

# CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 15, 2026

## GATHERING

**Prelude**

"I Will Never Be"

by Geoff Bullock  
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**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**Passing of the Peace** (L: Leader; P: People)

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

**\*\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist Zoe Kim

L: Come, let us praise God!

P: We take refuge in the Lord, who listens when we cry out.

L: God leads us and guides us.

P: In you, O Lord, we put our trust.

All: You are our God, and our lives are in your hands:

Together we worship you!

**\*\*Hymn - #475**

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Call to Confession , followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

L: O Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, the Life; God's way to us, our way to God.

God's truth for our world about our lives, God's life, which brings our living alive.

**P: We confess we have sometimes chosen ways other than your own.**

**We admit we find ourselves doubting the truth of you and your love for us,  
and we go looking for truth that feels more convenient or less demanding.**

**We confess that we often try to find life-giving hope in experiences and things that fade away.**

L : Seeing you, O Jesus, listening to you, knowing you, following you joins us to God,  
our loving parent and life-giver.

**P: Whichever rutted road we choose to travel in this world, be our way, we pray. Whichever partial  
version of the truth we choose to accept and voice as our viewpoint, be our truth, we ask.**

**Whichever style of life we choose to live out with our time and money and skills and values, be our life,  
we pray.**

**Be our way, our truth, our life, in God, O Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear this Good News: Through Christ, we have been shown the Way, Truth and Life—for full-on,  
abundant living.

**All: Trusting in God's forgiveness, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!**

**\*\*Response in Song - # 443 v.1**

"There is a Redeemer"

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

**Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"We Choose the Fear of the Lord"

Kirk Dearman  
Maranatha Music, 1989

Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) and the Sacrament of Baptism—see insert

Time for All God's Children

Wes Millard

\*Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.

Children ages Preschool - 3rd grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5; 14-16 NRSVUE

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Gospel Text

John 14:1-14 CEB

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**\*\*Hymn of Response- - # 697- v. 1, 5, 6 "Take My Life and Let it Be"**

Prayers of the People

## EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Zoe Kim

Offertory

"Prelude and Adagio" from "Toccatina in C minor"

J.S. Bach

**\*\*Doxology- #215 v.3**

**"What Wondrous Love is This"**

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

**\*\*Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Zoe Kim

## SENDING

**\*\*Sending Song - #543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" v. 1, 4, 5.**

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"Alla Hornpipe" from "The Water Music, Suite No. 2"

Handel 1717

Art Attribution

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to Neil Danzig and John Kim for providing audio support this week!  
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# Texts for the Week

## John 14:1-14 (CEB)

"Don't be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has room to spare. If that weren't the case, would I have told you that I'm going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place I'm going."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas asked, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don't speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

## Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16 (NRSVUE)

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

<sup>14</sup> I trust in you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my God."

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and  
persecutors.

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Care and Wellness Services

The Care & Wellness Committee has a mission to help members of the congregation in times of need. We would like to explain two of our services that are available.

## Meal Train

Guidelines for Requesting – Meal Train is a system whereby volunteers from the congregation provide complete meals for a household when life events cause a temporary need for assistance with preparing meals. Most Meal Trains are every other day for 2 weeks or every third day for 3 weeks, adjustable depending on the need. The C&W Committee will organize short-term assistance with meals upon request for residents of any household in our congregation in which circumstances impact meal preparation: Those circumstances include:

- Death in household
- New baby in household
- Surgery, illness, hospitalization in household

If you would like to be included in the Meal Train as a volunteer to supply meals, please send your name and email to Kris Bloom. (kcbloom@verizon.net)

If you are in need of meals through Meal Train, please send your name and phone number to Kris Bloom. (kcbloom@verizon.net)

## Transportation

Guidelines for Requesting: Volunteer members of the congregation can provide transportation to medical appointments or other short term urgent needs when members are temporarily unable to drive themselves.

- Passengers must be able to get into and out of a car without the driver's assistance.
- Request a few days in advance to allow us time to organize drivers.

## CMPC CONCERT SERIES - VOLUME I

You're invited to an evening filled with beautiful live music and joyful community spirit!

Join us as **The Gallery Winds Woodwind Quintet, Jeremi Lukanus, Flute 29 Flute Choir**, and other special performers share a delightful program sure to inspire and entertain.

This **FREE** concert is the perfect way to unwind. Come sit back, listen, bring a friend and enjoy an uplifting evening of wonderful performances.

We can't wait to see you there!

Sunday, April 19th  
6:30-8:30pm  
CMPC Sanctuary



## 2025 Contribution Statements

Thank you for your generous and continued financial support for the work of our congregation last year.

