



CHRIST  
CHURCH

PCA



December 24, 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 24, 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

*“The cross is the foundation of a church’s prosperity. No church will ever be honored in which Christ crucified is not continually lifted up.”  
(J.C. Ryle, The Cross)*

Call to Worship\*

Luke 1:68-70; Psalm 32:11

*\* Worshippers are asked to stand if possible*

**Minister:** Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old.

**All:** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Prayer of Adoration\*

Pastor Greco

Hymn of Praise #218\*



“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn #196



“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Affirmation of Faith

John 1:1-5

**Minister:** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

Minister: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## CONFESSIO

### Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, we come to You this morning knowing that we have sinned against Your holy majesty and have fallen short of Your glory. We are not worthy to be in Your presence, much less to receive gifts from You. But You have determined in Your wisdom and grace to send the Lord Jesus Christ to earth so that He might live a perfect life and die the death that we deserve. We are amazed that our Savior became man that we might be brought near to God. So we plead the merits of Jesus as sufficient to wipe away our sins. We are not worthy, but Jesus is. Forgive us for our transgressions and pride, our selfishness and ambition. This we ask in the name of the One who was born to save us from our sins.

*“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

### Private Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 1:21

## MEANS OF GRACE

Scripture Reading\* — Isaiah 40:1-11

Dr. Dave Morris

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayers of Intercession & Petition

Dr. Morris

Sermon Text

Matthew 1:18-25

Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Greco

*“Jesus: Name Above All Names”*

Hymn #226\* (v. 1-3)



“As with Gladness Men of Old”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

*Colored cups in each tray contain grape juice and clear cups contain wine.  
Hold each element until all have been served so we may partake together.*

Hymn #226\* (v. 4-5)

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

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## THANKSGIVING

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Giving

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Doxology #733\*



*LAAST UNS ERFREUEN*

Prayer of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn #211\*



“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

The Benediction\*

Pastor Greco

Announcements

Dr. Morris

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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*They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.*

Matt. 2:11



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem- pla- tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend- ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir- it, Son;



ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro- claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend- ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



Come and wor- ship, come and wor- ship, wor - ship Christ, the new- born King.



# 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.

# As with Gladness Men of Old

226

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matt. 2:10*

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860  
 Alt. 1961

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.  
 Conrad Kocher, 1838  
 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861



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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!



## God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

*Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*  
Luke 2:10

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,  
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;  
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."  
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

REFRAIN  
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## TODAY'S SERMON NOTES

*“Jesus: Name Above All Names”*

Matthew 1:18-25

Fred Greco

December 24, 2023

Next Week: Pastor Mire preaching *“Daniel in the Den”* (Daniel 6:1-28)

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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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