



CHRIST
CHURCH

January 24, 2021

Prelude *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners* violin & piano arr. Kristin Campbell

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

Welcome Tim & Olivia Veldkamp and Amelia, Marcy, Todd

Moment of silent meditation Psalm 18:28-30

For it is you who light my lamp;
the LORD my God lightens my darkness.
For by you I can run against a troop,
and by my God I can leap over a wall.
This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



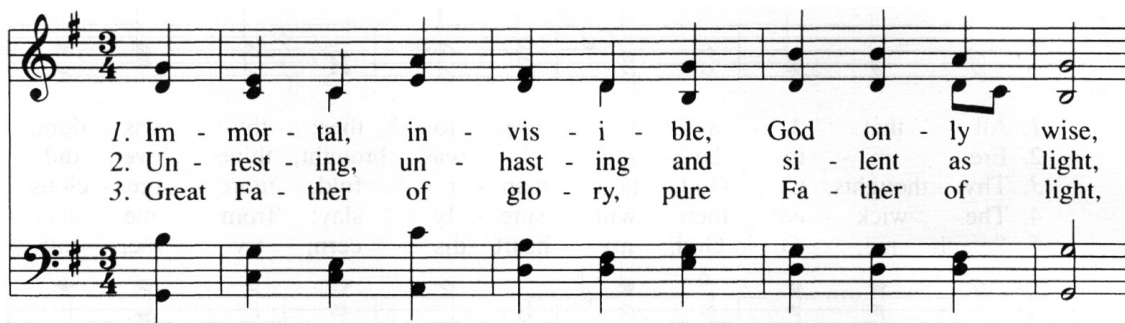
Call to worship Psalm 43:3-4 Masakuni Hotta

Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!
Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

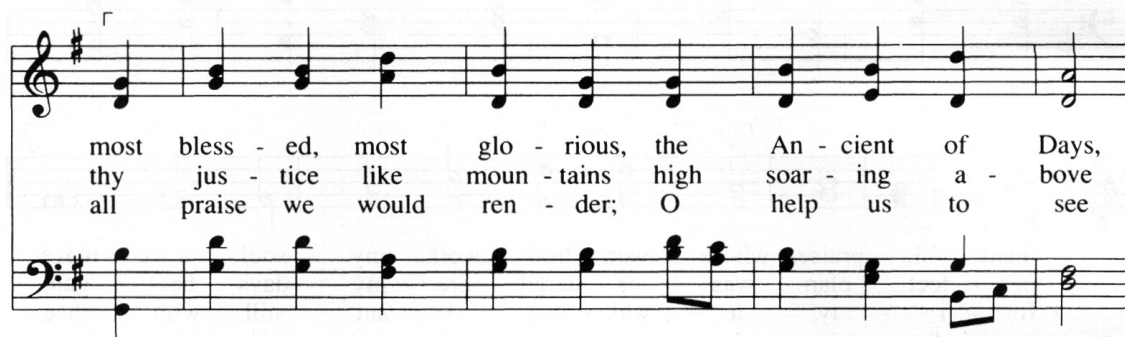
Trinity Hymnal 38



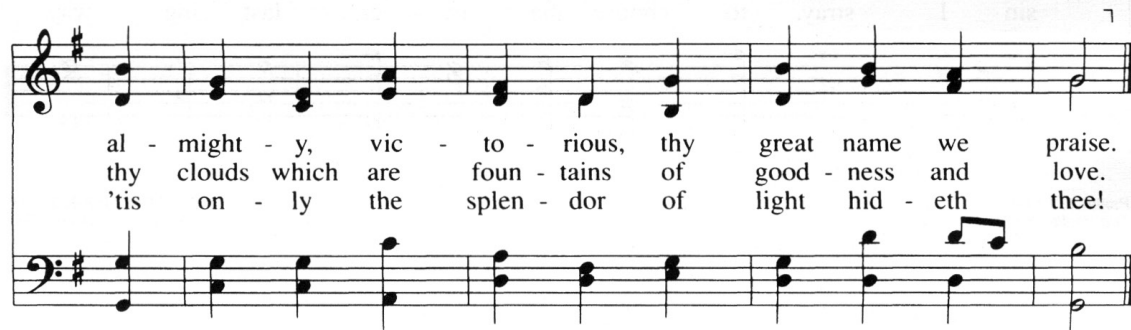
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Psalm of Praise

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!
For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!



