



CHRIST  
CHURCH

PCA



December 10, 2023

*Christ Church exists to make mature disciples who will worship, know and serve Christ  
so that His Church and Kingdom are powerfully extended in Katy and beyond.*

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*“True religion is supernatural at its beginning, supernatural in its continuance, and supernatural in its close. It is the work of God from first to last.”*  
*(Spurgeon, All Of Grace)*

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# CHRIST CHURCH

## Order for the Worship of God

The Lord’s Day • December 10, 2023

*We also have live stream worship at [www.cckpca.org/livestream](http://www.cckpca.org/livestream) at 11:00 AM. Register at [cckpca.org/guest](http://cckpca.org/guest) so we can provide you with information about our church.*

**Welcome & Silent Preparation**

The Rev. Mr. Fred Greco

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## PRAISE

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**Call to Worship\***

Isaiah 12:4-6

*\* Worshippers are asked to stand if possible*

**Minister:** “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

**Prayer of Adoration\***

Pastor Greco

**Hymn of Praise #207\***



“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

**Hymn #216**



“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

**Affirmation of Faith**

Hebrews 1:3-6, 8-9

**Minister:** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down

at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**People:** For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are My Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to Me a son”?

**Minister:** And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, “Let all God’s angels worship Him.”

**People:** But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions.”

## ———— CONFESSIO ————

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Holy Father, we acknowledge and admit that You are completely pure and righteous, but we are not. Too often we have been disobedient to Your Word and have not loved You or our neighbor as You have commanded us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and grant that we would be strengthened to serve You in newness of life. Grant it to us to delight in Your favor and grace. We thank You for Christ through whom we have hope for eternity. These things we ask through the merit and mediation of His Name, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Private Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

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*He has delivered us  
from the domain of  
darkness and  
transferred us to  
the kingdom of His  
beloved Son, in  
whom we have  
redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins.*  
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## MEANS OF GRACE

Scripture Reading\* — Jeremiah 12:1-17

Mr. Daryl Brister

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession & Petition

Mr. Brister

Sermon Text

John 13:36-38

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Greco

*“Peter’s Overconfidence”*

Hymn #200\*



“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

## THANKSGIVING

Giving

[www.cckpca.org/give](http://www.cckpca.org/give) or text “CCKPCA” to 833-750-3171

Doxology #733\*



*LAAST UNS ERFREUEN*

Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn #194\*



“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

The Benediction\*

Pastor Greco

Announcements

Mr. Brister

**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION**  
Classes for all  
ages at  
9:50 AM.

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## EVENING WORSHIP

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*Conclude the Lord's Day with His people, tonight at 6:00 PM.*

Call to Worship\*

Opening Prayer\*

Hymn #598\*

Hymn #585

Hymn #45



"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"



"Take My Life, and Let it Be"



"Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty"

Scripture Reading\* — 2 Timothy 4:1-22

Mr. Mark Becker

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon Text

2 Thessalonians 3:6-17

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Greco

*"The Importance of Work"*

Hymn #196\*



"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

The Benediction\*

NEXT WEEK – There is no evening service next week. Instead, we will have our Christmas Caroling outreach at 5:00 PM, followed by supper.

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## NURSERY CARE

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Nursery care is available for children up to the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday during the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services and Sunday School in rooms 110 and 111. Nursery care is not currently being provided at our evening service. Our nursery will send a text message to alert parents if needed. Please remember to keep your phone silenced but on vibrate so you will receive it. Thank you!

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### E-MAIL

#### PRAYER CHAIN

The Christ Church email prayer chain may be activated by contacting the church office (281-392-0002 or [prayerchain@cckpca.org](mailto:prayerchain@cckpca.org)). If you wish to receive emails from the prayer chain please contact the office.

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#### MERCY MINISTRY

Those in need of this service should contact [mercyministry@cckpca.org](mailto:mercyministry@cckpca.org)

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## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;  
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

# Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

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*He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers. Rev. 17:14*

1. In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new

ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:

Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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*An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.*  
 Luke 2:9

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.  
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



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## Doxology

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6*

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures

here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -

bove, ye heav'n-ly host, praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"  
declares the LORD. Is. 59:20*

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on  
 3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy  
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,  
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law  
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

REFRAIN

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.  
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14*

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my  
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,  
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,  
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

# Take My Life, and Let It Be

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*Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity ... so now offer them in slavery to righteousness. Rom. 6:19*

F F
C<sup>7</sup>
F 7
Dm
B<sup>b</sup>
Gm

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
 2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse  
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, al - ways, on - ly,  
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would

F
C<sup>7</sup>
F
C
C<sup>7</sup>
F

Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them  
 of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and  
 for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry

B<sup>b</sup>
F
C
F
C
7
Dm
C
F
B<sup>b</sup>
F
C
F
7

flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne,  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure-store.  
 Take my self, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee,  
 ever, only, all for thee.

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# Now unto Jehovah, Ye Sons of the Mighty

*Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ps. 29:1*

The musical score is arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

**System 1:** Chords: C, F, Dm, C, F, Bb, C7, F, C, C7. Lyrics: 1. Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, all; 2. The voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the wa - ters; in; 3. The voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; the; 4. Each one in His tem - ple His glo - ry pro - claim - eth. He

**System 2:** Chords: F, C, Dm, C, F, Dm, G, C, F, Dm, C. Lyrics: glo - ry and strength and do - min - ion ac - cord; as - cribe to him; thun - der the God of the glo - ry draws nigh. Lo, o - ver the; voice of Je - ho - vah in maj - es - ty speaks: the voice of Je -; sat on the flood; he is King on his throne. Je - ho - vah all

**System 3:** Chords: F, Bb, C7, F, C, C7, F, C, Dm, C. Lyrics: glo - ry, and ren - der him hon - or. In beau - ty of ho - li - ness; waves of the wide - flow - ing wa - ters Je - ho - vah as King is en -; ho - vah the ce - dars is break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of; strength to his peo - ple im - part - eth; Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er

**System 4:** Chords: F, Dm, G, C, F, Bb, F, C7, F, Dm, Gm, F, C7, F. Lyrics: wor - ship the Lord, in beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the Lord.; thron - ed on high! Je - ho - vah as King is en - thron - ed on high!; Leb - a - non breaks, Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of Leb - a - non breaks.; bless - eth his own, Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er bless - eth his own.

# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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*Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

*"Peter's Overconfidence"*

John 13:36-38

Fred Greco

December 10, 2023

Next Week: Pastor Greco preaching *"Waiting for Jesus"* (1 Peter 1:10-12)

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 AM – Morning Worship

9:50 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Morning Worship

6:00 PM – Evening Worship

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