



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 17, 2023

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 17, 2023

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

Isaiah 55:1, 6-7

Minister: Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

All: 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.

The Lord Is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls
His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God
Strong to save faithful in love
My debt is paid and the victory won
The Lord is my salvation

My hope is hidden in the Lord
He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come
The Lord is my salvation

In times of waiting times of need
When I know loss when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days
The Lord is my salvation

Chorus

And when I reach the final day
He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise He will call me home
The Lord is my salvation

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

Philippians 2:5-11

Minister: What do we believe about the incarnation of Jesus Christ?

People: Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Song of Zechariah

Blest be God, the Lord of Israel
He has come to set us free!
And a horn of full salvation
He has raised from David's seed
God has visited his people
To redeem them as foretold
In the promise he had spoken
Thro' his prophets from of old

God has come in might to save us
From the hatred of our foes
From their cruel hand he frees us
And his tender mercy shows
Mercy promised in his cov'nant
To our fathers whom he chose
He will keep his oath to Abr'am
To release us from our woes

God has sworn to grant deliv'rance
And restore us to our place
Serving boldly in his presence
Just and holy all our days
You, my child, will be his Prophet,
Called and sent by God Most High
You must go before the Lord now
To prepare his ways aright

Bring the knowledge of salvation
To God's people in their sin
Preach that God is tenderhearted
And by him are sins forgiv'n
His great mercy, like the sunrise
Brightly shines in deepest night
Guiding those who sit in darkness
To the way of peace and light

Call to Confession

Psalm 139:23-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together. Most merciful Father, we have sinned against and are guilty before you. Forgive us the sins of our tongues:

All: For deception and untruthfulness in our dealings with others; for resentment, impatience, and tempers out of control.

Minister: Forgive us for the sins of our eyes.

All: For impurity in our glances and imagination, for pining after more beauty, comfort, status and wealth than you have already given us.

Minister: Forgive us the sins of our hearts.

All: For hard-heartedness toward you and our neighbors; for pride, self-absorption, partiality, self-pity and, above all, for rebelling against your Lordship and doubting your love. Holy Father, kill our envy, remove our pride and melt our hearts. Give grace to be holy, kind, gentle and pure, to live for you and not for ourselves, being transformed into your likeness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 Peter 1:18-19

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot or without blemish.”

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat, where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before His feet, for none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea, with this I venture nigh
Thou callest burdened souls to Thee and such, O Lord, am I

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, by Satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within, I come to Thee for rest
Be Thou my shield and hiding place, that, sheltered near Thy side
I may my fierce accuser face, and tell him Thou hast died!

O wondrous love! To bleed and die, to bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners, such as I, might plead Thy gracious name!
"Poor tempest-toss-ed soul, be still; my promised grace receive
I'll work in thee both power and will; thou shalt in me believe"

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Prayer of Intercession

Mr. Mark Fullerton

Tithes and Offerings

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 Visit of the Magi"

Matthew 2:1-12

O Come All Ye Faithful

Chorus

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels

Chorus

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above

Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given

Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing

Chorus

Benediction



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