The year-end contribution statements are available for you to download from CMPC Bridge between February 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026. Beginning February 1st, the “2025 Contribution Statement” button will appear on your giving record to allow you to download or print your statement.

As a reminder, you can view your giving history at any time in CMPC Bridge.

If you would prefer to have your 2025 contribution statement mailed or emailed to you, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at [joyce.danzig@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.danzig@gmail.com).

## Easter Lilies

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with lilies for our Easter service. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

Lilies are \$16.95 each and may be ordered until March 23rd at 1:00 pm. Once you submit this form, please go to online giving to make a payment, or send a check. Please make checks out to CMPC with “Lilies” in the memo line.

If you need help, please contact the office ([office@cmpcusa.org](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org)). There are no paper forms.

Please order here:



**Who's Who in the Pews:** An occasional feature from the Membership and Hospitality Committee to help worshipers get to know one another.

### **Art and Liz Perraud**

Art and Liz Perraud met in front of a beer truck in Williamsburg, Va., in 1981 when they were both students at the College of William & Mary. They got married in 1983 and moved to Columbia the same year.

Art grew up in Bergen County, NJ, and Liz was raised in Montgomery County, Md. Art was working in Baltimore and Liz was working in Gaithersburg when they married, so they chose to move to Columbia because it was midway between the two.

The Perrauds began attending CMPC nearly 40 years ago at the invitation of a couple they had met in their Lamaze childbirth class in Columbia. Their first son was 2 when they decided it was time to start taking him to church. They joined in February 1989 and have been members during the tenures of all of its pastors.

Art retired from banking in 2025 after 40 years. Liz has served since 2013 as Executive Director of GenOn Ministries, championing intergenerational ministry and supporting the LOGOS youth program at CMPC.

Art has volunteered in LOGOS for at least 20 years, working in ROCK recreation and previously running FISH. Liz has been a Deacon and an Elder, serving at times on the Worship, Evangelism, Personnel, and Christian Education committees. She currently teaches ROCK Bible, is a Table Parent and helps with the LOGOS musical.

The couple has three sons, Allan, Stephen and Kevin, who all grew up in the church. Allan and his wife Chrissie live in New York City with their son Louis and are expecting a baby girl in April. Stephen lives in Columbia with his wife Dasha and their two daughters, Carly and Nora. Kevin and his wife Monica live in Damascus. While they both enjoy hanging with their children and grandchildren, in their free time Art loves trail running and Liz likes to hike.

Art remembers debriefing after LOGOS on Wednesday nights with former Associate Pastor Eddie Bellis and church member, Chuck Ridgeway; volunteering at a Joyful Food Market for Martha's Table, which is a DC-based nonprofit supporting families with healthy food, and seeing former church member Don Neely dressed up as a carrot; and running in the "Triple Crown" trail race, which served to benefit the Christiana Presbyterian Church and local homeless ministries in Newark, Del., along with the family of former pastor Scott Hoffman, when his and Ashlee's daughter Kylee won her age group.

Liz has fond memories of taking part in the Young Marrieds Group when the couple first joined the church; attending the GenOn Youth Summit each summer with youth of the church for over 25 years; doing the hard work of packing up for the church's renovation and expansion project in 2018; and the Musical Treats & Sweets talent show fundraisers that continue to this day.



# *Holy Week at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church*

All are welcome!



## **Palm Sunday**

**March 29th, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

"Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" The road Jesus follows to Jerusalem concludes with a celebration of his arrival there: But what does it mean? Do we join the crowd because we ourselves have seen Jesus perform acts of resurrection and renewal, like those who saw him raise his friend Lazarus? Or is it only after we've gone through the coming pain that we truly understand who Jesus is? This service will feature the choral cantata "Touch the Robe" and includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper as we enter Holy Week.

## **Maundy Thursday, The Last Supper April 2nd at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple soup supper, share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables, and serve each other through hand-washing. Please RSVP here:  This is a family-oriented activity.

## **Holy Week Stations of the Cross**

**April 2, 3-6 PM; April 3 (Good Friday) 10-12 PM and 3-6 PM; April 4 10-12 PM**

This Holy Week pilgrimage follows eight "Stations of the Cross" consisting of a Bible reading and a brief meditative activity. As you progress through this Remembrance of the Way of Jesus you will collect the readings along with copies of the featured artwork by artist Nicholas Markell.

