



*Christ
Presbyterian
Church*



ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 8, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Advent

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!, verses 1-2, 5

Hymn No. 198

Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Lyrics: Georg Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth 1855

Welcome & Announcements

Brian Sorgenfrei

*Call to Worship¹

Isaiah 40:1-5

Elder: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Elder: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

All: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

Advent Reading "Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God"

Luke 1:26-38

True & Lady Margaret Redd

*Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough

1. My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord;
2. He scat - ters the proud and rich;
3. From now to the end of time,
my spi - rit re - joic - es in God!
He lifts up the hum - ble and weak.
the na - tions will know me as blest,
My Sav - ior has seen His ser - vant in need,
The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones
for God has made new His prom - ise of love
and be - hold the great things He has done:
and the hun - gry He wel - comes to feast.
and mer - cy through A - bra - ham's seed.

*Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.



Chorus: Oh, be - hold, my Sav - ior has come!

And my soul will tell of His praise

for He who is strong has come to the weak

and, at last, He will reign as our King of Peace.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 29:13-16

¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore...the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. All for His sake. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:10-13

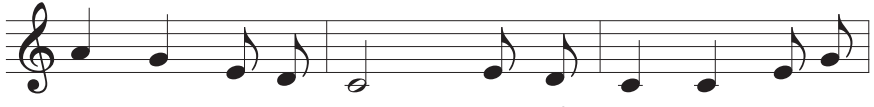
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

*Come Thou Fount (Advent)

Music: NETTLETON, arr. Luke Brawner; Lyrics: Robert Robinson & Luke Brawner



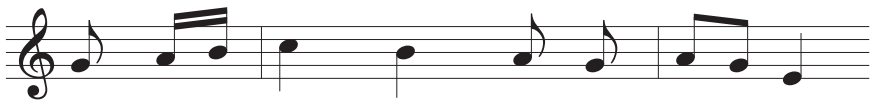
1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my
2. Come, thou long a - wait - ed Sav - ior; come with



heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er
mor - tal men to dwell. Come in flesh, O love in -



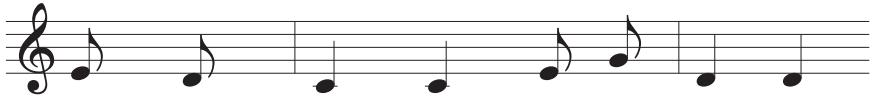
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
car - nate, God with us, Em - man - u - el.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net,
Son of God, O Son of Da - vid,



"Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Son of Ma - ry, Son of Man,



Thy bright star, I'm fixed u - pon it
hope of ev - 'ry - thing cre - a - ted



know - ing hope for all is nigh.
from the throne to Beth - le - hem.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Alan Grafton

Offertory

"Cradle Hymn"

Ann Hunter Bigham & Alice Dabbs, vocalists; Thomas Ardrey, pianist

Music: Kim André Arnesen; Lyrics: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service three- & four-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Glynn Ingram

Members of the Week:

Ward & Anne Toler

Gray & Amanda Tollison

Missionaries of the Week:

Clarke & Khrystyia Norton: MTW - L'viv, Ukraine

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

1st & 2nd Grade: Emelie & Clyde McGee; Hannah & Nathan Dye

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Whitney & Matt Reese

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 20

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"How It All Ends"

Les Newsom

Revelation: Things Are Not as They Seem

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

Ordination & Installation to the Office of Deacon

10:45 a.m. service

Allen Thigpen

Questions for Ordination

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive this brother as a deacon, and do you promise to yield him all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

Setting Apart by Prayer & Laying on of Hands by Elders Elder Errol Castens

Pronouncement of Election, Ordination & Installation Les Newsom

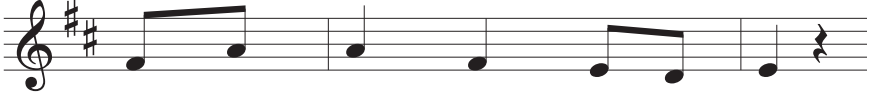
Charge to the Deacon & Congregation Elder Glynn Ingram

*Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Music & Lyrics: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry
2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry:
3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,
4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,



in the dawn - ing of the King,
He the per - fect Son of Man,
Christ the Lord up - on the tree.
slain by death the God of life.



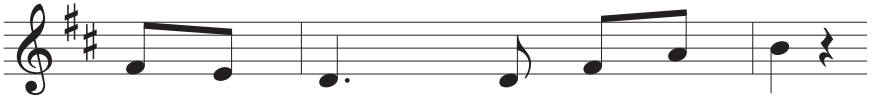
He the theme of heav - en's prais - es,
in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring,
In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners,
But no grave could e'er re - strain Him.



robbed in frail hu - man - i - ty.
nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.
Praise the Lord, He is a - live.



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness
See the true and bet - ter A - dam
See the price of our re - demp - tion,
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come.
come to save the hell - bound man.
see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.
how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con - de - scend - ed,
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment
Bring - ing ma - ny sons to glo - ry,
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed



took on flesh to ran - som us.
of the un - law, in Him we stand.
grace the un - mea - sured, Love un - told.
as we will be when He comes.

*Benediction²

¹Please stand, if able.

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

1. A Snapshot of History

2. A Thousand Year Reign

3. A Bound Devil

4. A Vision of Thrones

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin;
Gregg Davidson, vocals; Kristi Davidson, lights & projections;
Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Dylan Gray, bass; Harper Holley, viola;
Allison Lavender, violin; Gabriel Miña-Reyes cello; Andy Paney, piano;
Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES!

Saturday, December 14th
10:00 AM in the Christ Pres Lobby

Ladies, please join us for a morning of Christmas celebration! Christ Pres women and girls of all ages are invited. We'll enjoy a delicious brunch, festive fellowship and beautiful Christmas music. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to let us know you are coming!



join us for a time of

INTENTIONAL PRAYER

December 15th at 5:30pm

2024 has been an encouraging year for our church family. We believe that God has set before us significant challenges to accommodate the growth in membership and attendance while staying faithful to our mission to pastor each other well. So before we even begin to entertain those questions, the leadership at Christ Pres desires our congregation to pray.

NO ADULT,
YOUTH OR CHILDREN
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NO 8:30AM
WORSHIP SERVICE ON
DEC 22ND & 29TH!
WE WILL HAVE OUR 10:45AM WORSHIP
SERVICE & LIVESTREAM WILL BE
AVAILABLE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH AT 4PM & 5:30PM

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