

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24th, 2024
- Christmas Eve -

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
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Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:3-5

Minister: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All: 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.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit, Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine own sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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The First Lesson: Genesis 2:8-25 (selected)

O Come, All Ye Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful, Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone, O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying come, See what your God has done

Chorus

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

O come, bitter and broken, Come with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love, O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run, See what your God has done

Chorus

He's the Lamb who was given, Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace, For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done

Chorus

The Second Lesson: Genesis 3:1-19, 24

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, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law, In cloud and majesty and awe
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 vict'ry o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel

The Third Lesson: Genesis 12:1-3, 15:1-6, 22:15-18

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

The Fourth Lesson: Selected Verses from Isaiah and Micah

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (Part 2)

Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness, Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number, Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse Of thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing, News, glad tidings of a birth
"Go to him, your praises bringing, Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free

The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38

Labor of Love

It was not a silent night, There was blood on the ground
You could hear a woman cry, In the alleyway that night
On the streets of David's town

And the stable was not clean, And the cobblestones were cold
And little Mary as she prayed, With the tears upon her face

Had no mother's hand to hold

Chorus

It was a labor of pain, It was a cold sky above
But for the girl, On the ground in the dark
With every beat of her beautiful heart, It was a labor of love

Noble Joseph by her side, Callused hands and weary eyes
There were no midwives to be found, On the streets of David's town
In the middle of the night

So he held her and he prayed, Shafts of moonlight on his face
But the baby in her womb, He was the Maker of the moon
He was the Author of the faith, That could make the mountains move

Chorus

For little Mary as she prayed, With the tears upon her face
It was a labor of love

The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

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

The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

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

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

The Eighth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ our Savior, Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from satan's power, When we were gone astray
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly father, A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds, Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born, The son of God by name
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood, Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas, All others does deface
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-18

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

Homily & Celebration of Light

Rev. Nolan Williamson

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

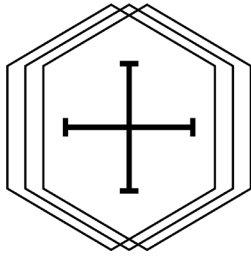
Chorus

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

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above, Glory to God all
Glory in the highest

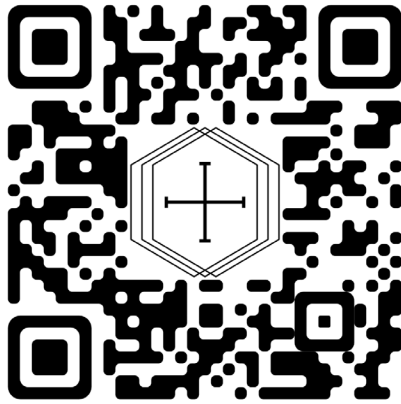
Chorus

Yea Lord we greet thee, Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory given, Word of the Father now in flesh appearing



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