



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
WHEATON

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 7, 2025

10:30am

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have come to worship with us at CPC Wheaton today!

ABOUT US

CPC Wheaton is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). At CPC we seek to *glorify God* and seek the *eternal good* of others in and through Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive Pastor Jon's weekly email newsletter, please email him at jon.nielson@cpwheaton.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see our website cpwheaton.com for updates and information about all that's going on at CPC Wheaton.

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:15am: Sunday school for all ages

10:30am: Worship Service at Crossway in Wheaton

STAFF

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Peter Hubbard
Brian Martin
John Messer
Caleb Odell
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GATHERING SONG OF PRAISE: 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

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

God of God and Light of Light begotten
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created

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

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADER: Elder Peter Hubbard

CALL TO WORSHIP: 1 John 3:1-2

Leader: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

***SONG OF PRAISE:** Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

***PRAYER OF BLESSING**

WHAT WE BELIEVE: The Nicene Creed

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WHAT WE CONFESS:

All: Heavenly Father, we are enticed by flattering voices that feed our pride, incite our sinful desires, and lie to us with empty promises. We confess that we lose hold of the truth of your Word and believe the lies. We start building our lives on sand. Have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. May your Spirit root us in the truth of the gospel of your Son again so that our joy may be complete. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: John 1:29

Leader: Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Leader: Christian, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

***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.

***SONG OF RESPONSE:** Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world
Promised from creation
God's salvation now unfurled
Hope for ev'ry nation
Not with fanfares from above
Not with scenes of glory
But a humble gift of love
Jesus born of Mary

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable
Hands that set each star in place
Shaped the earth in darkness

Cling now to a mother's breast
Vulnerable and helpless

Shepherds bow before the Lamb
Gazing at the glory
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story
Gold a King is born today
Incense God is with us
Myrrh His death will make a way
By His blood He'll win us

Son of Adam Son of heaven
Given as a ransom
Reconciling God and man
Christ our mighty Champion
What a Savior what a Friend
What a glorious mystery
Once a babe in Bethlehem
Now the Lord of history

ADVENT READING AND CANDLE: Ethan & Audrey Hulgaard

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

OFFERING

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Leader: All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours, O Lord.

All: For all things come from you, and of your own we offer freely and joyously to you.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PREPARATION: I Am Not My Own

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul
Before I drew a breath I was loved and known
I am His creation the Maker's masterpiece
And all that He designs will be done in me

My body is a temple of the Living God
I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought
As I bear His image O may I not profane
The holiness I hold in this earthly frame

*I belong to the Lord O I am not my own
I belong to the Lord I am not my own
I will honor Him for this I know
I belong to the Lord I am not my own*

And if He has redeemed me I am not my own
The measure of my worth is His love alone
He declares my standing and He declares my state
So I will know myself by the name He gave

I am not my own and now my heart is free
O Maker come and make what You will of me
There is nothing broken that You can not repair
So Lord I leave my life in Your loving care

***SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 John 4:1-6

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

***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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Brian

Younger children dismissed for Junior Church during "Jesus Loves Me"

SERMON: "Testing the Spirits" - Pastor Brian

THE LORD'S SUPPER: Pastor Brian

(All bread is gluten-free)

Leader: Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

HYMNS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER:

Hallelujah, What a Savior

Man of sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah what a Savior

Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah what a Savior

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be
Hallelujah what a Savior

Lifted up was He to die
It is finished was His cry
Now in heaven exalted high
Hallelujah what a Savior

When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we'll sing
Hallelujah what a Savior

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

***CLOSING SONG:** The Power of the Cross (v. 4)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love

*This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross*

***BENEDICTION:** Pastor Brian

The Benediction is a “good word” to the people – a word of blessing as we leave the time of corporate worship. It should be received with hands and eyes open.

Next Sunday - 1 John 4:7-12 - Pastor Jon

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

December General Fund Budget: **\$105,000**

YTD General Fund Actual/Budget (as of 11/30): **\$1,318,576 / 1,260,000**

Building Project Budget: **\$3,048,394**

Remaining need for building completion (as of 11/30): **\$664,492**

CPC Partner Ministry for November: **By The Hand**

Missionary for November: **Sean Martin (3 Timothy)**

SERMON NOTES

“Testing the Spirits” - 1 John 4:1-6

Pastor Brian

INTRODUCTION

Some are *claiming* to speak for God but have a different message than one the apostles proclaimed. In the midst of this confusion, John gives the church two related tests to know who is really from God.

MAIN POINTS

1. Test #1: The Spirit of God **confesses** that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (vss. 2-3).

2. Test #2: The Spirit of God **listens** to Jesus' Apostles (vss. 4-6).

IMPORTANT TAKEAWAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING DATES

December 14 - 9:15am Membership Class

December 14 - 5:00pm Baptism Service

December 21 - Andy Iversen Ordination/Installation

December 24 - 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service

CPC WOMEN'S EVENTS

Join us for our **Annual Christmas Supper** on Dec. 10 in Crossway's Chapel. We'll enjoy dinner together and will hear from a couple of our CPC sisters. Registration is available on our web site.

Please mark your calendars now for our **CPC Women's Mini-Retreat** on Feb. 7. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

GIVING TO CPC WHEATON

Tithes and offerings can be given by check/cash during worship services, online via our website (cpcwheaton.com) or by mailing a check to our CPC Wheaton office (933A College Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187).

Visitors and guests – we are SO glad you've joined us today at CPC! We would love to be in touch with you and share with you more about getting plugged in at CPC. Please scan the QR code to connect with us and share your contact information. Again, welcome!



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