



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Service

January 18th, 2026

John's Baptism

Mark 1:1-8

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,

Pastor Adam Thomas

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Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

REFLECTION

“Mark’s Gospel is full of important information which will help us to understand what Jesus said and did, what his life was really like, and who he claimed to be. It is the earliest reliable record we have about him. For that reason, understanding Mark’s Gospel is a major step in coming to know, understand and believe in Jesus himself.”

|Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, *Author and Pastor*

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 67

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

❖ INVOCATION

❖ HYMN **Come Christians, Join to Sing**
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Come, Christians, Join to Sing

G C G G C Dsus G

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 3. Sing this sal - va - tion song, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 4. Lift high the Sav - ior's name, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

G C G G C Dsus G

Loud praise to Christ our King, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 Christ on the cross has won, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 Till all the earth pro - claims, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

G C D G Am7 D

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He who made all things well formed us his praise to tell;
 Praise we the ris - en Lord; come, run through mer - cy's door;
 Let now the gos - pel ring, Christ for the world we sing;

G C D G C Dsus G

praise is his gra - cious choice, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 hear now the an - them swell, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 loved, res - cued, and re - stored, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!
 the world to Christ we bring, al - le - lu - ia, a - men!

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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 and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus Christ our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness that shrouds our lives. Illumined by your Word and sacrament, may we rise to the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I JOHN 2:1-2

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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 **Philippians 3:13-16**, *"But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that to you also. Only let us hold true to what we have attained."*

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

Amen.

❖ **HYMN Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

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Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture
 4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for he has

more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my righ - teous - ness and
 side, the Sav - ior, he will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
 said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will re -

free - dom, my stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace.
 joic - ing, for in my need his pow - er is dis - played.
 par - don, and he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave.
 new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is
 To this I hold: my Shep - herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry

D/F# A D Em7
 whol-ly bound to his. Oh, how strange and di - vine, I can
 val - ley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I
 ev - er is my plea. Oh, the chains are re - leased, I can
 ev - er - more to him. When the race is com - plete, still my

 D/F# G D/A A D
 sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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

In the name of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, a joyful heart, and obedient hands; through Christ we pray. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 63:7-14

New Testament Reading: John 3:22-36

Sermon Text: Mark 1:1-8

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: John's Baptism

❖ 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: Crown Him with Many Crowns (Next Page)]

Crown Him with Many Crowns

D Bm G D A

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,
 3. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en-throned in worlds a - bove;

D Bm E A/C# A/E Esus A

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall;

D/F# G Em7 D G Asus D

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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 Music: George Elvey, 1868

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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.”

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, Bear - ing all the

ev - ery grain of sand? King and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
 an - y of His words? Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
 guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal hum - bled to the grave;

Chorus
 All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our
 Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
 Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!

God seat - ed on His throne; Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our
 King! Noth - ing can com - pare; Come, let us a - dore Him!

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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 Behold Our God**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

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

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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