Prayer of adoration

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

I John 1:5–10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.



Prayer of confession followed by silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness

John 1:1-13

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.



Be Thou My Vision

Trinity Hymnal 642

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else - to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
• dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
• thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



* Scripture

John 8:12-20; 9:1-7

^{8:12} Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ¹³ So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going." ¹⁵ You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. ¹⁸ I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me." ¹⁹ They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

^{9:1} As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



* Prayer



Sermon

Jesus the light of life

Pastor Addison Hawkins

This passage is about Jesus who is the light of the world. What is illuminated about Jesus by this particular I AM saying:

Jesus overcomes darkness

Jesus reveals beliefs

Jesus gives life

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD



Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Trinity Hymnal 398

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the
 2. Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -
 3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly Light, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, a - rise,
 nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn
 sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine;

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day - spring from on
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till they in - ward
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
 light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



Prayers of the People



Tithes and Offerings of the church

Offertory

Give Me Jesus violin & piano

arr. Kristin Campbell

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
you can have all this world, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus.



Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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.

Worship musicians

Sarah Griffioen, violin & song leader

Susan Guerra, piano

Be Thou My Vision (Guerra family)

Doxology (Scofield family)

Life of the church

There have been some minor changes in the fold assignments. David deJong had been sharing fold leadership with Dick Friedrich and John Streefkerk but will now be leading a fold with Jerry Stutzman. Note that our folds are organized geographically by zip codes. A fold list with corresponding zip codes is on the back of the bulletin and at the bottom of the Friday email. If you are visiting or a regular attender please feel free to contact your elder to make yourself known. We will do our best to connect with you as well.

Want to get out of the house for a while? How about making some art? We've got lots of temporary drywall space that can be your blank canvas! Let's add some color to them with your artistic interpretations of the I Am statements. Come this Wednesday 6:30-8:30 PM and/or Saturday 10:00-noon. We'll provide some basic art supplies or bring your own. Questions call Scott, Susan, Debbie or Greg!

Our **First Things class** is a place to learn more about what we believe and who we are. If you are interested in learning more about Christ Church then this is the place to start. If you are considering becoming a member then this class is a requirement, though you do not need to become a member if you take the class. Contact the office to sign-up, or Addison at addison@christchurchgr.org with questions.

Together in Prayer: Wednesdays 7-8pm on Zoom. Register to receive the Zoom link: <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/a6494a> Let's do the work of prayer together. Our world needs us to pray.

Each January for the past few years we have provided an all-church devotional book for those who wanted one. Titles we've gone through include *Saving Grace* (Jack Miller); *Songs of Jesus & God's Wisdom for Navigating Life* (Keller); *New Morning Mercies* (Tripp); *A Good Confession* (Poole). This year, however, we won't be purchasing books. Instead we will continue to provide the **devotionals** we've been writing in-house that are associated with the various sermon series. We hope these will be a way for us to keep the word in our hearts throughout the week. Sign up to receive the devotional in a daily e-mail through the office.

The Creative during COVID books are here and available in the foyer. Please place a checkmark by your name if you pick yours up (one per household).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Kids! Stop by the Children's Ministries table in the foyer to say hello to a teacher. Tell them something you've learned from our online lessons and get a treat. Lessons are available at christchurchgr.org/our-current-life/childrens-resources/ or catch up on lessons you missed on the *Christ Church GR* YouTube channel. Drop off your sermon notes or coloring page to share on the bulletin board, and if you're having a birthday this week, take a prize from the Birthday Box!

