



# **Christ Our Hope**

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship

January 4, 2026

*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

January 4, 2026 | 9:30 AM

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*Italics indicate congregational participation and/or standing.*

## **We Adore the Lord and Honor Him as King**

### **Call to Worship | Psalm 34:1-3**

*I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.*

### **Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **Songs of Adoration**

*Gloria Patri*

#222 | *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

### **Call to Repentance**

*The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Dear heavenly Father, we are Your wayward, rebellious children. We have sinned against You – not only accidentally, but intentionally; not merely out of weakness, but out of willfulness. We deserve hell. But You gave Your Son to bear that hell for us on the Cross. For the sake of His blood and righteousness, please forgive us all our sins, and our intractable sinfulness. Please sanctify us by Your Spirit. Please strengthen our hope of glory, when we will be done with sinning once and for all and fully conformed to the likeness of Your Son, in whose Name we pray. Amen.*

### **Assurance of the Gospel | Romans 5:8-9**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

### **Pastoral Prayer | *The Lord's Prayer***

### **Song of Thanksgiving**

*Psalm 130A | Lord, from the Depths to You I Cry!*

# **The Lord Speaks to Us in the Ministry of the Word**

**NT Homily**

*Hebrews 10:1-4*

**Sermon Text**

*Ephesians 3:8-13 [Reading 3:1-13]*

**Sermon Title**

*“Proclaiming the Mystery of Christ”*

**Prayer of Response**

**Song of Response**

*Psalms 48A | Great is the Lord Our God*

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

**Confession of Faith** | *The Apostles' Creed (p. 851)*

**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**

*#282 | I Greet Thee, Who My  
Sure Redeemer Art  
Doxology*

**Benediction** | Romans 15:5-6

*Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **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 100<sup>th</sup>”)

*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 3:8-13  
*“Proclaiming the Mystery of Christ”*

The Gospel is the proclamation of the mystery of Christ, namely:

1. The unsearchable riches of Christ. (vv. 8-9)
2. The manifold wisdom and eternal purpose of God in Christ. (vv. 10-11)
3. The boldness of access we have to God by faith in Christ. (vv. 12-13)

Conclusion

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## 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.

### Today is the First Sunday of the Month

We will collect the diaconal offering at the close of worship. We will also have our monthly fellowship meal after our morning activities are finished.

### Virtual Prayer Meeting | 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### Men's Night | January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

Location: TBD. *For more details, please contact Mark Slater.*

### Nursing Home Ministry | January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (2115 S. County Trail, West Kingston). *For more details, please contact Mark Slater.*

### Today's Schedule:

Worship	9:30-11:15 am
Fellowship	11:15-11:30 am
Children's Christian Education	11:30-12:15 pm
Adult Sermon Discussion	11:30-12:00 pm
Corporate Prayer	12:00-12:15 pm

### 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	Randy May & Caleb Shoemaker	Swenson
Next Week	Donna Phelps & Clara Shoemaker	Pharo
1/18	Mark Slater & David Phelps	N. Shoemaker
1/25	Molly Whitman & Kerry May	May

*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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