

# Community Presbyterian Church

open hearted, open minded



**October 22, 2023**

**Welcome to worship this morning!**

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

Bathrooms are located down the hall, past the kitchen, around the corner to the left. A family bathroom with a changing table is located across from the kitchen on the right hand side of the hallway (next to the Kidz Klub).

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In this sacred hour of worship  
when we name things for what they really are,

**we give to God what is God's.**

Between the demands of this last week  
and the demands of the one ahead

**we give to God what is God's.**

With open hearts and hands and minds,  
every innate gift from our loving Creator,

**we give to God what is God's.**

### \*OPENING HYMN GTG 12

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

verses 1,3,4

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the fourth verse. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

**Creator God, we are commanded  
 to give to you what is branded as yours.  
 But since we cannot see your face,  
 we confess to a miserable confusion.  
 Where is your image printed?  
 Not on our coinage or our calendars.  
 Not on any of the things we buy in the store  
 or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us.  
 No, the only place we can see your face,  
 is in our neighbor and in the mirror.  
 We're the ones created in your image.  
 Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God,  
 than give up our whole selves.  
 But if we are what you want,  
 heart, mind, soul, and strength —**

**we'll do our best, God.  
We'll give our all to you.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

**Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.**

Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

**To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, in the stories of your Scripture, give us truth to cling to; help us hear your still, small voice. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Please show me your glory." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

### SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Show Me the Money*

Rev. Chris Miller

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Ron Murray

\*HYMN OF THE DAY GTG 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

verses 1-3



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.  
all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and death we belong to God.**

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

In sovereign love God created the world good,  
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,  
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,  
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**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.

**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!"**

JOYS AND CONCERNS/PRAVERS 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.**

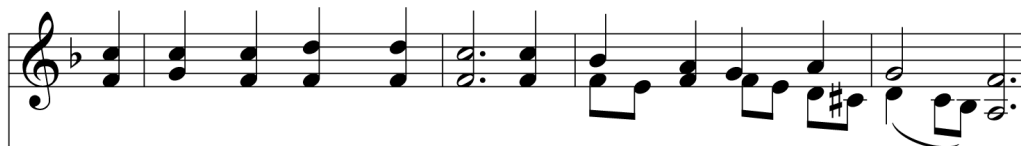
SENDING INTO THE WORLD TO LOVE AND SERVE

\*CLOSING HYMN GTG 643

Now Thank We All Our God



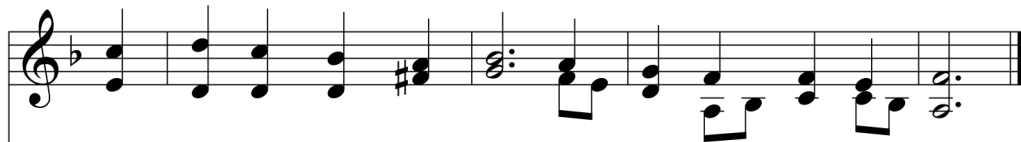
1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,



who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:



who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

### BLESSING AND CHARGE

The glory of the Lord is all around you,  
everywhere the children of God go, so does the image of God.  
So go, bearing invisible glory to make you brave;  
the love of God, to make you strong,  
the peace of Christ, to make you kind,  
and the power of the Spirit, to make you alive,  
today and tomorrow  
and all the days to come.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

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## Sunday, October 22

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Monday, October 23

9:30 am Mission Prayer Group

## Tuesday, October 24

12:00 pm Bulletin Information Due

6:30 pm Session Meeting (v)

7:00 pm Building Use: Mission Aid Network

## Wednesday, October 25

6:30 am Prayer Group at CPC

## Thursday, October 26

5:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios

## Sunday, October 29

9:30 am **Worship - Onsite and Online**

2:30 pm Building Usage: Labranza de Dios



Judy Leal  
Jane and Ed Burgstaler family,  
especially daughter Jenny  
Connie Holst  
Vera Atkinson's daughter, Teresa  
Shannon Cisewski  
Ron Murray  
Dick and Nancy Massaro  
Nellie Brovold's mother, Jacqueline  
Glenna Muir's sister, Annie

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### Church Staff

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### Serving in Worship Today

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