

August 15, 2021

Community Presbyterian Church

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Welcome to worship this morning!

*Bulletin Cues: **Bold** indicates congregational response. * indicates please stand, if able*



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD OF GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

First Movement of Mozart's Concerto

Bailey Holman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is the source of wisdom,

the fount of life eternal.

Let us listen for the wisdom of God

and worship the One whose words shape the world.

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Holy God, our Maker; Jesus Christ, our teacher;
Holy Spirit, breath of life, have mercy on us.
Let us in silence remember our faults and failings.

Silence before the prayer of confession.

**O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
guiding us to place our trust in you.
The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world,
challenging us to seek the things that matter.
Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen.
We place our trust in things that are fleeting.
We seek the things that make us comfortable,
rather than seeking the way of your peace.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Teach us to walk in the path of your wisdom.**

May God forgive you, Christ befriend you,
and the Spirit renew and change your life.

**We believe that God forgives and sets us free,
and we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls
and to loving one another.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, we are blessed when we seek your righteousness. Make us whole and holy people by your Spirit alive in us. May we receive your word and your world as blessing, in your name, most Beloved. **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 34:15-18

The eyes of God are on the righteous,
and the ears of the Merciful are open to their cry.

**The face of God is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, God hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

**Our Healer is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Concerto

Bailey Holman

GOSPEL READING

John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Frank Jones

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 714

God of the Fertile Field

vs. 1 and 2

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, our Savior,
 hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE


*CLOSING HYMN GTG 459

O Word of God Incarnate


all verses




1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness;

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction;

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love;

Look at the cross; see God's Son and our Savior.

This is God's world,

And we will serve God in it.

Jesus said, "I am with you always."
May God the Creator bless you,
May God the Son walk with you,
May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

Amen

*POSTLUDE

The Last Movement of a Weber Concerto

Bailey Holman



**Gage East Back to School Event
Thursday, August 19, 11 am - 2 pm**

We are invited to help by helping them distribute these items, and also by donating:

College-ruled notebooks (single subject)
Regular-ruled notebooks
2-pocket folders
Colored pencils
Black pens
Box of tissues
Large pink erasers
Washable markers
Glue sticks
24 count crayons



**Lifegate Services
Saturday, August 21**

Another option for building connections could happen on Saturday, August 21. Lifegate Services (near Jefferson School) is offering a free health fair, including mammograms. Volunteers would be useful in driving people from Gage East who wish to participate to and from the church.

Please let Mark Neville know by Monday, August 16 if you can help with the Back to School Event or the Healthfair!

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, August 15

9:30 am Worship (Online and Onsite)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, August 16

10:00 am PW Get Together

Tuesday, August 17

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, August 18

6:30 am Prayer Group

Thursday, August 19

Gage East Back to School Event

Saturday, August 21

Lifegate Services Healthfair

Sunday, August 15

9:30 am Worship (Outdoor and Onsite)

Bring your lawn chair!

Online Worship

Sundays 9:30 – 10:30am

<https://meet.google.com/vao-wjef-cbe>

+1 575-305-4527 PIN: 652 821 468 #

* Tuesday's Conference Call

<https://meet.google.com/kee-rcys-sdh>

+1 413-889-2244 PIN: 433 818 991#



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Audrey Crawshaw

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

***To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at
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email office@cpchester.org.

***For emergency pastoral care,
call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

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Custodian	Nancy Sanford
Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Guest Preacher	Frank Jones
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IT Support	Louis Bouchard