

## 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

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**Reflections**

**Greeting**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** • Psalm 104:1-2,31-33

**Hymn of Adoration** • *O Great God*

**Invocation**

**Call to Confession** • Psalm 130:1-4

**Hymn of Confession** • *Psalm 130 (From Depths of Woe)*

**Assurance of Pardon** • Psalm 130:7-8

**Prayer for Christ's Church and the World**

**Offering**

*You may give your offering by using the "give" button online at [www.cpcstl.org](http://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** • *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

#196 (vv.1,3-4)

**Scripture Reading** • Act 28:17-28

**Sermon** • What's Your Story?

Rev. Ryan Laughlin

1. Our storied identity
  - A. Finding ourselves in a story
  - B. Losing ourselves in a story
2. Our identity story
  - A. Epic
  - B. Shared

October 25, 2020

**Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Communion Music • *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

(vv.1,3,5)

**Benediction**

**Doxology**

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**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**

November 1

Morning: Acts 28:30-31

November 8

Morning: The Christian Virtues: Faith

November 15

Morning: The Christian Virtues: Hope

November 22

Morning: The Christian Virtues: Love

### **Church Staff**

Ryan Laughlin, Senior Pastor

Chris Smith, Associate Pastor

John Roberts, Assistant Pastor/Head of School

Greg Meyer, Assistant Pastor, Youth Ministry

Kelly Robinson, Director of Children's Ministries

Mary Bell, Director of Women's Ministries  
& Community Life

Katie Stanton, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Maggie Blow, Administrative Assistant

Hannah Brandenburg, Administrative Assistant

Jamey Brester, Property Manager

Nancy Walker, Bookkeeper

Lois Miller, Bulletin Coordinator

### **Session Elders**

John Bauer

Bill Cahill

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 – 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 – Brent Johnson, Piano; Madeleine Castle, Vocals

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