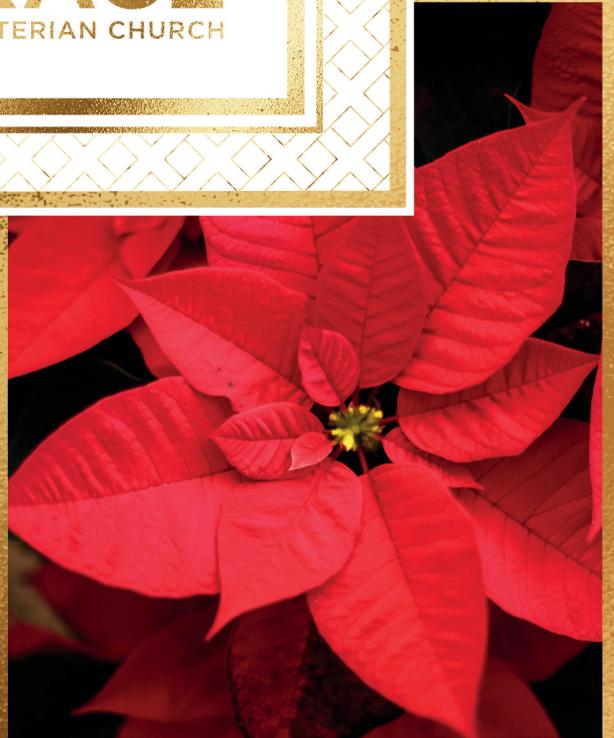


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 30, 2025

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:31-33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 67 (p. 808 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine upon us,

**that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.**

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

**May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.**

Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us.

**God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

** Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

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 ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring 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 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.

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 all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

All: You know us even better than we know ourselves; none of our sins are hidden from your sight. It grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

Leader: We earnestly repent and are sincerely sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father, for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through him.

All: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Luke 1:26-56

Congregational Response

(sung to the tune of *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*)

Song of Mary

My soul doth magnify the Lord;
My spirit doth rejoice in God,
For he, my Savior, did in grace
His servant's humble state regard.

Behold, all generations hence
My blessedness will e'er proclaim.
The Mighty One hath done great things
For me, and holy is his name.

For generations, fearing him,
His mercy will on them abide.
His mighty arm displays his strength;
He scatters those who dwell in pride.

He cast the mighty from their thrones,
And lifted those of low estate.
The hungry he hath filled with good;
The rich he empty sent away.

He helped his servant Israel,
In mem'ry of his mercy sure,
As told our father Abraham,
And to his seed forevermore. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

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 worshipped 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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.

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.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Matthew 1:1-17

Congregational Response

Hymn 162

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, he the Source, the Ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is he whom heav'n-taught singers sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Jesus’ Family”
Matthew 1:1-17

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 194

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.

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav’nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, December 1

Scripture: Daniel 8:1-27; 1 John 2:1-17; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 28:25-26

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 28

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, December 2

Scripture: Daniel 9:1 - 11:1; 1 John 2:18 - 3:6; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 28:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, December 3

Scripture: Daniel 11:2-35; 1 John 3:7-24; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 29:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Belize and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, December 4

Scripture: Daniel 11:36 - 12:13; 1 John 4:1-21; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 29:2-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, December 5

Scripture: Hosea 1:1 - 3:5; 1 John 5:1-21; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 29:5-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, December 6

Scripture: Hosea 4:1 - 5:15; 2 John 1:1-13; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 29:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, December 7

Scripture: Hosea 6:1 - 9:17; 3 John 1:1-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Proverbs 29:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

MISSIONS CORNER

Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

Ray & Michele Call in Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Matthew begins his gospel with the genealogy of Jesus Christ. While the list of names might seem tedious to read through at first, once we understand the Holy Spirit's purpose in inspiring Matthew to record this genealogy, we immediately gain a deep appreciation and reverence for the truths revealed in these verses. J.C. Ryle, in his book, *Expository Thoughts on Matthew*, explains:

The Gospel of St. Matthew begins with a long list of names. Sixteen verses are taken up with tracing a pedigree from Abraham to David and from David to the family in which Jesus was born. Let no one think that these verses are useless. Nothing is useless in creation. The least mosses, and the smallest insects, serve some good end. Nothing is useless in the Bible. Every word of it is inspired. The chapters and verses which seem at first sight unprofitable are all given for some good purpose... We should always read this catalogue with thankful feelings. We see here that no one who partakes of human nature can be beyond the reach of Christ's sympathy and compassion. Our sins may have been as black and great as those of any whom St. Matthew names. But they can not shut us out of heaven if we repent and believe the gospel. If Jesus was not ashamed to be born of a woman, whose pedigree contained such names as those recorded in Matthew 1, we need not think that he will be ashamed to call us brethren, and to give us eternal life.

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3 and Genesis 15. What did God promise Abraham in this covenant? How was that promise fulfilled in Christ?
2. Read 2 Samuel 7:1-17. What did God promise David in this covenant? How was this promise fulfilled in Christ?
3. How did God reveal his grace in both of these covenants? How is David's response in 2 Samuel 7:18-29 instructive for how we should respond to God's grace toward us in Christ?
4. Review Matthew 1:1-17 and consider the names listed in Jesus' family line. Which ones do you associate with virtue? Which ones do you associate with vice? (Or perhaps a mixture of both!) How does this genealogy reveal the grace of God in sending Jesus to die for our sins?



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