

ADVENT | *The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions – past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us – people who wait for the Second Coming. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away.*

preparing our hearts

REV. DEAN WILLIAMS

The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

– Zephaniah 3:17 ESV

choral anthem

SANCTUARY CHOIR

O NATA LUX

*O nata lux de lumine (O light born of light,
Jesu redemptor saeculi (Jesus, redeemer of the world.)
Dignare clemens supplicum (Mercifully deem worthy and accept)
laudes precesque sumere. (our praises and prayers.)*

Words: Traditional Latin; Music: Victor C. Johnson

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

All: O God of our salvation, we give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!

– From 1 Chronicles 16:34-36^{ESV}

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



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, Spi - rit, 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.

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****prayer of invocation**

REV. DR. MCDOWELL

advent reading

The Readings | Isaiah 9:6-7 and Luke 2:13-14^{ESV}

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

candle lighting

THE HERBST FAMILY

The candle color for the third week of Advent is pink, or rose, representing joy or rejoicing. It reveals a shift in the season away from repentance and toward celebration. The third candle is named the Shepherd Candle or Candle of Joy.

AWAY IN A MANGER

A - way in a man - ger no crib for a bed, the
The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but
Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close

lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the
lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes; I
by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless

stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the
love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, and
all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, and

lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

– Isaiah 55:6-7^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
And, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
Let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Through [our Lord Jesus Christ] we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

– Romans 5:2^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOR



1. Thou who wast rich be-yond all splen-dor, all for love's sake be-cam-est poor;
2. Thou who art God be-yond all prais-ing, all for love's sake be-cam-est man;
3. Thou who art love be-yond all tell - ing, Sav-ior and King, we wor-ship thee.



thrones for a man-ger didst sur - ren - der, sap - phire-paved courts for sta - ble floor.
stoop-ing so low, but sin-ners rais - ing, heav'n-ward by thine e - ter - nal plan.
Em - man-u - el, with - in us dwell-ing, make us what thou wouldst have us be.



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scripture reading

REV. WILLIAMS

Leader: Isaiah 9:1-5
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

RULING ELDER DAVID MOORE

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

Presiding Minister: Rev. Williams

Candidate for Deacon:

Ethan Hoke

Candidates for Elder:

Aldo Tumolin Neto

Larry Lorimor

Jonathan Wells

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of deacon or ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity, and edification of the Church?

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this Church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as deacons or ruling elders, as respectively elected, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which this office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

The Laying On of Hands and Prayer and The Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronouncement & Charge:

Moderator: I now pronounce and declare that Ethan Hoke, Aldo Tumolin Neto, Larry Lorimor, and Jonathan Wells have been regularly elected, ordained, and installed as deacon and ruling elders, respectively in this church, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such they are entitled to all encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

sermon

REV. WILLIAMS

Sermon | “The Angel’s Song – Joy, Glory, and Peace”

December 14, 2025

Luke 2:8-14 ^{ESV} | 8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** affirmation of faith**

RULING ELDER MOORE

Leader: Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?

All: The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Leader: What is the sum of the ten commandments?

All: The sum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

– *The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Questions 41-42

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that his work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

– Luke 22:19-20 ESV

Minister: Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

All: They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Minister: He also said, “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.”

**All: For his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink.
For on the last day of the great feast, Jesus stood up
And cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”**

Minister: Let us pray.

As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ’s giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.

**** offering
& song of thanksgiving**

The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



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 - ciled!"
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 the'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 hosts 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 se - cond birth.



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

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announcements

REV. WILLIAMS

** benediction

** doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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for first-time visitors

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the welcome pad when it comes to you.



Meaningful involvement is the best way to build relationships and connect to a church. If you want to go deeper and find out more, **please contact our church office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you are looking for a place to serve in the church, scan the QR code and sign up for the areas you are interested in.

get involved

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting **Tuesday, December 16, 12p** in the conference room. **Email Larry Lorimor** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org) for prayer requests. All are welcome to join. Scan the QR code to join via Zoom.



ALL THAT GLITTERS

Parents, please be mindful of your kids after the end of worship services in the Advent season, as there will be lots of pretty (yet fragile) things that tempt little hands. For the safety of all our children and our beautiful decorations, please keep the stage area clear and all decor off limits and undisturbed. Thank you for your help!

advent and christmas eve services

Join us and invite others for Advent and Christmas Eve at CPC! Our next Advent service is **December 21**. Our Christmas Eve service will be **Wednesday, December 24, 530p**.

year-end giving

In order to be deductible on your 2025 tax return, contributions must be received or postmarked no later than **Wednesday, December 31**. If you have questions about year-end giving or any other giving-related question, please contact Russ Newcombe (treasurer@cpcgeorgetown.org).