CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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February 16, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025 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 in the Children's area on the lower level.
Children's church (age 3–5th grade) is available after the Children's sermon.

Assemble in God's Name

Voluntary "O Mensch bewein dein Sünde gross" J.S. Bach
("O Man, Bewail Thy Sins So Great")

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord. *Jer. 17:7–8*
People: They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
Leader: Baptized and freed, grounded in love, let us worship God.

***Hymn 409** "God Is Here!" Abbot's Leigh

Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)

God our Delight, *Ps. 1:1–2*
your word guides us in paths that are true.
We do not want to walk so long in sin
that we take our place among those opposed to your ways,
or settle down in the company of ridicule.
Watch over us, we pray, as we meditate on you day and night,
and we will be happy. Amen.

Call to Confession

The prophet Jeremiah says that God tests
our minds and searches our hearts,
because the condition of mind and heart affects actions.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us invite God to search us,
so that God might also lead us in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives
by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ.
Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
people who are poor and hungry; people who weep.
We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: Hymn 576 SINGAPURA

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

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Because Christ has been raised from the dead,
sin and death do not have the last word!

People: **Our faith is not in vain!**
Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon: Hymn 586** ALLELUIA 7

Alleluia…Alleluia!

Children are now invited to come forward

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the Children's sermon, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out for kids' church. Nursery continues to be available starting at 9 AM until the conclusion of worship.

Leader: Now let us bless each other.

Adults: **God be with you as you go.**

Children: *God be with you as you stay.*

Prayer for Illumination

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree,
let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish—
bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world.
In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. **Amen**

Hebrew Reading *"Judah's Sin and Punishment"* Jeremiah 17:5–10

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible p. 628

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible pp. 879–80

Epistle Reading *"The Resurrection of the Dead"* 1 Cor. 15:12–20

Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible pp. 935–36

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible p. 215

***Hymn 793** "O Christ, the Healer" ERHALT UNS, HERR

Gospel Reading *"Jesus Teaches and Heals"* Luke 6:17–26

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible p. 838

People: **Thanks be to God** Large Print Bible p. 78

Sermon "Fullness and Emptiness" Rev. Michael Wallace

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 "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" G.F. Handel
from *Messiah*
Jean Burnquist, *soprano*

I know that my redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the firstfruits of them that sleep.

***Doxology: Hymn 717** Pleading Savior

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing

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

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts we give
as tokens of our trust in you.
Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry,
and comfort those who weep; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

Minute for Mission: Jim and Cincy Camp

***Hymn 543** "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" Green Tyler

***Benediction**

Voluntary Prelude in A minor J.S. Bach

Today we welcome guest organist Paul Watkins

Daily Grace

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

Scripture Readings: Worship texts for February 23, 2025

Mon: Genesis 45:3–11, 15	Thurs: Luke 6:27–38
Tues: Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40	Fri: Genesis 45:3–11, 15
Wed: 1 Cor. 15:35–38, 42–50	Sat: Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40

Preparing for Sunday, February 23, 2025

Consider: How has God sent you to be a preserver of what is good and healthy?

How is your family living up to the wisdom that Joseph showed in caring for the people of Egypt and, eventually, even his own kin?

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Activities for the Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 am	Children's Music Time (various locations)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (various locations)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Chancel)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Bible Study (Parlor and Zoom)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Annual Ministry Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
9:15 AM	Endowment Meeting (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Thursday

9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study (Parlor)
7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

7:00 PM	Concert Series Event: Caroline Oltmanns, piano (Sanctuary)

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11:45 AM	Youth Group