CHRIST
Presbyterian Church
BURKE

Lord’s Day Worship

November 1, 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: *How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*, Psalm 32 from the 1912 Psalter, set to RUTHERFORD by Chrétien Urhan (1734)

How blest is he whose trespass
hath freely been forgiv'n,
whose sin is wholly covered
before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah
will not impute his sin,
who hath a guileless spirit,
whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence,
my strength was spent with grief;
thy hand was heavy on me,
my soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass,
my sin hid not from thee,
when I confessed transgression,
then thou forgavest me.

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:10–11

Minister: [10] According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

Church: **[11] For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

HYMN OF ADORATION

404 The Church's One Foundation



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



5. '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.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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' CREED[2]

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.

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[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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:4–8, LEVITICUS 19:17–18

4 “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD
your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And
these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach
them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. 8 You
shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between
your eyes.

17 “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with
your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance
or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your
neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION[5]

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)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: MICAH 7:18–19

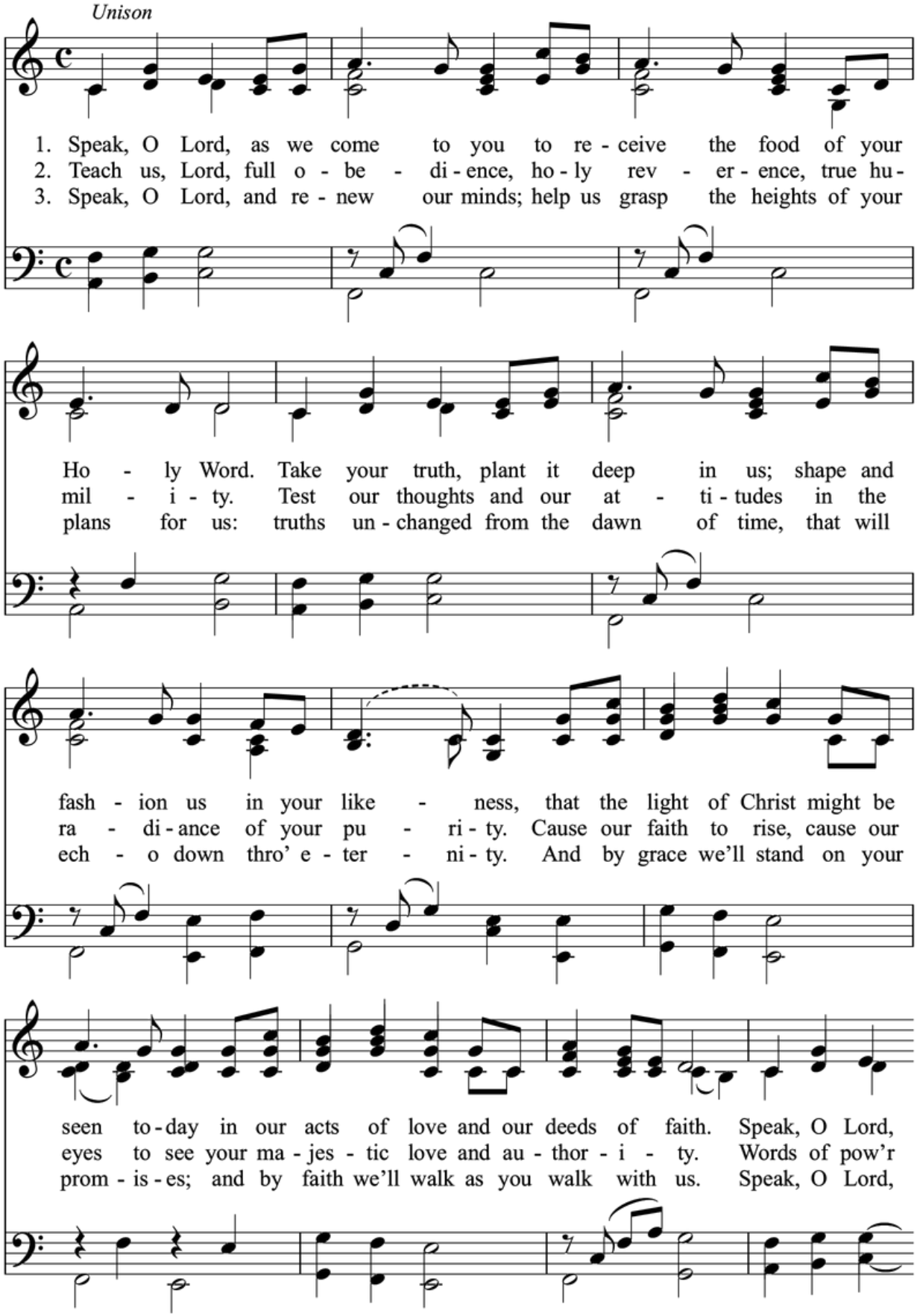
Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the
remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he
delights in steadfast love. 19 He will again have compassion on us; he will tread
our iniquities underfoot.You will cast all our sins into the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

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[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.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

172 Speak, O Lord





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SPEAK O LORD 8.10.8.10.10.10.8.10.
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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 15:1–29 NKJV

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." [2] Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

[3] So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. [4] And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. [5] But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

[6] Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. [7] And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. [8] So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, [9] and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. [10] Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? [11] But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles
and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. 13 And after they had become silent,
James answered, saying, “Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first
visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the
prophets agree, just as it is written:

> 16 ‘After this I will return
> And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;
> I will rebuild its ruins,
> And I will set it up;
> 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,
> Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,
> Says the Lord who does all these things.’

18 “Known to God from eternity are all His works. 19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those
from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things
polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses has
had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues
every Sabbath.”

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own
company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and
Silas, leading men among the brethren.

23 They wrote this letter by them:
The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,
To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:
Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling
your souls, saying, “You must be circumcised and keep the law”—to whom we gave no such
commandment— 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to
you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ. 27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word
of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than
these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things
strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

PREACHING OF GOD’S WORD

The Decision of the Jerusalem Council

Scott Hatch

Ruling Elder

HYMN OF RESPONSE

For All The Saints

Words by William H. How
Music by Christopher Miner
Arranged by Joel Littlepage



4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

6. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Alleluia.

Sermon Notes

The Decision of the Jerusalem Council

Acts 15:1-29

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: *What Blessedness Belongs to Him,* words of Psalm 32 from the *Book of Psalms for Worship* (2009) set to the tune Resignation by William Walker (1835)

What blessedness belongs to him
who truly is forgiv'n,
for whom transgressions have been cleared,
and covered is his sin.
How blessed is the one the LORD
accuses not of sin,
the man without deceit and guile,
whose heart is pure within.

I languished, silent in my guilt;
my days were filled with groans.
Your hand on me pressed day and night,
and heat dried up my bones.
My trespasses to you I owned,
hid not my wickedness;
I said, "I will before the LORD
transgressions now confess."

You pardoned my iniquity
and took my guilt away;
and therefore while you may be found,
let godly people pray.
The gush of torrents will not harm;
you hide me, give me peace.
You keep me safe, surrounding me
with songs of my release.

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



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 2nd and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
  - Sunday Small Group meets on 2nd 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 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 Woo is serving in 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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