

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025

*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 May 18, 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

Psalms 99:2-3, 5

Minister: "The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples."

**People: "Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!...
Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!"**

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay
For we can only wonder at every gift You send
At blessings without number and mercies without end
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word
We honour and adore You our great and mighty Lord

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord Most High
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free
And we through him are given the final victory

Then hear O gracious Saviour accept the love we bring
That we who know Your favour may serve You as our king
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise

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

The Westminster Creed; Part 1

Minister: What do we believe?

All: I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever; I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us how to glorify and enjoy God. I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee
I give thee back the life I owe
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be

O light that followest all my way
I yield my flickering torch to thee
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I cannot close my heart to thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head
I dare not ask to fly from thee
I lay in dust life's glory dead
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We know too well those things which you have called us to do and those things which we are to run from. Yet in rebellion we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us Lord! We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. We beg you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, give grace to those who confess their faults, restore those who turn away from sin, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. We forsake trust in anything other than the Lord Jesus Christ as He is offered to us in the Gospel. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Psalm 130:4-7

“But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.”

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 113

Hallelujah! Raise, O raise
To the LORD our song of praise!
Praise, O servants of the LORD
Praise the name of God the LORD

From this time and evermore
Bless the name of God the LORD
From the sunrise to its rest
May the name of God be blest

Far above the nations high
Glorious far above the sky
Who is like the LORD on high
Gazing down on earth and sky?

From the dust he lifts the low
From the ash heap takes the poor
Makes them with the princes stand
With the princes of the land

He gives barren women sons
Blessing them with happy homes
Filled with joyful motherhood
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Intercession

Dr. Mike Kirkwood

Tithes and Offering

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

"Only the Cross"

Galatians 6:11-18

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn

In the suffering in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won

Deeper still then goes the anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow O my soul now
Lift your eyes to Calvary

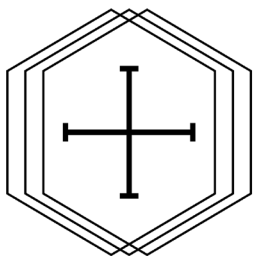
This my ballast of assurance
See His love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
And we draw our final breath

We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secured
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endured

Christ the shore of our salvation
Ever faithful ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Benediction



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