



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 4, 2026

---

*Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.*

# Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day January 4, 2026

## Welcome and Announcements

*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:22-24

Minister: "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.

**All: "They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."**

### O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Our shelter from the stormy blast  
And our eternal home!

Beneath the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone  
And our defense is sure

Before the hills in order stood  
Or earth received her frame  
From everlasting Thou art God  
To endless years the same

A thousand ages in Thy sight  
Are like an evening gone  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun

O God our help in ages past  
Our hope for years to come  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home.

## Prayer of Invocation

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

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, amen, amen

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Minister: Christian, what do you believe?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell\*. The third  
day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on  
the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he shall come  
to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy  
catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\*Christ "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath*

*\*The term "catholic" refers to the church universal, all true believers in the Lord Jesus Christ*

## Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
His holy will abideth  
I will be still whate'er He doth  
And follow where He guideth  
He is my God though dark my road  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
He never will deceive me  
He leads me by the proper path  
I know He will not leave me  
I take content What He hath sent  
His hand can turn my griefs away  
And patiently I wait His day  
And patiently I wait His day

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Though now this cup in drinking  
May bitter seem to my faint heart  
I take it all unshrinking  
My God is true each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart  
And pain and sorrow shall depart

Whate'er my God ordains is right  
Here shall my stand be taken  
Though sorrow need or death be mine  
Yet I am not forsaken  
My Father's care is round me there  
He holds me that I shall not fall  
And so to Him I leave it all  
And so to Him I leave it all

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

**Confession of Sin**

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: We praise you, O God, the Father Almighty. We praise you, O God, you who are the adored, true, and only Son. We praise you, O God, the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, the Lord and Giver of Life. We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God. Blessed be your glorious name forever and ever. We acknowledge and confess before you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We plead with you, O God, to forgive what we have been, to help us to amend what we are, and of your mercy to direct what we shall be, so that from now on we may walk in the way of your commandments, and to walk in those ways which are pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**Silent Confession****Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Romans 3:21-24

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan  
Bid my anxious fears subside  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee  
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee

### **Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Jim Williamson

### **Tithes and Offering**

#### **The Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **The Preaching of God's Word**

Rev. Nolan Williamson

#### **"The Baptism of Jesus"**

Matthew 3:13-17

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

*See insert for liturgy*

### **Psalm 103**

Come, my soul, and bless the LORD, all within me bless His name!  
Come, my soul, and bless the LORD; and forget not all His grace  
All your sins the LORD forgives, all your sicknesses He heals  
He redeems you from the pit; His compassion He reveals

For the LORD is slow to wrath, full of mercy, full of grace  
He abounds in steadfast love, will not chide for endless days  
God will not retain His wrath, He will not repay our sins  
He will never deal with us as our wickedness demands

As the heav'ns are high above all the earth which God has made  
So to those who fear the LORD is His lovingkindness great  
Far as east is from the west, He removes so far from us  
In His great, abounding love, all our guilt and wickedness

As a father shows His love unto all His children dear  
So the LORD displays His love to those trusting Him in fear  
He remembers we are dust, and our feeble frame He knows  
As for man, his days are like tender grass that quickly grows

Bless the LORD, you angel hosts, mighty ones who do His word  
Who obey His voice and word; all His servants, bless the LORD!  
All His hosts who do His will, all His works in all His world  
Bless the LORD in ev'ry place. Come, my soul, and bless the LORD

### **Benediction**



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America*



Use the QR code above for guest registration  
or to give to Christ Presbyterian Church

## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center  
at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

### **Pastor**

Rev. Nolan Williamson  
936.293.0881 (cell)  
nolan@cpchuntsville.org

CCLI License #21193997