

To our guests,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace. If you have any questions about our church, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you are worshipping from home, I want to encourage you to engage with the liturgy as best you can. Even though we aren't together physically, don't just think about worship as you follow along... worship with us! Sing the songs, respond to the Bible readings, join in the prayers, open your Bible and take notes during the sermon. In preparing for worship you may want to print this bulletin out or just follow along on your phone, tablet or laptop. For those worshipping with children, make use of the children's resources we have posted online as well, if that would be helpful for you.

If, after all of that effort, this still seems awkward — that's okay! It should. We were made to worship *together*, as a community, not merely as individuals. So, don't be discouraged: in God's perfect time, we will gather together again to worship Him as His people!

Whether we are together or apart, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan Laughlin

Why a pelican?



Carved into the front of our pulpit is one of the most ancient symbols of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. Often referred to as "the pelican in her piety," this symbol offers a vivid picture of how Christ's death brings us life: according to legend, a mother pelican will pluck her breast to feed her young with her blood during a time of famine. As a church, Christ's stunning grace is not only front-and-center in our sanctuary but, more importantly, in our lives. The image of the pelican serves as a frequent reminder that we are deeply rooted in Christ so that we might reach out with Christ.

For Children:

Junior Bulletin: We love having our children participate with us in worship and have provided a children's version of our bulletin that can be found in the narthex.



Hearing Assist: Sanitized devices are available from our ushers.

Large Print version of the bulletin is available in the narthex.

Statement of Faith

We are a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

MORNING WORSHIP

Reflections

Greeting

Prelude

Call to Worship • Psalm 145:8-10

Hymn of Adoration • *Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him*

Invocation

Affirmation of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

Hymn of Response • *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* #604 (vv.1,3-4)

Call to Confession • Psalm 145:18

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Psalm 32:10-11

Prayer for Christ's Church and the World

Offering

*You may give your offering by using the “give” button online at www.cpcstl.org.
Those worshipping in person may give their gift in the offering box
or trays provided by our ushers after the service.*

Hymn of Preparation • *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

#32 (vv.1-2)

Sermon • The Apt Word

Acts 22:22–23:22

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

1. The value of apt words
 - Proverbs 15:23 – To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good it is!
 - Proverbs 25:11 – A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
2. The variety of apt words
3. The victory of the Apt Word

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Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Music • *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

#455 (vv.1,3,5)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

The Peace of Christ

Postlude

If you are not receiving children's resources or Zoom information for live Children's Worship and Large Elementary Group, please contact Kelly Robinson (krobinson@cpctl.org).

Preaching Schedule

September 20

Morning: Acts 24

September 27

Morning: Acts 25

October 4

Morning: Acts 26

Church Staff

Ryan Laughlin, Senior Pastor

Chris Smith, Associate Pastor

John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School

Greg Meyer, Assistant Pastor, Youth Ministry

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Mary Bell, Director of Women's Ministries
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John Dawson

Tim Hall

Bill Hughes

Garrett Jacobs

Daniel Legters

Jonathan McCluskey

Bill McGreevy

Alan Norman

John Shim

Roland Van Heest

Theo Vander Velde

David Yates

Diaconate

Brett Allen

Andy Belval

Walter Bosch

Jamey Brester

Mike Castle

Dave Gegel

Will Haynes

Lewis Hettinga

Steve Hiler

Don Jacobs

Jeff Massot

Stefan Novosel

Women's Ministries Leadership

Bible Studies – Evonne Moore, Joyce Dana

Congregational Life – Kathy Collier

Moms of Littles – Kim Vander Velde, Mandi Choi

Service & Compassion – Charity Larrimore, Beth Allen-Shumate

Communication – Meghan Haynes, Laura Hettinga

Stephen Ministers

Taylor Begley, Sherri Castle, Claudia Gold, Steve Hiler, Kathy Jacobs,

Mike Koller, Liz Leutwiler, Jonathan McGuire, Kimberly McGuire,

Julie Roberts, Julie Theus, Charlene Tipton

Thank you for visiting with us!



Using your phone, please scan this code and fill out our online visitor card.

We would love to know you are here and answer any questions you may have.

Musicians – Jonathan McGuire, Piano; Tim Cole, Vocals

Unless noted otherwise, all Scripture notations are from The ESV Bible

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Used by permission. All rights reserved.] and all hymns are from the *Trinity Hymnal*.

Hymn of Adoration ("Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him"): The text of *Trinity Hymnal* #17 set to HYFRYDOL ("Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!").