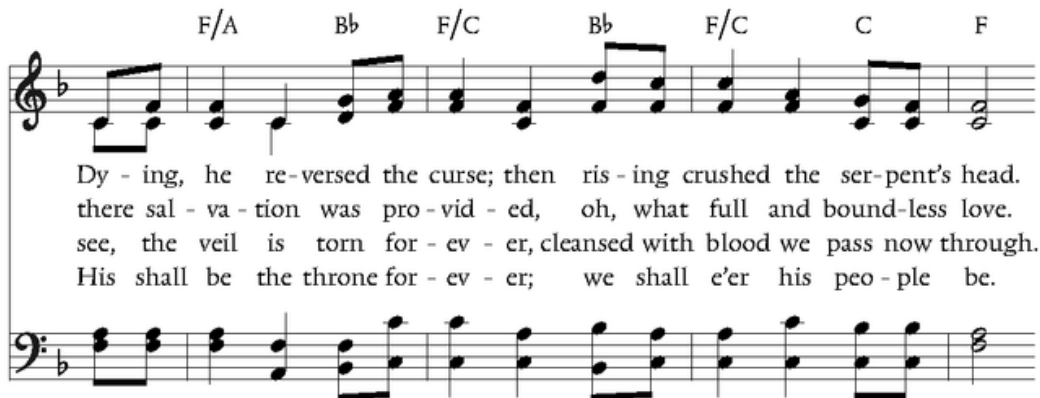
who, when tempt-ed in the gar - den, nev - er yield - ed, nev - er sinned.
who would climb the fear - ful moun-tain, there to of - fer up his life.
stand-ing bold to earth-ly pow - ers, God's great glo - ry to be known.
He the cham-pion in the bat - tle; where, O death, is now thy sting?

F/A Bb F Dm7 Bb Csus



He who makes the man - y righ-teous brings us back to life a - gain.
Laid with faith up - on the al - tar, fath-er's joy and on - ly son;
With his arms stretched wide to heav - en, see the wa - ters part in two;
In our place he bled and con-quer-ed; crown him Lord of maj - es - ty.

F/A Bb F/C Bb F/C C F



Dy - ing, he re-ver-sed the curse; then ris - ing crushed the ser-pent's head.
there sal - va - tion was pro-vid - ed, oh, what full and bound-less love.
see, the veil is torn for - ev - er, cleansed with blood we pass now through.
His shall be the throne for - ev - er; we shall e'er his peo - ple be.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics 'A - men, a - men, from be - gin - ning to end.' and the second system has 'Christ the sto - ry, his the glo - ry; al - le - lu - ia, a - men.' The chords are indicated above the treble staff: Bb, C/E, F, Dm, C/E, F in the first system, and Bb, C, Dm7, F/A, Bb, Dm, C, F in the second system.

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 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: *My Soul in Silence Waits for God, Psalm 62 set to the tune BETHLEHEM by Gottfried Wilhelm Fink (1842)*

*My soul in silence waits for God,
my Savior he has proved;
he only is my rock and tow'r;
I never shall be moved.
My honor is secure with God,
my Savior he is known;
my refuge and my rock of strength
are found in God alone.*

*For God has spoken o'er and o'er
and unto me has shown
that saving pow'r and lasting strength
belong to him alone.
Yes, lovingkindness evermore
belongs to you, O Lord;
and you, according to his work,
will ev'ry man reward.*

Sermon Outline
God Keeps His Promises
Acts 13:4–43

I. Two Responses to the Word of God (v.4–12)

II. Paul's Preaches the Gospel

- Recounts God's Promises to Save His People

- Shows How God Kept His Promises in Jesus Christ

III. We Can Rely on God's Promises

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

Gloria Patri

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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, 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, 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.



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 planting a church 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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