

**WE'RE PLEASED YOU JOINED FOR WORSHIP TODAY  
PLEASE CONNECT WITH US**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

– I would like more information

– I want to volunteer

– I would like to be contacted

– I have updated information

**Prayer Request**

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**Announcements**

- ◆ Sunday Morning Service on radio at FM 88.3
- ◆ Newsletters Signup on our website to stay connected.
- ◆ Volunteers needed for nursery, greeter, and help.

- ◆ Calendar:
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| Nursery Workers:  | Helpers:  |
| Oct-17 Murphy     | McGovern  |
| Oct-24 Niemiowski | Dickerson |

We need volunteers to rotate through nursery. Please see Chris about serving in such a helpful way.

**Candy Catechism:**

**Lord's Prayer, pg. 2**

**Gathering of God's People**

*\*Indicates standing if you are able.*

**\* The Call to Worship**      **Isaiah 12:4–6**

**People: Amen!**

**\* Song**      #2 O Worship the King (vv. 1-3)

**\* Our Response Psalm 106:1**

Minister: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord.

**People: for he is good; his love endures forever.**

**\* God's Greeting**      Jude 1-2

**Confession and Purification**

**God's Law**      Isaiah 1:16–17

Silent Confession

*Kneelers are under the pew in front of you if you would like to use the  
for confession.*

**Corporate Confession of Sin**

Lord, God, and Father, you are supreme overall. Your glory deserves our perfect devotion in thought, word, and deed. But we find our hands busy sinning, our feet swift to oppression, and our tongues pursuing destruction (Rom 3). Father, we cannot cleanse ourselves, and we cannot stop doing evil on our own. We implore you to cleanse us by the blood of Christ, to restore us by the intercession of Christ, and to sanctify us by the work of the Spirit.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**      **Isaiah 1:18**

**\* Song**      #164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Proclamation of God's Word**

**Scripture Reading**      **Psalm 47 (p. 803)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

*(End with the Lord's Prayer corporately)*

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!

**\* Sing: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

**Sermon**      **Matthew 9:18–34**  
**Messianic Conquering by Compassion**  
Pastor Chris

**\* Song**      #308 Jesus Paid it All

## Response of God's People

### Our Gifts and Offerings

#### \* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Celebration of Lord's Supper

### Invitation to the Table

*We warmly welcome to the table all who trust in Jesus Christ for their salvation, have been baptized, and are in good standing at a true, Bible proclaiming church. There is no pressure to take communion if you are not ready. As Christ gave wine to the first disciples we use wine for Communion, but the inner rings are juice if you prefer.*

### Confession of Faith    Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only  
begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
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 at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall  
come to judge the living and the dead; I believe in the Holy  
Spirit; the holy catholic\* church; the communion of saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life  
everlasting. Amen.

\*Catholic means according to the whole, universal church.

### Prayer and Consecration

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* It is right for us to give thanks and praise.  
*Minister:* [prayer]

### Words of Institution and Celebration

*Celebrating our unity, please hold the bread and wine until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.*

*Jesus says to you who believe:  
Come to me. Come and receive:  
Strength for the weak  
Comfort for the weary  
Hope for the hurting.*

*Jesus reminds us: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes will never thirst"  
(John 6:35)*

### Prayer After the Supper

Father, we have received again in this meal the grace of  
Jesus Christ, the lord and giver of life. Though poor sinners,  
we have dined with the King. You have nourished our  
souls again. May we go forth strengthened by the Spirit,  
renewed in your love, and bearing fruit for your name. For  
Yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the Glory forever  
and ever.

### Blessing and Benediction

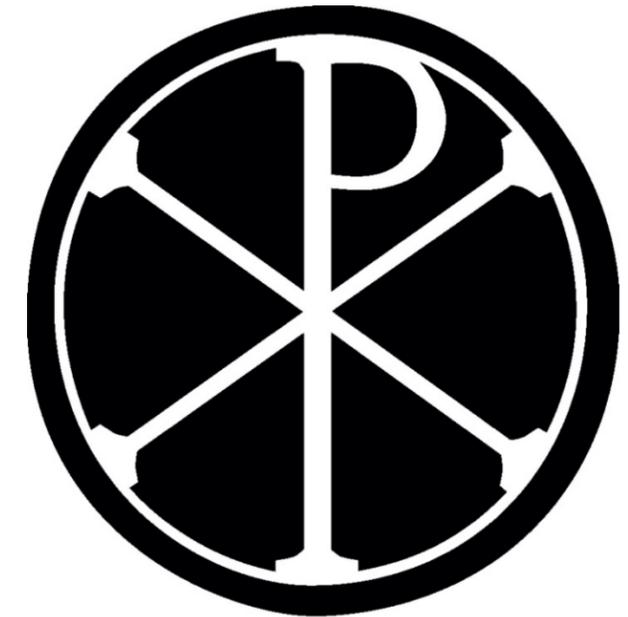
\* Song    #521 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

\* Benediction

\* Song    #740 *Threefold Amen*

# Welcome

Lord's Day  
October 17, 2021



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REFORMED**

A PCA Congregation

*Church's Mission—*

To Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection, Phil 3:10