CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 14, 2025

The Order for Morning Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 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 Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us bow before our Creator,
People: whose Spirit moves over desert and sea, *Jer. 4:11–12*
whose Word has the power to create, to judge, and to save.
Leader: Come, let us worship God.

***Hymn 34** "Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being" Rustington
verses 1 and 2 all • verse 3 upper voices • verse 4 lower voices • verse 5 all

***Prayer of the Day (*in unison*)**

Gracious God,
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day, you are Lord;
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm
and we dread the next news cycle—still, you are Lord.
Always you are creating, redeeming, sustaining.
Speak then your mercy into this place
until we discover the courage to open our eyes,
unclench our hands, and move toward our neighbor in need,
until all the world rises and moves with the rhythm of your grace;
for we long to honor the name of Jesus, by whose breath we pray.
Amen.

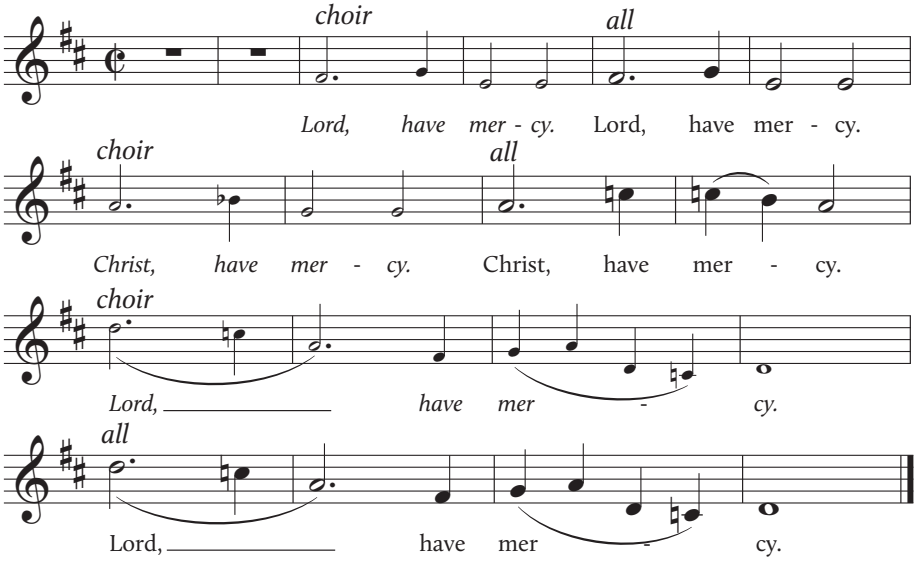
Call to Confession

Sisters and brothers, sacred siblings,
there is joy in the presence of the angels of God *Luke 15:10*
every time we turn toward our home
and remember whose we are.
With open hearts, let us pray.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Creator of the universe, *Jer. 4:12, 22; Ps. 14:1;*
we imagine that we are in familiar territory, *Luke 15:5*
that we know what to expect of this hour,
that we will leave much the way that we came.
Do not abandon us to our foolishness.
In judgment, illumine our darkness.
In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence
wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

Kyrie Fedak



***Assurance of Pardon**

But this we call to mind, and therefore have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. In the name of the Lord, who is our portion and our hope, I declare that our sin is forgiven. May our mouths be filled with praise.

***Passing of the Peace**

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

***Response** Fedak

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 9:00 AM until the conclusion of worship.

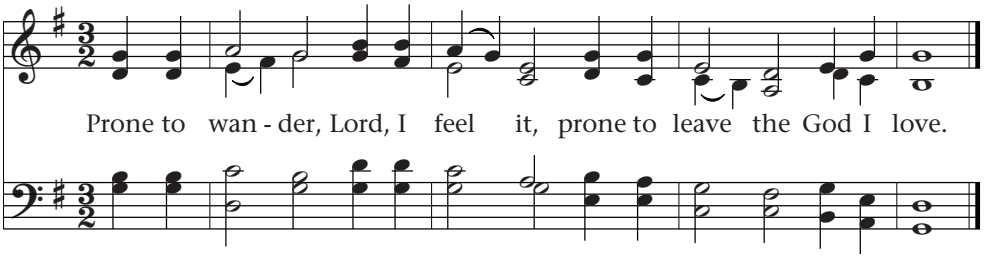
Leader: Now let us bless each other.
Adults: God be with you as you go.
Children: God be with you as you stay.

Prayer for Illumination

Mighty God,
you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts.
By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live,
that we might be shaped into your people,
eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future.
For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. **Amen**.

Hebrew Reading *"Sorrow for a Doomed Nation"* Jer. 4:11–12, 22–28
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 613–14
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 859–60

Psalm 14 BEACH SPRING



Epistle Reading *"Gratitude for Mercy"* 1 Timothy 1:12–17
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 963
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 253

Gospel Reading *"Parables of the Lost and Found"* Luke 15
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 850–51
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 95–96

Sermon "Discipleship 101: Count People for Christ" Rev. Ben George

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 "El Cielo Canta Alegría" Sosa, arr. Henderson

El cielo canta alegría, ¡Aleluya!	*Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia!*
Porque en tu vida y la mía	*Because in your life and in mine*
brilla la gloria de Dios, ¡Aleluya!	*the glory of God shines! Alleluia!*
Porque a tu vida y la mía	*Because your life and mine are*
las une el Amor de Dios. ¡Aleluya!	*united by the love of God! Alleluia!*
Porque tu vida y la mía	*Because your life and mine*
proclamarán al Señor. ¡Aleluya!	*will proclaim the Lord! Alleluia!*

***Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia…alleluia!

***Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)**
Holy One, receive these offerings as you receive our lives. Gather our false starts and uncertain efforts, our generosity and our reluctance. Enliven us with your breath and make your purposes known that our lives might show forth your glory. For we pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 12** "Immortal, Invisible" St. Denio

***Benediction**
Response "Sevenfold Amen" Lutkin

Voluntary Fugue in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in honor of Lucas family birthdays by Cyndy Lucas.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.

Activities for the Week of September 14, 2025

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30 AM	Worship Service (Chapel)
9:00 AM	Children and Youth Music Rehearsal (Various)
9:15 AM	Sunday School (Various)
9:30 AM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:00 PM	Concert Series: Brass, Percussion, and Organ

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
6:30 PM	Deacon Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday

9:30 AM	Pastors' Bible Study (Parlor)
11:15 AM	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:00 PM	Calling Hours • Carolyn Hess (Sanctuary)
5:00 PM	Funeral • Carolyn Hess (Sanctuary)
6:00 PM	Session Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)

Thursday

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

Saturday

8:00 AM	Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day (Offsite)

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11:45 AM	Mission Luncheon: Triennium (Westminster Hall)
12:00 PM	New Member Class (Parlor)

Liturgist: Rachel Shaffer

Christ Presbyterian Church

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