



*Christ  
Presbyterian  
Church*

*The Lord's Day, December 7, 2025*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*A Service of Word, Prayer, Sacrament of Baptism  
and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*  
December 7, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## The Second Sunday of Advent

**\*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!, verses 1-2, 5**

Hymn No. 198

Music: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789  
Lyrics: Georg Weissel, 1642, tr. Catherine Winkworth 1855

### Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

### \*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Isaiah 40:1-5

Elder: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Elder: 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.

All: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

### \*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

**Advent Reading** "Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God"  
Will & Libby Moffatt

Luke 1:26-38

### Call to Confession

Isaiah 55:1-3, 7

<sup>1</sup>"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live...

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### Confession of Sin

All: Lord of Christmas Peace, we have done wrong. We have tarnished the gift you gave freely. We have buried you so deeply in our hearts, the world doesn't see you. We have not followed Christ, we have ignored your teachings, we have lived lives of apathy against your love, we have built fences and fortresses to push people away, and we have silenced the screams of those in need. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our sin. Free us to a life lived in joy through Jesus Christ our Lord. All for His sake. Amen.

### Silent Confession

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand, if able.

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

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:8, 12

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD... <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

## \*Mary's Song (Our King of Peace)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough

1. My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord;  
2. He scat - ters the proud and rich;  
3. From now to the end of time,  
my spi - rit re - joic - es in God!  
He lifts up the hum - ble and weak.  
the na - tions will know me as blest,  
My Sav - ior has seen His ser - vant in need,  
The kings of the earth, He casts from their thrones  
for God has made new His prom - ise of love  
and be - hold the great things He has done:  
and the hun - gry He wel - comes to feast.  
and mer - cy through A - bra - ham's seed.  
Chorus: Oh, be - hold, my Sav - ior has come!  
And my soul will tell of His praise  
for He who is strong has come to the weak  
and, at last, He will reign as our King of Peace.

## Reception of New Members

8:30 a.m. service

Arthur & Christine Davis (Archie, Peter, and Charlie), Willis & Jodie Frazer, Sam and Amber Holdiness (Morgan, Matthew, Luke and Lily), Robbie House, Emmy Johnston, Callie Martin, JoAna Mucklow, Joppa Pendley, Hugh and Judy Potts, Trey & Maddie Oates (Jennings), Jim Smith, John Walker Webb and Abigail Young

10:45 a.m. service

Casey Castaldo, Reece Ducrest, William & Maggie Mounger (Wells and Rollins), Walker & Shelly Claire Robison, Adam & Deborah Smith (Ryleigh, Zoey, and Addison), Mary Elizabeth Stitt (Lillian Kelly Rosa), Frank Tindall and Caedmon Uhren

## Covenant Baptism

8:30 a.m. service  
Jennings Westman Oates  
Covenant Child of Trey & Maddie

10:45 a.m. service  
Ryleigh Smith  
Lillian Kelly Rosa Stitt  
Covenant Child of Mary Elizabeth

## Jesus Loves Me, This I Know, verse 1

Hymn No. 189

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; Lyrics: Anna B. Warner, 1859

## Offertory Prayer

Deacon Mark Levy

## Offertory

"O Love"

Christ Pres Choir

Music: Elaine Hagenberg; Lyrics: George Matheson, 1842-1906

*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 Doug Sanford

### Members of the Week:

Elisabeth Ely

Nathan & Lisa Ewell; Oliver, Simon, Tempe and Barnabas

### Ministry of the Week:

Roger & Abi Lowther: MTW - Tokyo, Japan

### Teachers of the Week:

1st & 2nd Grade: Lauren & Fisher Adkins, Marti & Brock Nolan

### Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Buddy Crick

## 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

Ephesians 6:5-9

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

"The Gospel & My Job"

Les Newsom

Ephesians: The Keys to Unlocking the Mystery of the Church

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

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. All who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing with a branch of His church that teaches that He is the only way to God the Father, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully with Jesus are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

*\*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!*

Children who have not yet made a public profession of faith are still welcome to come forward with their families for prayer. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Class, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become “communicants” at the Lord’s Table.

