CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 23, 2023

The Order for Morning Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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 330-309-7794.
Children's church (age 3-5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary Fugue in D Major J. S. Bach

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, let us gather
to worship and praise God's name.
People: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart.
I will glorify your name forever! *Ps. 86:12*
Leader: For great is your steadfast love for me.
People: You have delivered my soul from the depths. *Ps. 86:13*
Leader: God says, "Know that I am with you and
will keep you wherever you go."

***Hymn #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Cwm Rhondda

***Prayer of the Day**

Leader: Sower of the Field, *Matt. 13:37*
continue to be gracious with us
People: that we may ripen into the children of God's realm *Matt. 13:38*
and live with you forever, shining like the sun *Matt. 13:43*
in God's heavenly home. Amen.

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other
those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, *Rom. 3:23*
all of which God already knows.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Abba, Father, *Rom. 8:15*
where we are in bondage to sin, set us free; *Rom. 8:21*
restore us as your children and joint heirs with Christ. *Rom. 8:16–17*
You are our hope. *Rom. 8:24*
Lead us in the way everlasting. Amen. *Ps. 139:24*

Kyrie: Hymn #576 Singapura

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

My fellow children of God, do not fear, *Rom. 8:15–16*
for our God is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. *Ps. 86:15*
God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast.
So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another. **Amen**!

***Gloria: Hymn #583** GLORIA (Berthier)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

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

Loving God, as we listen to your Word, by your Holy Spirit *Matt. 13:43*
lead our hearts in the way everlasting. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 44:6–8

"Who is Like Me?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 587
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 824

Epistle Reading Romans 8:18–25

"Future Glory"

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 919
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 192

Hymn #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
verses 1 and 2 only

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24–30

"Weeds among the Wheat"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 794–95
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible p. 17

Sermon Rev. Dave de Vries

"87, 38, 63, Hut, Hut Hike"

"So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." (*Romans 8:12–13*)

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 "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood
arr. Patrick Parrett & Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills,
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace, You give me in time of the storm.
You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to You. Amen.

***Doxology: Hymn #582** Glory to God (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**

Loving and ever-present God,
receive these tithes and offerings,
our worship,
and our lives to your service;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn #700** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'm Gonna Live

***Benediction**
Response: "Amen" Smallwood, Parrett, & Rao

Voluntary "Down by the Riverside" African-American Spiritual
arr. Marianne Kim

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of July 23, 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 July 30, 2023

Mon: 1 Kings 3:5–12	Thurs: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52
Tues: Psalm 119:129–36	Fri: 1 Kings 3:5–12
Wed: Romans 8:26–39	Sat: Psalm 119:129–36

Silent Meditation and Prayer (Listening for God's Voice in Scripture and Silence)
Prayers of the People (Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Preparing for Sunday, July 30, 2023
Consider: When God asks Solomon to make a wish, Solomon does not ask for longevity or wealth, but for the wisdom to discern what is right. What is the one wish that you would ask of God? What does God's response to Solomon reveal about the desires of our hearts and what is ultimate and lasting in God's eyes?

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Activities for the Week of July 23, 2023

Sunday, July 23, 2023

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Chapel)
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)
6:00 p.m.	Spirits and Spirituals (Barrel House)

Wednesday

8:00–9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
8:00 a.m.	Food and Clothing Ministry

Thursday

7:00 p.m.	Summer Family Outing: Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* (Stan Hywet)

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