



*Christ
Presbyterian
Church*

The Lord's Day, December 28, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

December 28, 2025 | 10:45 a.m.

The First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome & Announcements

Les Newsom

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalms 98:1-4

Elder: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

People: **The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Elder: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

***Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come**

Hymn No. 195

Music: ANTIOCH, George Frederick Handel, arr. David B. Hampton; Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1719

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the 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 catholic² 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.**

¹Please stand, if able.

²We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

³The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

****It Came upon the Midnight Clear, verses 1, 3-4***

Hymn No. 200

Music: Richard S. Willis, 1850, arr. Adam Lancaster; Lyrics: Edmund H. Sears, 1850

Call to Confession

John 5:39-44

³⁹You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹I do not receive glory from people. ⁴²But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

Elder: O God the Father of heaven,

People: have mercy upon us.

Elder: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: People have mercy upon us.

Elder: O God the Holy Spirit,

People: have mercy upon us.

Elder: Be merciful to us and spare us, O Lord.

People: Be merciful to us and deliver us, O Lord.

Elder: From all sin, from all error, from all evil – deliver us, O Lord.

People: From the wiles of the devil and from everlasting death – deliver us, O Lord.

Elder: Lord Jesus, by the mystery of your holy incarnation,
by your holy nativity,
by your baptism, fasting, and temptations – deliver us, O Lord.

**All: By your agony and bloody sweat,
By your cross and passions,
By your death and burial,
By your resurrection and ascension,
By the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter – deliver us, O Lord. Amen.**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

John 6:35, 37, 39-40

³⁵Jesus said..., “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst... ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out... ³⁹This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life and I will raise him up on the last day.”

****Good Christian Men, Rejoice***

Hymn No. 207

Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German Melody, 14th cent.
Lyrics: Medieval Latin carol, tr. John Mason Neale, 1853

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Joel Bell

Offertory

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

Music & Lyrics: English carol, 18th cent., arr. Childress

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

Les Newsom

Members of the Week:

Dan Ferreira, Jr.
Allison Ferris

Ministry of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Teachers of the Week:

Youth: Scott Byrd

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Abby & Reed Davis

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

Isaiah 55:1-13

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Mercy's Invitation"

Clint Wilcke

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

***Go, Tell It on the Mountain**

Hymn No. 224

Music: GO TELL IT, Spiritual, arr. Josh Wilson; Lyrics: Spiritual

***Benediction³**

**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!*

³Just 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.

"Mercy's Invitation"

1. Mercy Invites Us to a Feast
2. Mercy Invites Us to Focus
3. Mercy Invites Us to a Future

Musicians & AVL Team

Alyssa Bryant, lights & projections; Randall Bryant, piano & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar;
Alice Dabbs, vocals; Jay Irby, sound engineer; Allison Lavender, violin; Shane McMullen, bass;
Daniel Spears, percussion

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JOIN US FOR DINNER
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.

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NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

We need volunteers (members, age 16 & up)
each Sunday from December 21st to Jan 11th.

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GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY



Women's Spring Bible Study



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



HIBERNATE

HIBERNATION RETREAT | JAN 23-25, 2026

Registration Open: Join the women of Christ Pres for a weekend of great teaching, sweet fellowship, delicious food & much needed rest! Moscow, TN, **January 23-25, 2026**. Reserve your spot using the QR code above.

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