## **Easter Sunrise Service April 5th at 6:30 a.m.**

Gathering in semi-darkness we will gather to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and meaningful worship experience. The service will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

## **Easter Worship**

**April 5th at 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

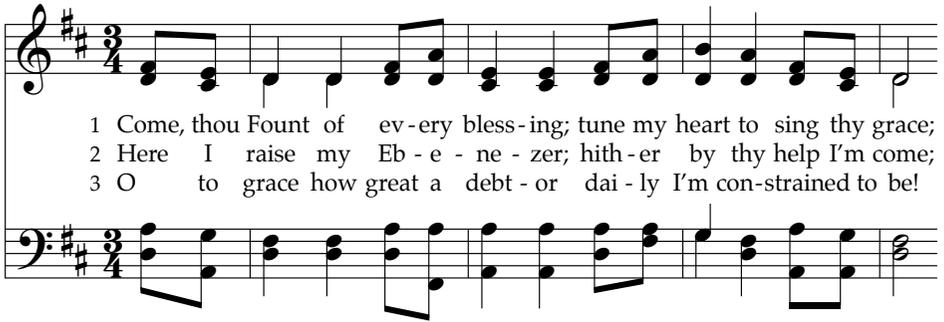
"The Lord is Risen: He is risen indeed!" Come, join Christians gathered around the world who remember and celebrate this hope-filled day, uniting our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 5th, following 10:30 worship**

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children in preschool and elementary school immediately following the worship service. There will be lots of eggs for children to find! Come and join the fun!

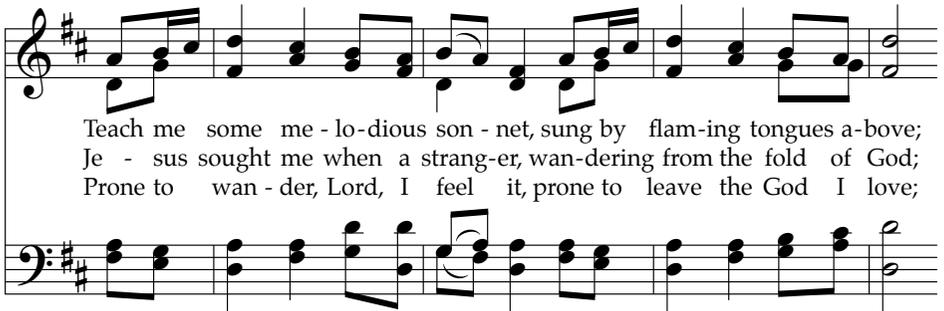
## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



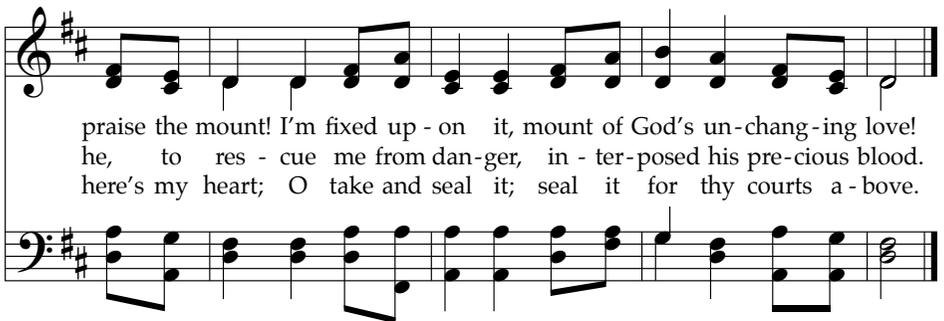
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

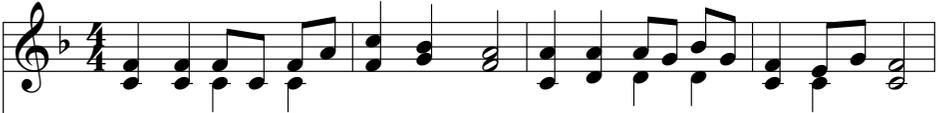


praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

## Take My Life

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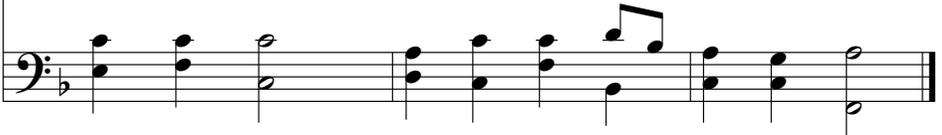
1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



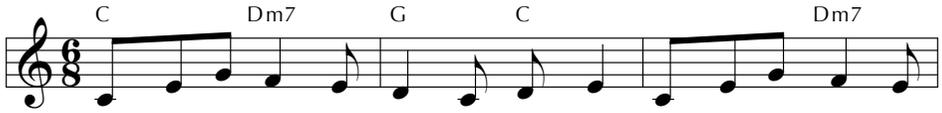
5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

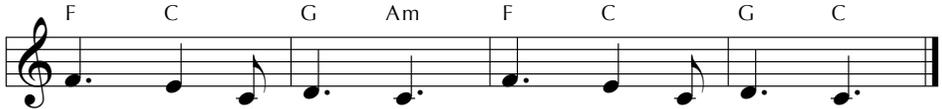
## O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.



