



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 14, 2025  
*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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*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 December 14, 2025

## 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

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Minister: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

**All: Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**

## Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

### Chorus

Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee  
Why your joyous strains prolong  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song

### *Chorus*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

*Chorus*

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

*Chorus*

**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**

John 1:1, 14-18

Minister: What does the Gospel of John teach us about the Word, Jesus Christ who is God?

**All: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.')** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## Hail To The Lord's Anointed

### Chorus

Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son  
Hail in the time appointed  
His reign on earth begun

He comes to break oppression  
To set the captive free  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity

### *Chorus*

He comes with comfort speedy  
To those who suffer wrong  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong

To give them songs for sighing  
Their darkness turn to light  
Whose souls condemned and dying  
Are precious in His sight

### *Chorus*

He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth  
Love joy and hope like flowers  
Spring in His path to birth

The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove  
His Name shall stand forever  
That Name to us is Love

### *Chorus*

## Call to Confession

Luke 15:17-19

“But when [the younger son] came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”’”

## Confession of Sin

Based on Psalm 51

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness, according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me...Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from Me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit...The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Luke 15:20, 22-24

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him... But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 32**

How blest is he whose trespass hath freely been forgiv'n  
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n  
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin  
Who hath a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within

While I kept guilty silence, my strength was spent with grief  
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief  
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,  
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near  
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear  
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill  
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go  
And with my eye upon thee My counsel make thee know  
But be ye not unruly or slow to understand  
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command"

## **Tithes and Offering**

**Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. John Champagne

## **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

## **"Worthy of Worship"**

Matthew 2:1-12

## What Child Is This?

What Child is this who laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping  
This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding  
Good Christian fear for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through  
The cross be borne for me for you  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh  
The Babe the Son of Mary

### Verse 3

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise, raise the song on high  
The Virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The Babe the Son of Mary

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
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## Benediction



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