



# Christ Our Hope

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship  
May 3, 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

May 3, 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** | Hebrews 12:22-24

*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

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

### **Songs of Adoration**

*Gloria Patri*

Psalm 91B | *Who with God Most High Finds Shelter*

### **Call to Repentance**

*The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Most holy and merciful Father, we are a wandering, forgetful, rebellious people. Though You have given us life and the many gifts of Your creation, we have forgotten the Giver and worshiped the gifts. Though You have given us Your holy Law to show us the way of a blessed life, we have cast Your commandments behind our backs. Though You have drawn us with cords of tender mercy, we have sought to break away to serve our own sinful desires. Though Your kindness is designed to lead us to repentance, we have only presumed upon Your grace. And so we would justly fall under the condemnation of Your holy Law. We confess our sins. We acknowledge our rebellion. We appeal to Your tender mercy, not on the basis of our righteousness, but because of the righteousness of Another. We look to the One whom You declared to be Your Beloved Son, with whom You are well pleased. We look to the One who for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross, scorning its shame. We trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation and eternal life, who lived for us the obedient life we fail to live, and died for us the cursed death we deserve. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the matchless grace of this Gospel, and set our feet upon the path of joyful obedience, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. For the sake of Your own holy name. Amen.*

**Assurance of the Gospel** | Isaiah 53:5-6

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Pastoral Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Song of Thanksgiving**

Hymn 277 | *Before the Throne of God Above*

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

**NT Homily**

*Hebrews 12:25-29*

**Sermon Text**

*Ephesians 6:10-12 (reading 6:10-20)*

**Sermon Title**

"Christ Is Your Strength to Stand"

**Prayer of Response**

**Song of Response**

Psalm 46A | *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

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

**Confession of Faith** | *Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 127-129 (p. 896)*

**Words of Institution**

**Administration of the Lord's Supper**

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

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Collection with Singing of Praise**

Hymn 446 | *Be Thou My Vision*  
*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 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 6:10-12  
*“Christ Is Your Strength to Stand”*

### Introduction

Christ is your strength to stand. So:

1. Be strong in His power. (v. 10)
2. Use His armor. (v. 11)
3. Know His enemy – and yours. (v. 12)

### 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.

### 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 | May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)

Location: Church building. Starting a new 5-week study on the book Ruth by Kathleen B. Nielson (Ch. 1). *For more details, please contact Ruth Slater or Sandy Swenson.*

### Nursing Home Ministry | May 17<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.*

### Men's Night | May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)

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

### 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	Mark Slater & Donna Phelps	May
Next Week	Randy May & David Phelps	Slater
5/17	Geoff Short & Kerry May	Whitman
5/24	Molly Whitman & Claire Short	C. Shoemaker

*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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