

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 2025

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*Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.*

# Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day January 5, 2025

## Welcome and Announcements

*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9-10, 17

Minister: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**All: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he...and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth...For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!**

### How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word  
What more can He say than to you He hath said  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with thee O be not dismayed  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid  
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous omnipotent hand

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie  
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply  
The flames shall not hurt thee I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not I will not desert to its foes  
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake  
I'll never no never no never forsake

## Prayer of Invocation

### 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. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, amen, amen

### Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 85-87

Minister: What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

**All: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.**

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

**All: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

Minister: What is repentance unto life?

**All: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.**

## Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
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## Call to Confession

James 1:13-15

“Let no one say when he is tempted, ‘I am being tempted by God,’ for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.”

## Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Most merciful God and Father, we cherish the blessed memory of the death and sufferings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We ask that by your grace you will so work in our hearts, through the Holy Spirit, that with true confidence we might give ourselves up more and more unto him. Empower us to no longer live in our sins, knowing that he lives in us, and we in him. May we truly be partakers of the new and everlasting covenant of grace. May we not doubt that you will forever be our gracious Father, who does not count the guilt of our sins to us, and who provides us with all that we need for body and soul, as your dear children and heirs. Grant us your grace, that we may take up our cross cheerfully, deny ourselves, confess our sins, and in all tribulation look unto Christ who is faithful to nourish and cleanse us with his body and blood, who is true God and true man. In his holy name we pray, Amen.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Acts 10:43

“To him [Jesus Christ] all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### All: Thanks be to God!

## **Psalm 32**

(Tune of "The Church's One Foundation")

How blest are they whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n  
Whose sins are wholly covered before the sight of heav'n  
Blest they to whom the LORD God does not impute their sin  
Who have a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief  
Your hand was heavy on me; my soul found no relief  
But when I owned my trespass and did not hide my sin  
Then you forgave my guilt, LORD, restored my life within

So let the godly seek Thee in time when Thou art near  
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear  
In Thee, O Lord, I hide me, Thou savest me from ill  
And songs of Thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill

"I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go  
And with My eye upon thee My counsel make thee know  
But be ye not unruly or slow to understand  
Be not perverse, but willing to heed My wise command"

**Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Jim Williamson

### **Tithes and Offerings**

#### **The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Preaching of God's Word**

Rev. Nolan Williamson

#### **"One in Christ"**

Galatians 3:26-29

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*See insert for liturgy*

### **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue  
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright

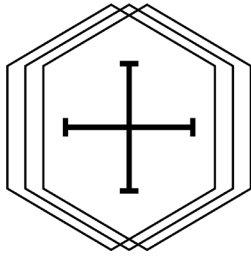
Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest  
Oh, it is not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me  
Oh, ytwere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, with Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine  
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine

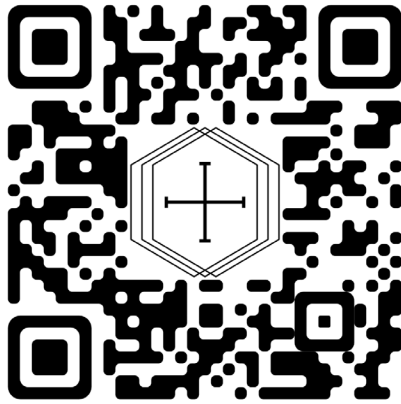
Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer  
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise

### **Benediction**



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## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center  
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