



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 21, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

*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 21, 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

Luke 1:46-50

Minister: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

All: "For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation."

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise join the triumph of the skies
With angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed, bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface, stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King

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?

All: "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."

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Chorus

Call to Confession

Psalm 130:1-3

“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?”

Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, the great and awesome God who keeps the covenant of love with all who love you and obey you and obey your commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled.

We have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your Word. We are a people of unclean lips. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Lord, you are righteous, but do not deal with us as our sins deserve. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor upon this congregation and the land in which we live. Send your Spirit to turn us from our evil ways. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear our prayer; forgive our sin; heal our land. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Titus 3:5-7

"...he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 5

When the morning comes, O Lord
You shall hear my pleading cries
I will watch when comes the dawn
I will bring my sacrifice
I will bring my sacrifice

Surely You are not a God
Who in evil takes delight
Evil shall not dwell with You
Nor the proud stand in Your sight
Nor the proud stand in Your sight

But in Your great love will I
Come into Your house of grace
Rev'rent, I will worship there
Bowing toward Your holy place
Bowing toward Your holy place

Guide me safely, O my LORD
In Your perfect righteousness
Since my enemies are near
Make straight paths before my face
Make straight paths before my face

Those who truly love Your name
Magnify You with their praise
You will bless the righteous, LORD
Shielding him with all Your grace
Shielding him with all Your grace

Prayer of Intercession

Mr. John Champagne

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 Suffering King"

Matthew 2:13-23

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices
O night divine, O night, when Christ was born
O night, O holy night, O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here came the wise men from Orient land
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need, to weakness is no stranger
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord, O praise His name forever
His power and glory evermore proclaim
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Benediction



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