Parents: If you are worshiping at home but your child would still like to connect with teachers, contact Mrs. Debbie so we can set up a FaceTime chat! Debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org

YOUTH

56'er Girls' Book Club: Our second meeting will be Saturday, February 6 at 11am. Location will be determined closer to the date. Read *The Black Stallion* by Walter Farley and come ready to discuss. Discussion will be led by Leah Gritter. Moms are welcome, too! Any questions, contact Sarah Tilchen.

Jr High

Youth Group meets each Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 and we have in person and video options; watch e-mail for the weekly invite

For those attending the one day Junction retreat this Saturday the 30th, be at church at 8:00

Sr High

Youth group is on for tonight (Sunday) from 7:00-8:00, either in person or via video; watch e-mail for the video link

Our Au Sable retreat is set for Feb. 5-7 and registrations are occurring in increments, watch your e-mail for those details and dates, then sign up when you can

By the gracious and loving hands of several women, **the church freezer is full of meals ready for any families** who are struggling through Covid and its after effects. There are several gluten and dairy free meals. If you or your family members are ill, please do not hesitate to contact: Kristin at klocallaghan@gmail.com, Cheryl at lafleur1@comcast.net, your elder or the office.

Family Caregiver University Class: Emotional Health During COVID being held Tuesday, January 26:1-2:30 p.m. via zoom. Register by e-mail to registration@aaawm.org or by phone – 616-222-7032. When registering please leave your name and phone number.

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
January - December Receipts	\$ 973,957	\$971,064
January - December Expenses	\$ 888,029	\$971,064
January - December Over (Under)	\$ 96,928	\$ - 0
Tithes and Offerings		
January 3	\$ 7,690	
January 10	\$ 12,164	
January 17	\$ 9,758	
January Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 29,612	\$ 82,125
Advent offering	\$ 12,499	

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies (via Zoom)

- Mon, 7pm - James Study
Jerry Stutzman will lead the discussion.
- Wed, 6:30am - Isaiah Study
contact Bob LaFleur at lafleur1@comcast.net

Fellowship Breakfasts Tuesdays, at 8:30

via Zoom. Contact Greg Meibeyer for details.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Tuesday morning Bible study at 10:00am

We meet in person at church following Covid guidelines and over zoom to study the gospel of John. Use the south door as the main entrance is closed for construction. Contact Mary at praymcd@yahoo.com with questions.

The study on Judges led by Pat Duemler which began in September continues. Contact Pat at (616) 915-0648.

Sign-up for the upcoming study on Ezra and Nehemiah. There are a variety of opportunities during a week to join a small group of women for discussion and prayer. This study begins the week of February 7 and continues weekly through April. ***Ezra and Nehemiah: The Good Hand of God is Upon Us*** by Sarah Ivill. Contact the office if you



EXTENDING
COMMUNITY
ENABLING
MISSION

Campaign Goal	\$1,600,000
Pledged & Received	\$1,610,050
Funds Received	\$971,683
Number of Pledges	159
Progress	101%
GOAL EXCEEDED by	\$10,050

Building Expansion Update

The main entrance is closed for construction this Sunday and next. Enter from either the south or north doors. There is a temporary handicap ramp at the North entrance.

Roof decking was completed this week.

Structural steel and supports are in place for the three new roof top units with the roofing and insulation patched in around them. Four new wood trusses were installed in the lobby area. The electricians and plumbers are roughing in the family bathroom getting that ready for drywall. Next week the framers will be working on framing the overhangs, fascia and soffit. They will also be building temporary enclosures to keep the outside weather outside and allow for warmer work inside.



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Worship Onsite Sunday mornings at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30am, or by Zoom at 9:00am

Office hours: Call or email ahead as we comply with MI Health Department recommendations.

PRAYER REQUESTS: please submit by 7:30pm Tuesday to prayer@christchurchgr.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS: please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to announcements@christchurchgr.org

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