



CHRIST

Presbyterian Church

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Lord's Day Worship

October 18, 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: *Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor* by Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn
In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed*

*Christ, the sure and steady Anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the Anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the Anchor
It shall never be removed*

CALL TO WORSHIP: ROMANS 8:14–18

Minister: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Church: ¹⁸ **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**

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

HYMN OF ADORATION

Amazing Grace!

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1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

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: APOSTLES' CREED²

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.³
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,⁴
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: LAMENTATIONS 3:1–26

¹ I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;
² he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;
³ surely against me he turns his hand
again and again the whole day long.

⁴ He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
he has broken my bones;
⁵ he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;
⁶ he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead of long ago.

² The Apostles' Creed is the oldest and simplest creed in the Christian church. Its earliest forms have been dated to around AD 200 when new converts were asked to profess it before joining the church. Christians have used it during worship for thousands of years to show our unity in the faith.

³ "He descended into hell" expresses Christ's "being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day." See Westminster Larger Catechism 50.

⁴ The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be gathered under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Apostles' Creed predates the church's division into the Western Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches or the Reformation of the western church that came much later.

⁷ He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has made my chains heavy;
⁸ though I call and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer;
⁹ he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
he has made my paths crooked.

¹⁰ He is a bear lying in wait for me,
a lion in hiding;
¹¹ he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
he has made me desolate;
¹² he bent his bow and set me
as a target for his arrow.

¹³ He drove into my kidneys
the arrows of his quiver;
¹⁴ I have become the laughingstock of all my people,
the object of their taunts all day long.
¹⁵ He has filled me with bitterness;
he has sated me with wormwood.

¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, "My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the LORD."

¹⁹ Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!
²⁰ My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.
²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION⁵

All: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Spirit, have mercy upon us.
O God the Father in heaven, we beseech you, hear us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, we beseech you, hear us.
O God the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, we beseech you, hear us.
Be gracious unto us. Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious unto us. Help us, good Lord.
Be gracious unto us. Save us, good Lord,
from our sin, from our errors, from all evil.
Good Lord, deliver us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Gregory the Great (540–604 AD)⁶

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: MICAH 7:18–19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

⁵ 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.

⁶ Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship* (Wheaton, Crossway: 2021).

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed — Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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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: ACTS 14:19–28

But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead.²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia.²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia,²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled.²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Through Many Tribulations....

J. Porter Harlow, Minister

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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HYMNAL SCORE

E E/G# A2 E E E/G#

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave
2. Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left

A2 B E E/G#

and fol - low thee; des - ti - tute, de - spised,
my Sav - ior too. Hu - man hearts and looks

A2 E E E/G# Bsus E

for - sak - en, thou from hence my all shalt be.
de - ceive me; thou art not, like them, un - true.

C#m E/B A E C#m E/B

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped
Oh, while thou dost smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love,

A E C#m E/B A E

or known, yet how rich is my con - di - tion:
and might, foes may hate and friends dis - own me:

F#m7 A B E

God and heav'n are still my own.
show thy face and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me;
'twill but drive me to thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
while thy love is left to me;
oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
were that joy unmixed with thee.

4. Go, then, earthly fame and treasure;
come, disaster, scorn, and pain;
in thy service, pain is pleasure;
with thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee Abba, Father;
I have stayed my heart on thee;
storms may howl and clouds may gather;
all must work for good to me.

6. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heav'n's eternal days before thee;
God's own hand shall guide thee there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
hope shall change to glad fruition,
faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *Come, Ye Disconsolate* by Thomas Hastings (1816), set to
CONSOLATOR (ALMA) by Samuel Webbe (1792)

<i>Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel: here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal.</i>	<i>Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying, "Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot cure."</i>
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Sermon Outline

Through Many Tribulations....

Acts 14:19–28

I. Paul's Tribulation (v.19, 22)

- Christ's Tribulation (John 19:1–6, Romans 8:16–17)
- The Tribulation of Aging (Job 1:21, 2 Corinthians 12:8–10)
- The Value of Tribulation: Being weaned off dependence upon our strengths and treasure as we depend more and more on the Lord's strength and provision (2 Corinthians 12:8–10; Philippians 3:8, Mark 8:5)

II. God's Deliverance (v.20)

III. Paul's Response to Tribulation & God's Deliverance (v.20–28, Philippians 4:8–20)

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'n - ly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy 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, 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, Philip Lee, and Fleet Lawrence
- Deacons: Nathanael Achor, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts, Jesse Coleman, Kyle Lee, and Joshua Vaughan
- 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.



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 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 is serving her third year 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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