CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 14, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023 — Ten-Thirty O'Clock

**At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit*

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service

Nursery is available as needed, please text/call 234-262-0016.
Children's church (age 3-5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people, sing! *Ps. 66:8, 9; Acts 17:24*
People: Let the sound of praise ring out.
Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,
People: the Lord who has made everything!

***Hymn #267** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Madrid

***Prayer of the Day**

Loving God, *Acts 17:28; 1 Pet. 3:15;*
in whom we live and move and have our being, *John 14:15–21*
help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus,
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope
that is within us, sharing Christ's love in the world. **Amen**.

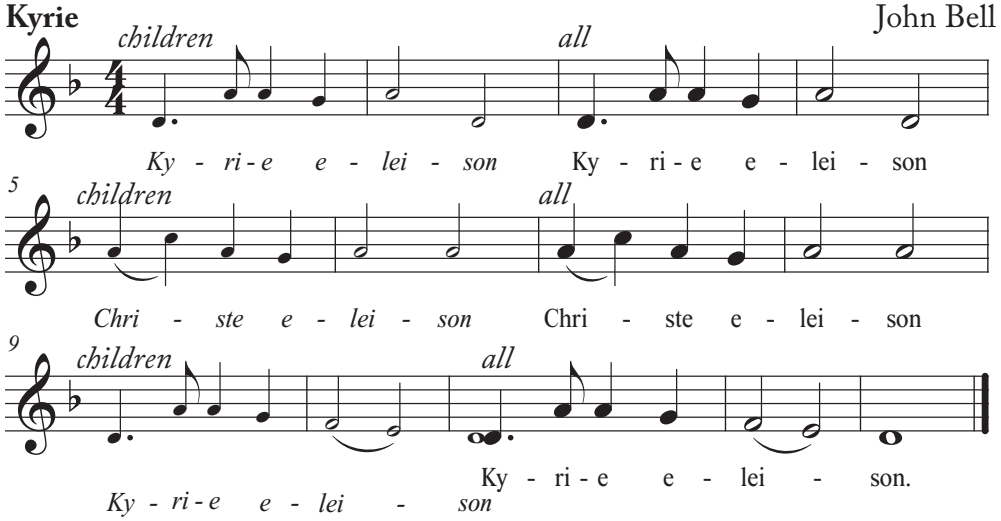
Call to Confession

Brother and sisters, *Ps. 66:20; Acts 17:30*
God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness.
Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Loving God,we do not always keep your commandments; *1 Pet. 3:16, 21*
we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. *John 14:15, 21*
Wash us in the water of life that we may live again
through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

Kyrie John Bell



***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, *1 Pet. 3:21, 22*
God forgives, restores, and strengthens us *John 14:16, 18*
through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Gloria: Hymn #585** Machu-Pichu

Anthem "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Anna Laura Page
Children's Choir

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children *and* Distribution of Fifth Grade Bibles

Following the children's message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit-side door for Kids' Church. They can be picked up in the lower level following the service.

Prayer for Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: *John 14:16, 17*
Open our hearts and minds this day.
Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Psalm 66:8–20
"Bless Our God, O Peoples"

Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible pp. 459–60
People:	**Thanks be to God**	Large Print Bible p. 650

Anthem "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you for ever, ev'n the spirit of truth.

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 3:13–22
"The Newness of Spirit"

Leader:	The Word of the Lord	Pew Bible p. 985
People:	**Thanks be to God**	Large Print Bible p. 284

Sermon "Eager to Do What Is Good" Rev. Ben George
"...But in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord" (1 Peter 3:15a)

Our Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed,* p. 35

Prayers of the People *and* the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Come Away to the Skies" Alice Parker

Come away to the skies, My beloved arise
And rejoice in the day thou wast born,
On this festival day come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return
We have laid up our love and our treasures above,
Though our bodies continue below;
The redeemed of the Lord shall remember His word,
And with singing to Paradise go.
Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,
And His rapturous praises repeat;
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
Sing all heaven, and fall at His feet.

***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

O loving God, we give you thanks *1 Pet. 3:16*
that you have placed in the hearts of your faithful people *John 14:15–21*
the gift of generosity and the desire to keep your commands.
Bless these gifts and use them to reveal to all tribes, nations, and peoples your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Senior Recognition

Minute for Mission

Maquitta Stokes, Tiqvah

***Closing Hymn #702** "Christ Be Beside Me" Bunessan

***Benediction**

Response: "God Be With You" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Voluntary "Fugue in D Major," BWV 532 J. S. Bach

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of May 14, 2023

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together…separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings: Worship texts for May 21, 2023

Mon: Acts 1:6–14	Thurs: John 17:1–11
Tues: Psalm 68:1–10	Fri: Acts 1:6–14
Wed: 1 Peter 4:12–14, 5:6–11	Sat: Psalm 68:1–10

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication
Becoming Familiar with Holy Scripture (If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of Scripture)
The New Covenant is Predicted (Jeremiah 31)

Preparing for Sunday, May 21, 2023—Consecration Sunday
Consider: Where have you experienced God's welcome in your life? Where have you experienced God's welcome in your church? If we are to be one with Christ, as Christ is one with God, how can your church become a more compelling witness to God's radical invitation to homecoming?

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible through generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church.

The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of family by Elizabeth Wilson.

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Charles Ash
Becky Banfield
David Hudson
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Bert Smith
Byrdie Stocker
Adam Wiggins

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Crucifer: Ava Skolnik

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Activities for the Week of May 14, 2023

Sunday, May 14, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00–9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir (Choir Room)
9:00 a.m.	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15–10:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	TAG Luncheon (Westminster Hall)
6:00 p.m.	Session Ministry (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (Parlor)

Thursday

9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
7:15–9:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)

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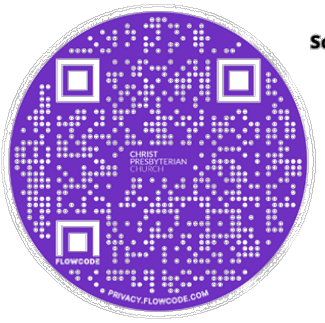
6:00 p.m.	End of Year Youth Pool Party



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