

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church

Proclaiming Christ,  
Loving and Serving Others,  
Learning and Growing Together.



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May 10, 2026 ~ 10:15 am

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## Gathering

PRELUDE

*Be Not Afraid*

Bob Dufford / Arr. Douglas Wagner

GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (PROVERBS 31)

Leader: Where can we find a woman of truth and virtue? She is more precious than rubies.

**People: She is energetic and strong. She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night.**

Leader: She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy.

**People: She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.**

Leader: When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.

**People: She keeps a watchful eye over her home, never allowing idleness to take root.**

Leader: Her loved ones stand with her and bring blessings to her. There are many capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!

**People: Charm is deceptive, and beauty fades; But a woman whose heart is anchored in love for the Lord is the one who truly shines.**

**All: For all she has done, she is rewarded. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise!**

\*HYMN # 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND HOPE

**Creator God, who loved us into being, we your children praise you. When we fall, you lift us up; when we fail, you restore us; when we are wounded, you nurse us; when we grieve, you weep with us; and when we celebrate, you laugh with us.**

Sometimes, Lord, we do not reach out to you. We are ashamed, we forget, or we feel silly. We confess that we often fear what the world fears, allowing ourselves to be scared rather than having the Lord in our hearts. We admit that we have not always been ready to account all the hope that is in us, or we have done so with defensiveness rather than with gentleness and reverence.

Help us to reach out to you at any and all times of our lives. Even when we suffer, help us to re-joyce in your peace, reminding us that Christ suffered for us once for all—the righteous for the unrighteous—to bring us safely to you. In that safety, we offer to you now our own personal prayers of confession...

*(Please remain in silence as we confess our own personal sins)...Amen.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Remember your baptism and believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE # #240 (sung twice)

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

ANTHEM ~ Adult Choir

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
Amy Huck, Handbell Soloist

Dan Forrest

## The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:15-21; Page 1132

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Eli Cappel

*Following the conversation, children ages 4 through second grade (completed), are invited to pew prep by meeting the Classroom Leader at the Education Wing door of the sanctuary. Participants will return to the sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: I Peter 3:13-22; Page 1266

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*Spirit of Truth II*

Joe Calhoun

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Selections from a Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen**

\*HYMN (see insert)

*Give Us Integrity, God, in the Ways We Are Living*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORDS PRAYER (debts/debtors)

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**Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

\*DOXOLOGY #606

*Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

***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. (\*or him)***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sending

\*HYMN # 291

*Spirit of Gentleness*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

Henry Purcell / Arr. Franklin Ritter

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Monday, May 11**

MOW (9 am, NS)  
JC Exercise (9 am, FH)  
Parkside Harmony (7 pm, FH = 4)

**Tuesday, May 12**

MOW (9 am, NS)  
Preschool (9 am)  
CPCP Lunch Bunch (11:30 am - 1 pm, 1)  
Keystone Chorus (7 pm, FH)  
Lyme Network Group (7 pm, Rm 8)

**Wednesday, May 13**

MOW (9 am, NS)  
Preschool (9 am)  
JC Exercise (9 am, FH)  
Bible Study (10 am, Rm 8)

**Thursday, May 14**

MOW (9 am, NS)  
Preschool (9 am)  
Finance Committee (10 am, Rm 6)  
CPCP Lunch Bunch (11:30 am - 1 pm, 1)  
Staff Meeting (2 pm, Office)  
Property Committee (4 pm, Rm 8)  
Handbell Choir (6:30 pm, Sanctuary)  
Adult Choir (7:30 pm, Choir Rm)

**Friday, May 15**

MOW (9 am, NS)  
Preschool Picnic (9 am)

**Sunday, May 17**

*Blessing of the Prayer Shawls*  
Adult Study (9 am, Rm 8)  
Coffee & Carbs (9:45 am, Lounge)  
Adult Choir (10 am, Choir Rm)  
Worship (10:15 am, Sanctuary + Online)

NS = Nursery Suite ; FH= Fellowship Hall

**ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP**

Joe Calhoun Preacher	Reese Cappel Acolyte	Carol Martz Greeter
Young Worship Team Liturgists	Suzanne & Dave Bower Offering Ushers	open Tech Team

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**GUEST PREACHER:**

This morning we thank Joe Calhoun for leading the service and preaching. Joe completed his Lay Pastor training at the South Carolina School of Theology and is active in providing Pastoral supply for the Presbytery of Carlisle as a CRE. Joe works in the energy business. He lives in Dauphin, PA, with his wife Tracey and their Labrador Retriever, Millie. Joe and Tracey have two daughters: Kaitlin (Dane) Hanson of Washington, D.C., and Chelsea Calhoun of New York City

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:**

The arrangement this morning is presented to the Glory of God by Mike and Marilyn Parks in loving memory of their wonderful mothers, Jean and Hazel.

**FOR STUDY THIS WEEK:**

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

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