

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 6, 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 April 6, 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

Isaiah 42:10-12

Minister: "Sing to the Lord a new song."

**All: "His praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands."**

## 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  
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness, in health  
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth  
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea  
As thy days may demand, shall My strength ever be

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

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go  
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress”

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to break  
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**

WSC Q&A 35 & 2 Cor. 7:1

Minister: What is sanctification?

**All: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.**

**All: Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.**

## His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### *Chorus 2x*

## Call to Confession

1 Timothy 1:15

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost."

## Confession of Sin

Adapted from John Calvin's 'Form of Church Prayers'

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments.**

**Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true penitence, beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress. Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness and righteousness well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

1 Timothy 1:16-17

“But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.”

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

#### **All: Thanks be to God!**

#### **Psalm 32**

How blest are they whose trespass  
Has freely been forgiv'n  
Whose sin 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. Brandt Kieschnick

### **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. Dr. Stafford Carson

**"Let All the Peoples Praise You"**

Psalm 67

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

*See insert for liturgy*

### **Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding**

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding  
Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories  
Let my soul for ever dwell

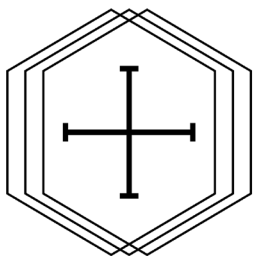
What from Christ that soul can sever  
Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him for ever  
Thus the eternal covenant stands  
None shall take Thee  
From the Strength of Israel's hands

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus  
Long ere time its race begun  
To His name eternal praises  
O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus  
By eternal union one

On such love, my soul, still ponder  
Love so great, so rich, so free  
Say, while lost in holy wonder  
Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah!  
Grace shall reign

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Grace shall reign eternally.

### **Benediction**



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