



CHRIST  
CHURCH

PCA



December 17, 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.*

# CHRIST CHURCH

## Order for the Worship of God

The Lord's Day • December 17, 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

### PRAISE

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*"God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man."  
(C.S. Lewis)*

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Call to Worship\*

Isaiah 9:6

*\* Worshippers are asked to stand if possible*

**Minister:** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Prayer of Adoration\*

Pastor Greco

Hymn of Praise #214\*



"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Hymn #225 (v. 1-2, 4-5)



"Once in Royal David's City"

Affirmation of Faith

Revelation 1:12-18

**Minister:** I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around His chest.

**People:** The hairs of His head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, His feet were like

burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the roar of many waters.

**Minister:** In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength.

**All:** When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

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## CONFESSIO

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### Corporate Confession of Sin

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ the Light of the world, Amen.

### Private Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-12

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## MEANS OF GRACE

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**Sacrament of Baptism**  
(8:30 AM Service)

Harper Austin Simmons  
*Covenant Child of Austin and Corin Simmons*

**Scripture Reading\*** — Jeremiah 13:1-14

Mr. Dave Cias

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

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*The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.*

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Prayers of Intercession & Petition

Mr. Cias

Sermon Text

1 Peter 1:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Greco

*“Waiting for Jesus”*

Hymn #203\*



“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

## THANKSGIVING

Giving

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Doxology #733\*



*LAAST UNS ERFREUEN*

Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn #208\*



“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

The Benediction\*

Pastor Greco

Announcements

Mr. Cias

# Angels We Have Heard on High

*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.*  
Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

REFRAIN

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## Once in Royal David's City

*You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:12*

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,  
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,

where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:  
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:  
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,  
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;

Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.  
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14*

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - cited!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

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Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

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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, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;  
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let  
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

*"Waiting for Jesus"*

1 Peter 1:10-12

Fred Greco

December 17, 2023

Next Week: Pastor Greco preaching *"Jesus: Name Above All Names"* (Matthew 1:18-25)

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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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