# Baptism and Profession of Faith (Confirmation)

*John Waqas*

*Jason Waqas*

*Evangeline Bis*

*Scott Bloom*

*Nathan Board*

*Ian Fieldsend*

*Lucas Jenkins*

*Elliana Jones*

*Zoe Kim*

*Samuel Thomas*

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*Jesus said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

*Mark 10:14-16*

## **Words of Presentation-Baptism**

*Pastor Janna and Liz Perraud*

Presentation of John Waqas and Jason Waqas, children of Saima Arshid and Waqas Asif, for baptism.

## **Questions**

### **Questions to the Parents**

*Pastor Janna*

### **Questions to the Children**

Today we celebrate that John and Jason are becoming part of our church family. We are all God’s children. These questions are for all of the children of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. When we say “We will”, we make a promise to God, and to John and Jason.

Will we help John and Jason remember that God loves them, and we love them?  
**We will.**

Will we share the stories of Jesus with them, as we grow together, play together, and worship together in this place? **We will.**

### **Questions to the Congregation**

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture John and Jason, by word and action, with love and prayer?

*Congregation: We do.*

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?  
*Congregation: We will.*

## **Presentation - Those Confirming their Faith**

*Pastor Janna and Liz Perraud*

## Profession of Faith

*The following questions are asked of parents presenting their children for baptism along with those who are professing their faith and re-affirming the baptismal covenant.*

### The Baptismal Questions

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?  
**I renounce them.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?  
**Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,  
obeying his word and showing his love?  
**I will, with God's help.**

Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread and the prayers?  
**I will, with God's help.**

**\*\* Affirming our Faith with the Apostles' Creed** *(All present are invited to confess)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty---from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Baptism

#### Laying on of Hands and Anointing

*Pastor Janna*

*The parents of those who have re-affirmed their baptisms in profession of faith are invited forward to join their children when they kneel for the blessing and anointing.*

### Welcome

*Liz Perraud*

## The Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmed in Profession of Faith

In baptism, we are called to a way of life as Christ's disciples, enjoying and sharing God's good news in our lives. Presbyterians describe baptism as a sign and seal of the covenant of grace made by God through Jesus and extended to us: In baptism, God claims us as beloved children and members of Christ's body, the church, washing us clean from sin as we renounce the power of evil and seek the will and way of God.

Infant baptism expresses that it is God who chooses us for faith, discipleship, and salvation; without God, we have no power to claim these things for ourselves. When young people attain an age of understanding, they can choose to affirm the promises made at their baptism, acknowledging Jesus as their Way, their Truth, and their Life. A congregation's session authorizes baptisms and provides for the spiritual growth and nurture of members. That's why a ruling elder of the church always presents the candidate for baptism. In turn, both the family and the congregation promise to contribute to the baptized person's Christian formation. The Session then meets with and approves those who wish to affirm their baptisms, professing their faith publicly.

Christ's gracious invitation is open to all, and the PC(USA) recognizes all baptisms with water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit administered by other Christian churches.

But baptism, whether in infancy or adulthood, is only the beginning of a lifelong process of formation in the faith.

So remember your baptism and be thankful! In the sacrament of baptism—our inclusion in the covenant of grace, incorporation into the life of Christ, and anointing with the gifts of the Spirit—we have countless reasons to give God thanks and praise. As Jesus said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Filled with the never-failing grace of Jesus Christ poured out for us, our hearts overflow with gratitude and joy, spilling out into the world in lives of service and love for God and neighbor. As those who ourselves have been baptized in the name of the God who created us, Jesus who redeemed us, and the Spirit who sustains us, we join together in welcoming, by their baptisms, John and Jason Waqas into the life and ministry of the Risen Christ. And we together celebrate the professions of those who would now publicly call themselves Christ's own: Nurtured within Christian fellowship and at the table of our Lord, Evie, Scott, Nathan, Ian, Lucas, Ellie, Zoe and Sam accept greater responsibility in the life of the church, and are called to witness with us to the Good News of Jesus Christ.