

# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 24th, 2023  
- Christmas Eve -

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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  
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## **Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:3-5

“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.”

## **O Come All Ye Unfaithful**

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

*Our first lesson from Genesis 2, tells of how God created Adam and Eve to live in relationship and obedience to him in the perfect paradise of the Garden of Eden. Try to imagine such a world, free from sin and misery.*

## **Song of Zechariah**

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

*Our second lesson is also from the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3 recounts what is known as the Fall. Adam and Eve sinned by rejecting God’s Word and disobeying him. In this chapter we learn about the sin that has led to our sin, misery, and pain, and why our world is not the way it is supposed to be. However, we should also listen for God’s promise in Genesis 3:15, his promise to send a Savior, the offspring of the woman, who will crush the head of the serpent through his own suffering and rescue the world.*

## **What Child Is This**

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

*Our third lesson comes from Genesis 12, 15 and 22. As God's plan of redemption unfolds, he calls Abram into a covenant with him. When God spoke to Abram, he promised a Savior so that all the families of the world would be blessed. God later changed his name to Abraham and repeated his promise to give him a son to bless all the nations of the earth through his offspring.*

### **God Rest You Merry Gentlemen**

### **The Fourth Lesson: Selected Verses from Isaiah and Micah**

*Our fourth lesson comes to us from the prophets Isaiah and Micah. Centuries before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Savior born as a baby boy to a virgin. The prophet Micah tells us this will happen in the village of Bethlehem. These prophecies should cause us to remember the promise from Genesis 3:15 concerning the offspring of the woman, who will be the Savior to bring complete and total peace and justice to God's people.*

### **Joy to the World**

### **The Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-38**

*In our fifth lesson we turn to the New Testament, to the book of Luke. Here, the angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High, the long-awaited Savior, and his name will be Jesus.*

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

### **The Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7**

*In our sixth lesson, Jesus, the long-awaited Savior, is born in Bethlehem.*

### **Angels from the Realms of Glory**

## **The Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-20**

*In our seventh lesson, an angel announces the birth of the Messiah to shepherds in a nearby field, and the heavenly hosts glorifies God for the birth of the Savior.*

## **O Holy Night**

## **The Eighth Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-12**

*Our eighth Lesson comes from the book of Hebrews. Here the writer to the Hebrews tells us that in the fullness of time, God sent his Son, Jesus. Jesus lived the perfectly sinless life we have all failed to live. Jesus died on Calvary's cross as our substitute to pay for our sins. Jesus then rose from the grave and returned to the right hand of God the Father, and Jesus' reign is forever and ever.*

## **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

## **The Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-18**

*Our ninth lesson comes to us from the Gospel of John. The Apostle John relates the miracle of the Incarnation in the profound and poetic words that open his Gospel. The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory!*

## **Behold the Lamb of God**

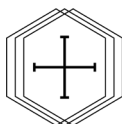
**Homily & Celebration of Light**

Rev. Nolan Williamson

## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

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