

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 24:7-10

Hymn of Adoration • *O Worship the King*

#2 (vv.1,4-6)

Invocation

Corporate Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon • Lamentations 3:22-26

Hymn of Assurance • *The Goodness of the Lord*

Baptism (11:00)

Samuel James Avery

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
provided by our ushers after the service.*

Hymn of Preparation • *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* #521 (vv.1,3-4)

Scripture Reading • Acts 28:1-16

Sermon • Smuggling Karma

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

1. Our life with God
2. Our life in His world

October 18, 2020

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Music • *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Benediction

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

October 25

Morning: Acts 28:17-29

November 1

Morning: Acts 28:30-31

November 8

Morning: The Christian Virtues: Faith

November 15

Morning: The Christian Virtues: Hope

Church Staff

Ryan Laughlin, Senior Pastor

Chris Smith, Associate Pastor

John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School

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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 – Joyce Dana, Sara Haverdink

Congregational Life – Kathy Collier

Moms of Littles – Kim Vander Velde

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

Musicians – Caleb Blow, Guitar & Vocals

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and all hymns are from the *Trinity Hymnal*.

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