



# CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**The Lord's Service**  
January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Messenger  
Mark 1:1

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Blessings to you this Lord's Day! We are thankful that you have joined us this morning for worship. At Christ Presbyterian we want to experience the fullness of our union with Him as his people. This leads us to grow in our understanding and application of life In Christ, life in His Church and life in Mission.

**Life In Christ** - Each Sunday we gather together for God honoring worship, knowing that worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of all who come to know God by his grace, through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Through songs, prayer, preaching and sacraments, we proclaim Christ and life in Him.

**Life in His Church** - As the church of Christ we are called to meaningfully love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, serve alongside one another and in all things seek to build one another up into Christ who is Head of His Church. Belonging to Christ and his church provides us with the blessings of life in community. Here at Christ Pres. we enjoy not only our weekly worship on the Lord's Day, but also more personal times of life together in hospitality, close knit fellowship and shared study. In addition, these are times to welcome friends and neighbors within our community into hospitality and to share with them the grace of Christ.

**Life In Mission** - Reaching others with the gospel both locally and globally is at the heart of Christ Presbyterian Church. As the church, we are called to be faithful to the Great Commission, reaching those apart from Christ with the gospel of grace both locally and globally through intentional acts of service and cooperative support with those serving in missions.

If you're visiting, we're glad you're here and if you would like to learn more about life together at Christ Presbyterian I would be happy connect more personally and to share with you what God is doing here.

May God be praised and honored this Lord's Day.

In Christ,

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS  
US TO  
WORSHIP

## REFLECTION

“If John the Baptist is seen by Mark to be the messenger and forerunner prophesied by Isaiah, then Jesus must be directly equated with God, for what was originally described by Isaiah as the coming of Yahweh is in Mark transferred to the coming of Jesus.”

| **R. Alan Cole**, *Lecturer in Old Testament, Moore Theological College*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE + PREPARATION

❖ PLEASE STAND  
AS ABLE

Our worship begins with a scriptural call for God's people to worship. In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between Himself and His people.

The congregation speaks the print in bold.

The prayer of invocation begins worship by inviting God's presence and preparing us to encounter His redeeming grace with reverence and unity.

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

**PSALM 104**

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works,

**Who looks upon the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

## ❖ INVOCATION

## ❖ HYMN **O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus** (Next Page)

# O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Em 3 Bsus Em G Em Am B Em

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured, bound - less, free,  
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from shore to shore!  
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - 'ry love the best;

Em 3 Bsus Em G Em Am B Em

roll - ing as a might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me.  
 How he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more!  
 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest.

G 3 Dsus Em Bsus Em Dsus Em B

Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love;  
 How he watch - eth o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;

Em 3 Bsus Em G Em Am B Em

lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 how for them he in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis, 1898  
 Music: Thomas John Williams, 1897

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GOD  
CLEANSES  
US

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not in shame to consider our sins.

God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into His renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. **This is the good news.**

The call to grateful obedience invites us to respond to God's mercy with lives shaped by grace. Having confessed our sin and received the assurance of pardon, we now turn toward faithful living—not to earn His favor, but to reflect His love with joy and purpose.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**I JOHN 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Praise be to God.**

**CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE**

As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **2 Peter 3:17-18**, *“You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”*

For this is God's will for you in Christ.

**Amen.**

❖ **HYMN O Great God**

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# O Great God

1. O great God of high - est heav'n, Oc - cu - py my low - ly heart.  
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, Had no ears to hear Your voice.  
3. Help me now to live a life That's de - pend - ent on Your grace.

Own it all and reign su - preme, Con - quer ev - 'ry re - bel pow'r.  
Did not know Your love with - in, Had no taste for heav - en's joys.  
Keep my heart and guard my soul From the e - vils that I face.

Let no vice or sin re - main That re - sists Your ho - ly war.  
Then Your Spir - it gave me life, O - pened up Your Word to me,  
You are wor - thy to be praised With my ev - 'ry thought and deed.

You have loved and pur - chased me, Make me Yours for - ev - er - more.  
Through the gos - pel of Your Son, Gave me end - less hope and peace.  
O great God of high - est heav'n, Glo - ri - fy Your Name through me.

WORDS AND MUSIC: Bob Kauflin

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GOD  
CONSECRATES  
US

Our giving is an act  
of worship; it is  
both a response to  
God's generosity  
toward us and a  
sign of faith in  
God's future  
provision.

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**...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.**

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING & PRAYER**

**Most merciful Father, as Jesus Christ came as your servant, teach us to serve you as you deserve; to give without holding back; to labor and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

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## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

New Testament Reading: Luke 1:5-17

Sermon Text: Mark 1:1

The Word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:** The Messenger

## ❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

## THE NICENE CREED

Following the sermon, we profess the Nicene Creed as a shared declaration of faith, rooted in the gospel we have just heard. This ancient confession unites us with believers across time and place, affirming the core truths of God's redemptive work in Christ and anchoring our lives in His story of grace.

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

Communion is a holy sacrament of the Church. The word, "sacraments" is a translation of a greek word which means "mystery".

Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the Church that God uses to powerfully nourish our faith. Communion is not just a ritual or a memorial, it is a fellowship with the risen Christ.

We invite all who are baptized Christians and members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, the pastor or elder will be available to serve you where you are. (Baptized Children can only eat and drink after they have made a profession of faith approved by the Session. If you would like to know more, please reach out to the pastor or one of the elders.)

For those not communing, we are so glad you're here!

We invite you, including non-communing children, to come forward and receive a gospel blessing.

Or feel free to remain in your seat to sing joyfully with the congregation or meditate in prayer.

The prayers in the bulletin may help you in your prayers.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is served weekly at Christ Presbyterian. Note that the bread is gluten-free and non-alcoholic wine is available in the colored cups in the center of both trays.*

### THE INVITATION

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister prays...

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION

**[ Hymn during distribution: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Next Page)]**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

D G6 A7 Dsus D G

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

D/F# E7 A A7 D

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

D G6 G#dim7 D/A A7sus D

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!

A D B Em A7

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

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923  
 Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

11 10 11 10 with refrain

D A/E E7 A A7 D

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

D G6 G#dim7 D/A A7sus D

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

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**

Please use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect and respond to what God is doing in your life.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING**

“Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, teach me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

“Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

“Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

# Nothing but the Blood

G D7 G

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 2. Noth-ing can for sin a - tone, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 3. This is all my hope and peace, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
 4. Glo - ry! Glo - ry! This I sing: noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;

G D7 G

what can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 naught of good that I have done, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 this is all my righ-teous-ness, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
 all my praise for this I bring, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

G D G D7 G

Oh! pre-cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;

G D G G D7 G

no oth - er fount I know, noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Words & Music: Robert Lowry, 1876

PLAINFIELD  
77 with refrain

GOD  
COMMISSIONS  
US

Our worship  
concludes with  
God's sending us  
into the world with  
his blessing as we  
seek to love our  
community in the  
power of the Spirit.

❖ **HYMN** **Nothing But the Blood**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

... and all God's people...

**Amen!**

❖ **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.*



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