



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Service
March 1st, 2026

Power and Compassion
Mark 1:29-34

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

“James 2:19 shows that such grudging acceptance of God by the demons as an unwelcome reality is far apart from true Christian faith: though demons may well admit, they do not trust, but only shudder. That is not the biblical ‘fear of the Lord’ (Ps. 19:9).”

| R. Alan Cole, lecturer at Moore Theological College, Sydney

Q. “What is God?”

God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

| Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 4

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 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

❖ INVOCATION

❖ HYMN **Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken** (Next Page)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

E \flat E \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat F \flat m/A \flat B \flat

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e - ter-nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta-tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap-pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi-on's cit - y I through grace a mem-ber am,

E \flat E \flat sus B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat F \flat m/A \flat B \flat

He whose word can - not be bro-ken formed thee for his own a - bode.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh-ters and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov-'ring, show-ing that the Lord is near.
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in thy name.

B \flat E \flat /G C \flat m F7 B \flat

On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows their thirst t'as-suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban-ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing is the world-ling's plea-sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;

E \flat /G A \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat /G A \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat

With sal - va-tion's walls sur-round-ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 Grace, which like the Lord, the Giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man-na which he gives them when they pray.
 sol - id joys and last-ing trea-sures none but Zi - on's chil-dren know.

Words: John Newton, 1775
 Music: Joseph Haydn, 1797

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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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

So long, Lord, have I lived in this world of yours, which you made, and not I, as if I might do in it, and with myself, what I pleased! I have usurped upon your unquestionable right in me, have lived to myself and not to you; I am now convinced this was a very undutiful, unlawful way of living. Turn me and I shall be turned; you are the Lord my God. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

GALATIANS 6:14-16

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Praise be to God.

CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

Call To Grateful Obedience: As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **Hebrews 10:19-25**, *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is through his flesh, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

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

Amen.

❖ **HYMN O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer**
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O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

F Bb2 F Bb

1. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, great-est trea - sure of my long - ing
2. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, strong De - fend - er of my wea - ry
3. O Lord, my Rock and my Re-deem - er, gra - cious Sav - ior of my ru - ined

C F C/E Dm F/A Bb

soul, my God, like you there is no oth - er; true de - light is
heart, my sword to fight the cruel de - ceiv - er, and my shield a -
life; my guilt and cross laid on your shoul - ders; in my place you

C F Bb Dm7 Csus

found in you a - lone. Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om;
gainst his hate - ful darts. My song when en - e - mies sur - round me,
suf - ered, bled, and died. You rose—the grave and death are con - quered!

Bb Dm7 C F C/E

your love ex - ceeds the heav - ens' reach; your truth, a fount of
my hope when tides of sor - row rise, my joy when tri - als
You broke my bonds of sin and shame! O Lord, my Rock and

Dm Bb F/C C F

per - fect wis - dom, my high - est good, and my un - end - ing need.
are a - bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my ref - uge in the night.
my Re - deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

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

Merciful God, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know the riches of your love in Christ. Amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

New Testament Reading: Matthew 4:23-25

Sermon Text: Mark 1:29-34

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Power and Compassion

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❖ 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: Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah]
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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

G G/B G Dsus G C

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

G/D D G G G/B G Dsus G

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent; land me

C Dsus G D G

with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

G/B D G C Dsus G

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my Strength and Shield; be thou still my Strength and Shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams, 1762; tr. st. 1, Peter Williams, 1771; sts. 2-3, William Williams, 1772
 Music: John Hughes, 1907

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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.”

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 It is Well**

❖ **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.*

It Is Well with My Soul

C G7 C Am

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! My sin, not in
 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

Am/C Dsus G C C/E F A7/E Dm D7

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

G C/E F C/G G C C

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend; ev - en so, it is well with my soul.

G G C F C/G G C

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul!
 well with my soul;

Words: Horatio G. Spafford, 1876
 Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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