

Welcome to Christ Our Hope Presbyterian Church! We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. For God's glory and by His grace, we aim to be faithful to the scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission – serving one another and South County through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who We Are, What We Do, and Why:

We are a Christ-centered, Law & Gospel, Word & Sacrament, Covenantal, Catechetical, Biblical & Historic, Reformed Church.

Christ-centered – we preach Christ and His work of redemption for us from Genesis to Revelation.

Law & Gospel – we proclaim the Law (which shows us our sin) and the Gospel (which shows us our Savior).

Word & Sacrament – we receive by faith the means of grace Christ has given for our salvation: the Word read, preached, sung, prayed, and made visible in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Covenantal – we embrace the covenant structure of Scripture, as revealed in the covenants of the Bible and culminating in the New Covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ; and we believe that our covenant God deals with us not only individually, but also as families, and corporately as His Church.

Catechetical – we utilize historic Reformed catechisms as we make disciples by baptizing and teaching men, women, and children everything that Jesus commanded us to observe.

Biblical & Historic – we worship in accord with the ancient Western liturgy, reformed according to the Scripture.

Reformed – we confess the historic creeds, adhere to the Westminster Standards, appreciate the Three Forms of Unity, and govern the church according to Presbyterian polity.

Church – we assemble as one part of the universal church, appointed by Christ as the means by which His people of all nations would be gathered and grow in grace.

Church Elders: Tony Phelps, Chris Shoemaker, Mark Slater and Steve Swenson

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New Visitor
Sign-up Form



Zoom Link
Virtual Prayer



Christ Our Hope

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship

August 10, 2025

*We preach Christ crucified...
Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God...
- 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24 -*

Order for the Worship of God

August 10, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Italics indicate congregational participation and/or standing.

We Adore the Lord and Honor Him as King

Call to Worship | Isaiah 12:1-3

O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation. Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Songs of Adoration

Gloria Patri
#6 | *O, Come My Soul, Bless Thou The Lord*

Call to Repentance

The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment

Confession of Sin

O most great, most just, and most gracious God; You are of purer eyes than to look upon sin, yet You have promised mercy to sinners such as us through Jesus Christ – mercy to all who repent and believe in Him. We confess that we have not kept covenant with You. Instead of keeping Your covenant law, we have ignored and transgressed it. Instead of delighting in zeal for Christ, we have degraded ourselves in zeal for idols of our own making. Instead of loving our neighbor and seeking first Your kingdom, we have sought to selfishly use our neighbors and build our own kingdoms. God of all grace, take the shame of our sin, and cover it with the righteousness of Christ. Take the record of our failures, and replace it with the perfect record of Christ's righteousness that is ours by faith alone. Grant that Your Spirit would give us new hearts of covenant love and faithfulness. O Lord, command us in Your Word whatever You will, and give us by Your grace whatever You command. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel | Psalm 103:10-12

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Thanksgiving

#486 | *God, Be Merciful to Me (Ps. 51:1-15)*

Announcements/Opportunities

Visitors' Sign-in

Welcome! If you are a visitor and would like someone to contact you with more information about our church, please scan the QR code on the back of this worship guide and fill in your contact information.

Virtual Prayer Meeting | 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays at 4:00 pm (new time)

Zoom link sent weekly; join us for a brief season of prayer (40 mins.) to exalt our God and intercede on behalf of one another (see QR code on back).

Nursing Home Ministry | August 17th at 1:45 pm (3rd Sunday)

South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 2115 S. County Trail, West Kingston, RI 02892. *For more details, please contact Ruth Slater.*

Men's Night | August 21st at 6:30 pm (3rd Thursday)

Location: Chris Shoemaker's house, weather permitting (540 Shermantown Rd., Saunterstown, RI); this is the monthly gathering of the men of the church for fellowship. *For more details, please contact Mark Slater.*

Ladies' Ministries | Will resume in September

These are the monthly gatherings of the ladies of the church for fellowship and Bible study.

Today's Schedule*:

Worship 9:30-11:15 am
Fellowship 11:15-11:30 am

*Christian Education has been suspended for the summer.

Nursery and Cleaning Schedule

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation as assigned, please find a replacement and inform Randy May so that the Worship Guide can be updated accordingly.

	Nursery	Cleaning/Closing
Today	Geoff Short & Caleb Shoemaker	Whitman
Next Week	Molly Whitman & Elinor Short	Slater
8/24	Jack Pharo & Claire Short	C. Shoemaker
8/31	Crystal Shoemaker & Kerry May	Pharo

Lord Speaks to Us in the Ministry of the Word

NT Homily

Isaiah 40:1-8

Sermon Text

John 1:19-28

Sermon Title

“The Voice Crying in the Wilderness”

Prayer of Response

Song of Response

#499 | *Rock of Ages*

We Commune with God and One Another in the Sacrament and Collection

Confession of Faith | Adapted from The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1-2

Leader: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

Church: *That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the Devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by His Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.*

Leader: What must you know to live and to die in the joy of this comfort?

Church: *Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are, which God declares to me in His holy Law; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery, which God declares to me in His holy Gospel; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance, with grateful obedience to His holy Law.*

Administration of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Grape juice is available in center cup/inner circle for those who cannot drink the wine in faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection with Singing of Praise

*Psalm 23B | BOPFS
Doxology*

Benediction | 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

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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.*

Doxology (tune: “Old 100th”)

*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.*

Summary of God’s Law (from Exodus 20 & Matthew 22)

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out
of the house of bondage.”*

- I *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
- II *You shall not make for yourself a carved image – nor bow down to
them nor serve them.*
- III *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*
- IV *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- V *Honor your father and your mother.*
- VI *You shall not murder.*
- VII *You shall not commit adultery.*
- VIII *You shall not steal.*
- IX *You shall not bear false witness.*
- X *You shall not covet.*

*And our Lord Jesus said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great
commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as
yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the
Prophets.”*

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For Yours is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.*

Sermon Notes

A Christ-centered Exposition of John 1:19-28:
“The Voice Crying Out in the Wilderness”

Theme: *John the Baptizer sets the stage for Jesus the Messiah. And so, he
testifies:*

Introduction

1. He is not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet. (vv. 19-21)

2. He is the voice calling for repentance. (vv. 22-23)

3. He is the witness to Jesus’ supremacy. (vv. 24-28)

Conclusion