



*Christ
Presbyterian
Church*

The Lord's Day, December 21, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 21, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

***Call to Worship¹**

adapted from Luke 2:11, 14 & Isaiah 60:1

All: O come let us adore Him!

Elder: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

People: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Elder: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

All: O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

***O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Hymn No. 208

Music: ADESTE FIDELES, arr. Rend Collective

Lyrics: Latin Hymn, John Francis Wade, 1751, tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

Advent Reading

John 1:1-5, 11-14, 16-18

"Jesus, The Light of the World"

The Carroll Family

***Once in Royal David's City, verses 1-2, 4-5**

Hymn No. 225

Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849, arr. Sandra McCracken, Matt Papa, & Laura Story

Lyrics: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Call to Confession

Romans 6:12-13, 16

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness... ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Almighty God, you have surprised us with your presence in unexpected ways. In the expectations of our routine, we have missed the treasure that you place before us. We come to worship you in community often expecting nothing more than the usual. We begin our days, our weeks, assuming all will run as it always has. We do not look for the unexpected, for your active presence in our daily lives and for that we confess our sorrow. Forgive us for not allowing our eyes to catch the unexpected, to glimpse your glory in the ordinary. During this season, may we see the presence of your

¹Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

Son by the power of your Spirit in ways that would capture our wonder and would cause us to worship. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 Timothy 1:15, Galatians 4:4-5, 7

¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...

⁴[For] when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons... ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

***From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable (Immanuel)**

Music & Lyrics: Stuart Townend



1. From the squalor of a borrowed stable,
2. King of heaven now the Friend of sinners,
3. Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal,
4. Now He's standing in the place of honor,



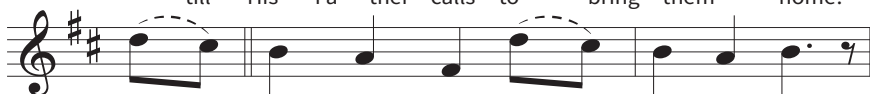
by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
hum - ble ser - vant in the Fa - ther's hands,
He was lif - ted on a cru - el cross;
crowned with glo - ry on the high - est throne,



to the anguish and the shame of scandal
filled with po - wer and the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
He was pu - nished for a world's trans - gres - sions,
in - ter - ce - ding for His own be - lov - ed



came the Sa - vior of the hu - man race!
filled with mer - cy for the bro - ken man.
He was suf - fer - ing to save the lost.
till His Fa - ther calls to bring them home!



But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n,
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,
He fights for me,
Then the skies will part as the trum - pet sounds



shep - herds lis - ten as the an - gels tell
joys and sor - rows that I know so well;
loos - ing sin - ners from the claims of hell;
hope of hea - ven or the fear of hell;



of the Gift of God come down to man
yet His right - eous steps give me hope a - gain,
and with a shout our souls are free,
but the Bride will run to her Lo - ver's arms,



at the dawn - ing of Im - man - u - el.
I will fol - low my Im - man - u - el!
death de - feat - ed by Im - man - u - el!
giv - ing glo - ry to Im - man - u - el!

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Chris Floyd

Offertory

"O Holy Night"

Ora Reed, soloist

Music: Adolphe Adam, 1847, arr. Reed

Lyrics: Placide Cappeau, 1843, tr. John S. Dwight, 1871

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Tim Kempe

Members of the Week:

Lee & Shannon Ferguson; Cade and Piper

Ruth & Daneel Ferreira

Ministry of the Week:

Alex Coleman: Operation Life Vision

Teachers of the Week:

5th & 6th Grade: Susanna & Mark Levy; Fowler & Billy Staines

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Bill & Wren Dabney

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Reading

Titus 3:3-8

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Brian Sorgenfrei

"When Goodness & Lovingkindness Appeared"

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

*Come Thou Fount (Advent)

Music: NETTLETON, arr. Luke Brawner; Lyrics: Robert Robinson & Luke Brawner

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my
2. Come, thou long a - wait - ed Sav - ior; come with
heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er
mor - tal men to dwell. Come in flesh, O love in -
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
car - nate, God with us, Em - man - u - el.
Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net,
Son of God, O Son of Da - vid,
"Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
Son of Ma - ry, Son of Man,
Thy bright star, I'm fixed u - pon it
hope of ev - 'ry - thing cre - a - ted
know - ing hope for all is nigh.
from the throne to Beth - le - hem.

*Benediction²

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

"When Goodness & Lovingkindness Appeared"

1. The Backdrop of the Appearing (v. 3)

2. The Appearing (v. 4)

3. The Results of the Appearing (vv. 5-8)

Musicians & AVL Team

Thomas Ardrey, piano; Grace Anne Byrd, vocals; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals;
Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, percussion; Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass;
Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Damein Wash, keyboard & vocals

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TO KICK OFF OUR
BUILDING CAMPAIGN

ROOTED *and raised*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

5:00 PM

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

901 SISK AVENUE



Please scan the QR code above to
RSVP by January 1, 2026 &
for information about childcare.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH AT 4PM & 5:30PM

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Christ Pres provides meals to those families in the ICU waiting room at Baptist Hospital on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. If you would like to participate in this ministry over the holidays, please contact Lisa Gathright at lisagath@gmail.com.



Save the Date: Women's Bible Study starts back on Wednesday, **January 21st!** You can go ahead and register using the QR code above.



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