



Christ Our Hope

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship
December 14, 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

December 14, 2025 | 9:30 AM

Italics indicate congregational participation and/or standing.

We Adore the Lord and Honor Him as King

Call to Worship | Psalm 9:1-2; 9-14

Responsive Reading (p. 6)

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Songs of Adoration

Gloria Patri

Psalm 9B | Wholehearted Thanksgiving

Call to Repentance

The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment

Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we confess that we have desired the comforts of this world too much. We have loved the gifts You've given us more than we have loved You, the Giver. We have also coveted the things You have given to others instead of being grateful and satisfied with what You have given to us. In your mercy, help us to see that all those things we long for are like shadows, but You are the real substance; that they are like shifting quicksands, but You are the stable mountain. Please forgive us because of the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept His worthiness in place of our unworthiness, His sinlessness in place of our transgressions, His obedience in place of our rebellion, His glory in place of our shame, His righteousness in place of our dead works. And give us new life because of His death. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of the Gospel | 1 Timothy 1:15

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Pastoral Prayer | *The Lord's Prayer*

Song of Thanksgiving

#320 | As with Gladness Men of Old

The Lord Speaks to Us in the Ministry of the Word

NT Homily

Hebrews 9:11-15

Sermon Text

Ephesians 2:19-22 [Reading 2:11-22]

Sermon Title

“Christ Our Cornerstone”

Prayer of Response

Song of Response

#403 | *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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

Confession of Faith | *Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A's 61-65 (p. 946)*

Administration of the Lord's Supper | Words of Institution

Gluten-free bread has been provided in the silver foil liners.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection with Singing of Praise

Psalm 48A | Great Is the LORD

Our God

Doxology

Benediction | Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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 Ephesians 2:19-22

“Christ Our Cornerstone”

Christ has brought us near to be God’s people.

1. Christ makes us the citizens of God’s city. (v. 19a)

2. Christ makes us the members of God’s family. (v. 19b)

3. Christ makes us the materials of God’s temple. (vv. 20-22)
 - a. God’s revelation is the foundation. (v. 20a)

 - b. Christ Himself is the cornerstone. (v. 20b)

 - c. God Himself dwells there by the Spirit. (vv. 21-22)

Conclusion

Call to Worship
Responsive Reading
Psalm 9:1-2; 9-14

*I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*

***I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.***

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

***And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.***

*Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion!
Declare His deeds among the people.*

***When He avenges blood, He remembers them;
He does not forget the cry of the humble.***

*Have mercy on me, O Lord!
Consider my trouble from those who hate me,
You who lift me up from the gates of death,*

***That I may tell of all Your praise
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.
I will rejoice in Your salvation.***

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.

Congregational Meeting | Today immediately following worship

The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a financial report for 2025 from the deacons, and to present a proposed 2026 budget for information and feedback.

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

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 last page).

Ladies' Bible Study | January 8th at 7:00 pm (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Location: Church building. Studying Ch. 5 in "Hoping for Something Better" by Nancy Guthrie. *For more details, please contact Ruth Slater or Sandy Swenson.*

Ladies' Christmas Party | Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm

Location: Kathleen Caswell's house (15 West Park Lane, Kingston, RI).
More details to follow.

Men's Night | December 18th at 6:30 pm (3rd Thursday)

Location: Crafted Hope Brewing (1485 South County Trail, Ste. #201, East Greenwich, RI). *For more details, please contact Mark Slater.*

Nursing Home Ministry | December 21st at 1:45 pm (3rd Sunday)

South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (2115 S. County Trail, West Kingston). *See Mark's email for Christmas Caroling details.*

Today's Schedule:

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

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	Jack Pharo & Kerry May	Slater
Next Week	Crystal Shoemaker & Ruth Short	Whitman
12/28	Chris Shoemaker & Elinor Short	C. Shoemaker
1/4	Geoff Short & Caleb Shoemaker	Pharo

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.

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Sign-up Form**



**Zoom Link
Virtual Prayer**