CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 21, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 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 "A Festive Peal" Karen Thompson
Christ Church Ringers

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship *Ps. 68:1–10, 32–35*

Leader: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
People: Let us all be jubilant with joy!
Leader: Sing to God, all peoples of the world.
Sing praises to God most high.
People: From the sanctuary of heaven,
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.
Leader: Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
People: And let our voices join theirs!

***Hymn #266** "Joy to the World" Richmond

***Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Redeeming God,
you call us to be one with you,
as you are one with Christ.
People: As his perfect love casts out our fear,
and changes it to love,
unite us by your Spirit of peace,
that we may be one with you,
as you are one with Christ. Amen.

Call to Confession *1 Pet. 5:7*

Brother and sisters,
God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.
Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Loving God,
we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name.
We are rebellious and weak;
we flee before your goodness.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn #577 Kyrie Eleison (Reindorf)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers, *1 Pet. 4:14; 5:6–10*
the Spirit of God is resting on you,
to restore, support, and strengthen you.
Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you;
rise up and give God thanks.
Alleluia! Amen!

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn #258, vs. 5** Deo Gracias

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.

Children are now invited to come forward.

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Message for Children

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

Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God, *1 Pet. 4:14; 5:10;*
bless us with a word of life this day *John 17:11*
to restore, support, and strengthen us
as we seek to be one with you. **Amen**.

First Reading Acts 1:6–14

"The Ascension of Jesus"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 884–85
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 143

Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12–14, 5:6–11

"Suffering and Humility"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 986
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible pp. 285–86

Hymn #264 "At the Name of Jesus" King's Weston

Gospel Reading John 17:1–11

"Jesus Prays for His Disciples"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 879
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 136

Hymn #692, vs. 3 "Spirit, Open My Heart" Wild Mountain Thyme

Sermon "The Stewardship of the Church" Rev. Dave de Vries

"I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do."

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/Consecration of Our 2023–24 Pledges

Offertory Anthem "God is Gone Up" Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing Praise, Sing Praise, Sing Praises out,
Unto our King, sing praise seraphicwise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in
Me thinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend,
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend;
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Hymn #708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Schumann

***Prayer of Dedication**

Glorious God, everything that is given to us *Ps. 68:9;*
rains forth out of the abundance of your love, *John 17:1–17*
even Jesus Christ our Lord.
Bless these gifts and our lives together
that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;
in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Closing Hymn #270** "O Lord, You Are My God & King" Jerusalem

***Benediction**

Response: "God Be with You" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of May 21, 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 2:1–21	Thurs: John 20:19–23
Tues: Psalm 104:24–32, 35b	Fri: Acts 2:1–21
Wed: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	Sat: Psalm 104:24–32, 35b

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 28, 2023—Pentecost Sunday
Consider: What prophetic word for the community has God given to you? In what ways do you struggle with conflicts between your way of life and the prophetic word God would have you proclaim to others? How are the acts of God manifest in your life and witness?

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

The flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Jim Maier's 56th Birthday from his mom and his brothers, Paul and Greg.

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David Hudson
Nancy Okonak
Bert Smith
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Water Bearer: Amelia Chenevey
Crucifer: Taylor McCarty

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Activities for the Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday, May 21, 2023—Stewardship Sunday

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 a.m.	Sharing Israel Stories (Westminster Hall)
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:30 a.m.	Congregational Photo (outside, weather permitting)
6:00 p.m.	End of Year Youth Pool Party (Ava & Nathan's house)

Monday

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

Tuesday

11:15–12:15 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m.	Special Session Ministry (Parlor)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
8:00 a.m.	Food, Clothing, and Prayer Ministry
1:00 p.m.	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
6:00 p.m.	The Open Table Small Group (Pine Room)
6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (Parlor)

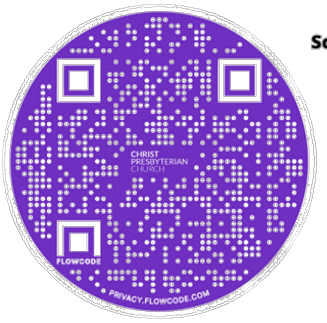
Thursday

9:30–11:00 a.m	Women's Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
6:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Banquet

Sunday, May 28, 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, May 29, 2023—Memorial Day
Church office/building closed



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