CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Order for Morning Worship

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 12, 2026 — Ten-Thirty in the Morning

**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 "Simple Gifts" Matt Limbaugh

Welcome and Worship Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
People: Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

***Hymn 171** "A Sower Came" Seachrist

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

Author of Life,
Living Word,
Holy Breath,
we have stumbled through the week
and groped our way back to this place.
Illumine the steps before us and write your word on our hearts,
for we carry the name of Jesus
and would walk in the light of his love. Amen.

Call to Confession

The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us:
men who grieved, women who questioned,
siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites.
God's word of grace is meant for people just like us.
There is no need for pretense in this place.
Let us go to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Patient and persistent God,
we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room
as if we knew what to expect,
as if this were a safe and predictable place,
as if we could simply observe.
Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations.
In the mystery of your love, overshadow us.
Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts
until we bloom and spill with your passion
to serve in a world that is wasting.

Kyrie: Hymn 576 Singapura

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

***Assurance of Pardon**

There is therefore now no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus.
The Spirit of God dwells in you.
If you hear nothing else today, hear these words:
there is no condemnation.
In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

***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 587** Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia…alleluia!

Listen for God's Word Read and Proclaimed

Hebrew Reading *"Jacob and Esau"* Genesis 25:19–34
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 19
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 26–27

Psalm 119 arr. Ellie Holcomb

Lesson for Children

Following the children's sermon, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out for children's church. Nursery continues to be available starting at 10:15 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.

Epistle Reading *"Life in the Spirit"* Romans 8:1–11
Leader: The Word of the Lord Pew Bible, pp. 918–19
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, p. 191

Lesson Elder Adam Wiggins

Gospel Reading *"The Parable of the Sower"* Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23
Leader: The Gospel of the Lord Pew Bible, p. 794
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Bible, pp. 16–17

Lesson Clint Yoos

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 "Beautiful Things" Gungor

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way?
I wonder if my life could really change at all?

All this Earth, could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground at all?
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things out of us.

All around hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos, life is being found in You.

You make beautiful things...

You are making me new...you make beautiful things out of us.

***Doxology: Hymn 606** Old Hundredth

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

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

Giver of life,
we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth
to choke your word among us.
As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully,
so we long to participate in your seeding of the world.
Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives.
Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us
until we yield and grow in grace,
for we pray in the name of Jesus,
who came out of love for the world. Amen.

Re-entry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church—Living Our Faith

***Hymn 714** "God of the Fertile Fields" Italian Hymn

***Benediction**

Voluntary

This morning's worship service is led by the Cluster small group, including Adam Wiggins, Bonnie Wiggins, Deanna Maze, Clint Yoos, and Hannah Miller, and guest musicians Eoghan McDowell, Joel Maze, and Matt Miller.

The Cathedral Hour this morning is in loving memory of Dad, Ed Griffin, by Cyndy Lucas.

The Chancel Flowers are given in gratitude to God for providing Joe & Carol Orin love and grace for 66 years of marriage.

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Lorraine Murphy
Michael Ophardt
Pam Ray
Ava Skolnik
Judy Smith
Aaron Speakman

Activities for the Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12, 2026

10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)
4:30 PM	Youth Progressive Dinner (Offsite)

Monday

10:00 AM	Staff Meeting (Parlor)
6:30 PM	G.I.F.T.S. Small Group (Offsite)

Tuesday

4:00 PM	Property Meeting (Parlor)
5:30 PM	Finance Meeting (Parlor)
6:00 PM	Personnel Meeting (Pine Room)

Wednesday • Tydings Deadline

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Online)
1:30 PM	Faithful Friends Small Group (Parlor)
7:00 PM	Deacons' Meeting (Parlor)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

10:30 AM	Worship Service (Sanctuary)