*Christ Pres seeks to be a joyful community of God's people who actively participate in worship. As we prepare to come to the Lord's Table, the following responsive elements help orient our hearts to the Lord and proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again.*

**Elder:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Elder:** Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Elder:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution**

**Elder:** Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

**Elder:** Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

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

**Elder:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward, and we will be happy to serve you in your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free.*

## **Prayers for Those Not Communing**

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

## **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, verses 1, 3-4**

Hymn No. 197

Music: GENEVAN 42 (THIRSTING), Louis Bourgeois, 1551  
Lyrics: Johannes Olearius, 1671; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

## **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Hymn No. 193

Music: PICARDY, French melody, 17th cent.  
Lyrics: Gerard Moultrie, 1864



# Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Music & Lyrics: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Michael Bleecker



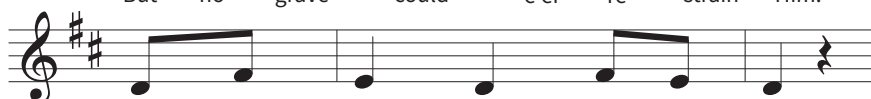
1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry  
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry:  
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,  
 4. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry,



in the dawn - ing of the King.  
 He the per - fect Son of Man,  
 Christ the Lord up - on the tree,  
 slain by death the God of life.



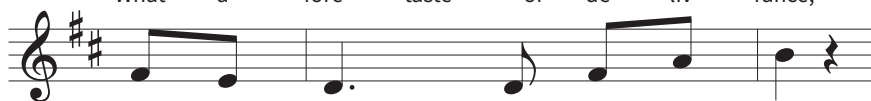
He the theme of heav - en's prais - es,  
 in His liv - ing, in His suf - f'ring,  
 In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners,  
 But no grave could e'er re - strain Him.



robed in frail hu - man i - ty.  
 nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
 hangs the Lamb in vic - tor - y.  
 Praise the Lord, He is a - live.



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness  
 See the true and of bet - ter A - dam  
 See the price and our re - demp - tion,  
 What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance,



now the light of life has come.  
 come to save the hell - bound man.  
 see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold.  
 how un - wav - er - ing our hope.



Look to Christ Who con - de - scend - ed,  
 Christ the great ma - ny sure - ful - fill - ment  
 Bring - ing in pow - er sons to glo - ry,  
 Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed



took on flesh to ran - som us.  
 of grace the un - law, in we stand.  
 as we will - sured, be told.  
 when He comes.

## \*Benediction<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Please stand, if able.

<sup>2</sup>Just 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.

1. The Context of Paul's Teaching

2. The Content of Paul's Teaching

3. The Confidence in Paul's Teaching

**Musicians & AVL Team**

Thomas Ardrey, keyboard; William Atchley, lights & projections; Gabbie Bowden, vocals;  
Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello; Noel Childress, mandolin;  
Amanda Fliflet, percussion; Harper Holley, viola; Allison Lavender, violin; Jiwon Lee, violin;  
Slade Lewis, bass; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer; Andy Paney, piano

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### M&M Christmas Program

DECEMBER 7, 2025 • 5PM

Everyone is invited to join us for our M&M Christmas Program, **TONIGHT at 5pm**. This program is a great way to begin the Christmas season! All 4-year-olds up to 6th graders who have been regularly attending M&M and PYG will be participating in the program. It lasts about 30 minutes and is a family friendly event (no childcare provided).

join us for a

### Christmas Brunch

WOMEN & GIRLS OF ALL AGES!

Saturday, December 13th

10:00 AM in the Christ Pres Lobby

Ladies, please join us for a morning of Christmas celebration on **December 13th at 10:00am**! Christ Pres women and girls of all ages are invited. We'll enjoy a delicious brunch, festive fellowship and beautiful Christmas music. Please use this QR code to let us know how many you are bringing to brunch.



### ICU HOLIDAY FOOD

CHRISTMAS EVE

contact Lisa Gathright at  
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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.

## LUKE

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY



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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