



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Service

May 10th, 2026

The Apostles

Mark 3:13-21

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

“Any serious search for salvation is subject to the question: who knows if it is true? For Luther, God’s promise became the only life-sustaining answer that could provide certainty: the just shall live by faith.”

| Heiko A. Oberman, Luther

“So then, to be “in Christ” is to be personally, vitally, organically related to him. In this sense, to be mature is to have a mature relationship with Christ in which we worship, trust, love and obey him.”

| John Stott, The Radical Disciple

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.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 15:3-4

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

❖ INVOCATION

❖ HYMN **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** (Next Page)

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

G Em C Am7 Dsus G

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion;
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-vel-ous wis-dom hath made thee,
 4. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy hand and de-fend thee;
 5. Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

G Em C Am7 Dsus G

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion.
 shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth.
 decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and stayed thee.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him.

G C G D

All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw near:
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been
 How oft in grief hath he not brought thee re - lief,
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain,

G/B Em Dsus D G

join me in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion!
 grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
 spread - ing his wings for to shade thee!
 if with his love he be - friend thee.
 glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. sts. 1-2, 4-5, Catherine Winkworth, 1863;
 st. 3, *The Lutheran Hymnary*, 1913 | Music: *Ander Theil des Erneuerten Gesangbuchs*,
 pt. 2. 1665. alt.: harm. W. Sterndale Bennett. 1863

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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

Merciful God, we humble ourselves before You, for You see the secrets of every heart. You know how often we try to make a name for ourselves; we build towers of pride and trust in our own strength. We chase unity for our glory, not Yours. We seek power, not peace. We fear the unknown, so we settle for complacency and comfort. Forgive us, Lord, for using our words to divide, not to heal. For resisting and quenching Your Spirit. We have broken the first commandment: We have had other gods—especially ourselves. Have mercy upon us, O God. Scatter our pride and gather us by Your Spirit. Let every tongue in our midst proclaim the glory of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray, Amen

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I JOHN 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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 **I Corinthians 13:1-8**, *“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.”*

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

Amen.

❖ **HYMN Christ is Mine Forevermore**
(Next Page)

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

B \flat Gm F/A B \flat

1. Mine are days that God has num-bered; I was made to walk with him.
 2. Mine are tears in times of sor - row, dark-ness not yet un - der - stood.
 3. Mine are days here as a stran - ger, pil - grim on a nar - row way.

B \flat Gm F/A B \flat

Yet I look for world-ly trea - sure and for - sake the King of kings.
 Through the val - ley I must trav - el where I see no earth-ly good.
 One with Christ I will en - coun - ter harm and ha - tred for his name.

B \flat /D E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat F F/A B \flat

But mine is hope in my Re - deem - er; though I fall, his love is sure.
 But mine is peace that flows from heav - en, and the strength in times of need.
 But mine is ar - mor for this bat - tle, strong e - nough to last the war.
 Tag: And mine are keys to Zi - on's cit - y where be - side the King I walk.

B \flat /D E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat F ^{3rd time to Bridge} B \flat

For Christ has paid for ev - 'ry fail - ing; I am his for - ev - er - more.
 I know my pain will not be wast - ed; Christ com - pletes his work in me.
 And he has said he will de - liv - er safe - ly to the gold - en shore.
 For there my heart has found its treas - ure: Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

Bridge, 2 times Bb Bb/D Eb Bb F

Come re - joyce now, O my soul, for his love is my re - ward.

Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine for - ev - er - more.

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GOD
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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

Everything good in heaven and earth comes from you, most glorious Lord. We give you only what is yours and ask that it be fruitful for the Gospel. May you be praised forever and ever, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 41

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:15-20

Sermon Text: Mark 3:13-21

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: The Apostles

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.

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.

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

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: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee –
For the Beauty of the Earth] (Next Page)**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays; stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother— all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, draws us through the Son of Man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us onward in the triumph song of life.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n: graces human and Divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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.”

How Great Thou Art

B \flat Eb

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der and hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion and take me

B \flat /F F7 B \flat B \flat

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees, when I look down from loft-y
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my bur-den
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble

E \flat B \flat /F F7 B \flat

roll-ing thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played.
moun-tain gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze,
glad-ly bear-ing, he bled and died to take a-way my sin.
ad-o-ra-tion, and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

B \flat E \flat B \flat F

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee: how great thou art,

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how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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❖ **HYMN How Great Thou Art**

❖ **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.

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.



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