

Community Presbyterian Church

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September 19, 2021

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world around us seems to shake,
And even the familiar looks strange;

God's love embraces us and calls us home.

When disorder and unrest disturb our lives,
God's peace prevails as we draw near in trust.

We come to worship in faith and hope.

*OPENING HYMN GTG 409

God Is Here

vs. 1 and 4

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

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full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Because you made the world to be a good place for all;
Because you call us your children;
Because we long to be united with you,
We pause to consider our faults and failings.

Silence before the prayer of confession.

**You have told us that whoever wants to be first
must be last of all and servant of all;
must welcome children have no honors to bestow.
How we long to be first, and dread being last!
Humble Christ, forgive us;
teach us to reorder our priorities
and let our lives flow from a heart of faith.**

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

**We believe that God can make it so,
and receive this word in faith and hope.**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your word is light on our path; you open your truth to all who receive it with trusting hearts. As you reveal yourself to children, speak now to us: simply, lovingly, clearly, so that we may hear and follow. In your Name, **Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 131 adapted *Psalms for Praying*, Nan Merrill

Most gracious Presence, let me not be arrogant,
nor boast of my virtuous deeds;
let me not seek fame or set my heart
on the riches of the world.

Let me be at peace in you, Breath of my breath.

Help me to calm and quiet my soul,
like a child quiet on her mother's breast;
like a child that is calmed and quieted by my soul.
Let me be at peace in you, Breath of my breath.

Let me be at peace in you, from this time on and forever.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-18, 4:8

The letter of James is not addressed to a particular community as Paul's letters are, but to Jews living outside their homeland, as aliens resident in other lands. The short work is full of words of wisdom about living in peace with God and others, and caring for those who suffer.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

I am a Child of God/No Longer Slaves

sung by Seli, Desi, & Ari Devashrayee, sisters from Chili

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:30-37

The past two Sundays, we have seen Jesus interacting with parents of children possessed, as it was thought, but unclean spirits: a "foreign" Syrian mother who challenged Jesus to change his mind about her, and a Jewish father surrounded by others in his community. Soon after, he again predicts his death and uses a child to teach what the disciples don't understand.

Jesus and his disciples went on from the place where he had healed the child and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

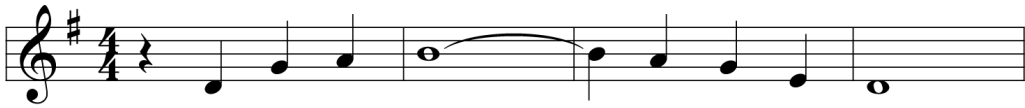
Need a Hug?

Pastor Jan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 693 Though I May Speak

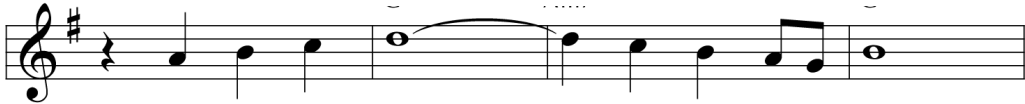
all verses



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

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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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

all verses



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

*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

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TODAY AT CPC

Sunday, September 19

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)

THIS WEEK AT CPC

Monday, September 20

12:00 pm Newsletter Items Due

Tuesday, September 21

12:00 pm Bulletin Announcements Due

12:00 pm Conference Call *

5:30 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee

Wednesday, September 22

6:30 am Prayer Group

Sunday, September 26

9:30 am Worship (Onsite and Online)



Judy Leal

Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,
especially daughter Jenny

Connie Holst

MariLynn Johnson

Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa

Judi Berg

Sue Chipman

Children & teachers returning to school

***To be added to the prayer list,
please contact the church office at***

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call Pastor Jan at 763-219-2927.***

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Office Manager	Stephanie Pasch

Serving in Worship Today

Liturgist	Bruce Felger
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* **Tuesday's Conference Call**

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