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To all who are spiritually weary
and seek rest;

To all who mourn
and long for comfort;

To all who struggle
and desire victory;

To all who sin
and need a Savior;

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To all who are strangers
and want fellowship;

To all who hunger
and thirst after righteousness;

And to whoever will come –

this church opens wide her doors
and offers her welcome

A CONGREGATION OF
THE ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (ARP)

Welcome

We are so glad that you have joined us to worship God today. If you would like to be kept up to date with the latest news, please check out our website at christarpc.com. We hope that you can stay for refreshments after the service.

Our Worship

We seek to worship God according to the ways he has commanded us in his Word. The Psalms, hymns and songs that we sing are focused on glorifying Christ and thanking him for his mercy to us in the gospel. We also strive to unite the past with the present, combining historic forms of worship with the best of contemporary hymnody, so that we can worship together as a multi-generational family of God's people. We encourage you to worship God with physical expression that reflects sincere love for God and loving awareness of the brothers and sisters with whom you are worshipping.

Children in Worship

Our desire is that our service would minister to people of all ages. However, we provide a nursery for very young children, and also offer a "Young Worshipers in Training" Program ("Y-WIT") for children whose parents feel that they would benefit from it. This program is designed to prepare our children to understand all aspects of the worship service, and will include a short lesson based on the same text as the sermon. Children attending Y-WIT will be excused before the pastoral prayer and will rejoin their parents for communion.

The Lord's Supper

In keeping with Christ's command and the pattern of the early church, we celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly; this helps to keep our eyes firmly focused on Christ, who is our only hope. As redeemed sinners who are weak and needy, we need constantly to be reminded of the gospel, and the Lord's Supper makes the gospel message visible and tangible to those who receive it by faith in Christ. It communicates to us afresh the cost of our sin and the glory of our salvation, nourishing us spiritually and reminding us that the death of Jesus assures us of God's love for us as individuals, and binding us together in a new community.

We invite all baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ to participate. According to 1 Corinthians 11, participating rightly in this meal requires us to understand what is happening, so we ask that children who have not yet been received into communicant membership not partake of the elements. If you think your child is ready to participate, please speak to the pastor.

This Week's Announcements:

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS (contact information is on the back of the bulletin)

Women's Summer Study: Our final meeting will be 7:30pm tomorrow evening (8/18) at the Bancrofts' home (1360 S. Center St. Ext.).

UPCOMING STUDIES AND GROUPS:

Thursday Men's Breakfast: Starting September 4th, 5:30am at McDonald's, studying Paul Miller's *Love Walked Among Us*. Contact Pastor Matt for a copy.

Sunday Evening Study: Enjoying God. Starting September 7th at the Harmons' (411 Woodland Ave).

New Members Class: A three class course open to all, whether or not you are interested in pursuing membership. If interested, contact Pastor Jonathan.

Community Groups: Contact your group coordinator (Lincoln, Jonathan, or Matt) to plan your fall schedule. To join or change groups, contact Pastor Jonathan.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

Next Sunday: If you are willing to help fold bulletins this week, please contact Bob. If you can set up chairs Sunday morning, please come at 8:30am. Thank you!

Y-WIT: We are need of a new Y-WIT coordinator and teachers. Please pray for God's provision of individuals with a heart to teach children and contact Pastor Matt if you believe you or someone you know is gifted to serve in this way.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, August 24th: Our Moderator has called for a day of prayer and fasting for Christian brothers and sisters being persecuted by extremists in Iraq, Syria, and Nigeria. Let's pray for them to endure and for evil to be thwarted.

GCC Organization and Church Fair, Friday, August 29th, 6-8pm: Help introduce Christ Presbyterian Church to incoming students. The fair is held in the IM room (in the Physical Learning Center). Contact Pastor Jonathan to participate.

Temporary Re-location, Sunday, August 31st: The YMCA will be closed the weekend of Labor Day. Worship will be in the Pew Fine Arts Center on the campus of Grove City College.

HarvestUSA, Saturday, Sept 20th, 9am-noon: "Reason to Hope: A Gospel Response to a Rapidly Changing Culture." As the cultural consensus regarding human sexuality changes, how should Christians respond? Dr. Jim Weidenaar of HarvestUSA will help us explore how the Scriptures speak to these concerns. HarvestUSA equips churches to bring the power and grace of the gospel into places of sexual brokenness. Hosted by Covenant Church (OPC) of Grove City. To learn more or register, visit: harvestusa.org/event/reason.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Larsen. Lincoln and Emma were married yesterday afternoon and are currently enjoying their honeymoon.