



# CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **The Lord's Service**

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Engaging the World Around Us

Colossians 4:5-6

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Blessings to you this Lord's Day! We are thankful that you have joined us this morning for worship. At Christ Presbyterian we want to experience the fullness of our union with Him as his people. This leads us to grow in our understanding and application of life In Christ, life in His Church and life in Mission.

**Life In Christ** - Each Sunday we gather together for God honoring worship, knowing that worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of all who come to know God by his grace, through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Through songs, prayer, preaching and sacraments, we proclaim Christ and life in Him.

**Life in His Church** - As the church of Christ we are called to meaningfully love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, serve alongside one another and in all things seek to build one another up into Christ who is Head of His Church. Belonging to Christ and his church provides us with the blessings of life in community. Here at Christ Pres. we enjoy not only our weekly worship on the Lord's Day, but also more personal times of life together in hospitality, close knit fellowship and shared study. In addition, these are times to welcome friends and neighbors within our community into hospitality and to share with them the grace of Christ.

**Life In Mission** - Reaching others with the gospel both locally and globally is at the heart of Christ Presbyterian Church. As the church, we are called to be faithful to the Great Commission, reaching those apart from Christ with the gospel of grace both locally and globally through intentional acts of service and cooperative support with those serving in missions.

If you're visiting, we're glad you're here and if you would like to learn more about life together at Christ Presbyterian I would be happy connect more personally and to share with you what God is doing here.

May God be praised and honored this Lord's Day.

In Christ,

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# Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS  
US TO  
WORSHIP

## REFLECTION

“So we are confident that we are children of God, having this as our guarantee, that God’s natural Son took his body from ours, flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, that he might be united to us. What was ours he took into his own person so that what was his should belong to us, and thus that, in common with us, he might be both Son of God and Son of man. That is why we have hope that the heavenly inheritance is ours, because only God’s Son to whom it was wholly due has adopted us as his children. Now if we are children, we are co-heirs with him.” | **John Calvin**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE + PREPARATION

❖ PLEASE STAND  
AS ABLE

Our worship begins with a scriptural call for God’s people to worship. In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between Himself and His people.

The congregation speaks the print in bold.

The prayer of invocation begins worship by inviting God’s presence and preparing us to encounter His redeeming grace with reverence and unity.

## ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

**PSALM 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.**

## ❖ INVOCATION

❖ **HYMN** **Come, Behold the Wonderous Mystery**  
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# Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King.
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man.
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, slain by death the God of life.

He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.  
 In his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.  
 In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.  
 But no grave could e'er re-strain him; praise the Lord; he is a-live!

In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!  
 See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
 See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.  
 What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope:

Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
 Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.  
 Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-measured, love un-told.  
 Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when he comes.

GOD  
CLEANSES  
US

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not in shame to consider our sins.

God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into His renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. **This is the good news.**

The call to grateful obedience invites us to respond to God's mercy with lives shaped by grace. Having confessed our sin and received the assurance of pardon, we now turn toward faithful living—not to earn His favor, but to reflect His love with joy and purpose.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty, everlasting God and Father, we acknowledge and confess that we indeed were conceived and born in sin and, therefore, inclined to all evil and slow to all good; that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments, and corrupt ourselves more and more. But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help. Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**COLOSSIANS 1:13-14**

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.

**Praise be to God.**

**CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE**

As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **Romans 14:7-9**, *“For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living.”*

For this is God’s will for you in Christ

**Amen.**

❖ **HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

F Bb/F C F/A F

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy  
 2. Come, O prom - ised Star of Ja - cob, rise up - on this  
 3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

Csus F F Bb/F C

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us,  
 har - rowed earth; fill the si - lence of our wait - ing  
 yet a King; born to reign in us for - ev - er,

F/A F Csus F Am Dm7 Gm7

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -  
 with the cry of ho - ly birth. Son of heav - en, son of  
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus F Bb/F

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art; dear De - sire of  
 Mar - y, hear the song of an - gels tell thou hast come to  
 Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -

F C F/A Bb Csus F

ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 save thy peo - ple, God with us, Em - man - u - el.  
 fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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GOD  
CONSECRATES  
US

## **PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

...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; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **PRESENTATION OF OFFERING & PRAYER**

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response to God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision.



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## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 90:10-17

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon Text: Colossians 4:35-6

The Word of the Lord...

**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON:** Engaging the World Around Us

## ❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

## THE NICENE CREED

Following the sermon, we profess the Nicene Creed as a shared declaration of faith, rooted in the gospel we have just heard. This ancient confession unites us with believers across time and place, affirming the core truths of God's redemptive work in Christ and anchoring our lives in His story of grace.

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD  
COMMUNES  
WITH US

Communion is a holy sacrament of the Church. The word, "sacraments" is a translation of a greek word which means "mystery".

Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the Church that God uses to powerfully nourish our faith. Communion is not just a ritual or a memorial, it is a fellowship with the risen Christ.

We invite all who are baptized Christians and members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, the pastor or elder will be available to serve you where you are. (Baptized Children can only eat and drink after they have made a profession of faith approved by the Session. If you would like to know more, please reach out to the pastor or one of the elders.)

For those not communing, we are so glad you're here!

We invite you, including non-communing children, to come forward and receive a gospel blessing.

Or feel free to remain in your seat to sing joyfully with the congregation or meditate in prayer.

The prayers in the bulletin may help you in your prayers.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion is served weekly at Christ Presbyterian. Note that the bread is gluten-free and non-alcoholic wine is available in the colored cups in the center of both trays.*

### THE INVITATION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Minister prays...

**Amen.**

### COMMUNION

**[ Hymn during distribution: Be Thou My Vision (Next Page) ]**

# Be Thou My Vision

Opt. unison

E♭ Ab Cm B♭/D E♭ B♭

1. Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle Shield, Sword for the fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

E♭ Ab B♭ Ab E♭/G

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought, by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther and  
 Ar - mor, and be thou my Light, thou my soul's Shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways; thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

Cm7 Ab B♭ Cm E♭/G Ab Ab/B♭ E♭

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son, thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 thou my high Tow'r. Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my Trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Words: Irish poem, 10th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.  
 Music: Irish melody

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## **PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING**

Please use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect and respond to what God is doing in your life.

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING**

“Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, teach me and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life you promise. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF BELIEF**

“Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.”

### **PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

“Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

GOD  
COMMISSIONS  
US

Our worship  
concludes with  
God's sending us  
into the world with  
his blessing as we  
seek to love our  
community in the  
power of the Spirit.

❖ **HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

❖ **BENEDICTION**

... and all God's people say...

**Amen!**

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Em Am Dsus G Bm C

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine  
 4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our

Am Bm Em Am Em D

Is - ra - el, that mourns in low - ly ex - ile here,  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,  
 ad - vent here; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,  
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

G Am Dsus G D Bm

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

Am Dsus Em G C Am Bm Em

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

Words: Latin, 9th c.; tr. J. M. Neale, 1851; rev. Henry W. Baker, 1861  
 Music: French processional melody, 15th c.; harm. *Hymns of the Kingdom of God*, 1916, alt.

VENI EMMANUEL  
 LM with refrain



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