



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 7, 2025  
*The Second 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 7, 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

Isaiah 40:1-5

Minister: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

**All: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**

## Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand  
What comes apart from His command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

## Chorus

O sing, hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
O sing, hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

*Chorus*

Unto the grave what will we sing  
Christ He lives Christ He lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

*Chorus 2x*

**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

Minister: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

**All: We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.**

**Joy To The World**

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

### Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into subjection. No trial is so hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

### Silent Confession

## Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Ephesians 2:4-9

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 42**

As pants the deer for flowing streams  
So longs my soul for you, O God  
I thirst for God, the living God  
When can I go and meet with God?

My constant tears have been my food  
Both in the night and in the day  
While all day long insistently  
“Where is your God?” to me they say

Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
Why are you so disturbed in me?  
But hope in God, for Him I’ll praise  
My Savior God alone is He

Deep calls to deep, as with a roar  
Your rushing waters plunge and roll  
Your waves and breakers fall on me  
They overwhelm my very soul

By day the LORD directs His love  
His song remains with me at night  
A prayer to Him who is my God  
My only source of life and light

Why are you downcast, O my soul?  
Why are you so disturbed in me?  
But hope in God, for Him I’ll praise  
My Savior God alone is He

## **Tithes and Offering**

## **Reception of New Members**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

## **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

### **"God With Us"**

Matthew 1:18-25

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

*See insert for liturgy*

### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Thou Rod of Jesse free thine own from Satan's tyranny  
From depths of hell Thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come thou Dayspring come and cheer our spirits by Thine Advent here  
And drive away the shadows of night and pierce the clouds and bring us light  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

O come Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease and be Thyself our King of peace  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel  
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## **Benediction**



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10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center  
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