

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

Guests: Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church. We want to thank you for joining us for worship! If this is your first time visiting our church, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offerings box at the back of the sanctuary. We'd like to send you some info about our church and our ministries. Also, if you have any needs or would like additional information, please see one of the elders or deacons, or send an email to admin@christpreshamptoncove.org.

Christmas Eve Service: Please make plans to join us tonight for our Christmas Eve service of worship at 5 PM. Invite friends and neighbors. Child care will be provided.

Schedule Note: There will be no Sunday School the morning of December 31. We will have fellowship at 10 AM, with the service of worship beginning at 10:30. Our regular schedule will resume January 7.

Regular Activities: All regular activities (studies, youth group, choir, etc.) are on break. Please check the calendar or newsletter for updates as to when the events will resume.

Calendar/Other Announcements: As always, check the website www.christpreshamptoncove.org for additional news and upcoming events.

Healing: Please pray for the health of the following individuals: Suzi Jones, Robin Holloway, Chris Smotherman, Elizabeth Holton, Janet Chou, Ramona Edwards, Nolan Osmer, and Joyce Bosley.

Expecting: Please pray for the the Townsley family, expecting in March, and the Staffords and Deans, expecting in April.

Ministries: Please pray for the following missionaries and ministries: Seth and Jessica Lewis (Ireland); Steve and Rita Williams (New Zealand); Vinnie and Molly Athey (RUF at UAH); RUF at Alabama A&M; Ken and Angie Burnett (FCA); Franky Garcia (seminary student).

*We invite to the table of the Lord those who are trusting in Christ alone for salvation (Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 10:11-13), are seeking to live a godly, Christian life (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1-6; Heb. 12:14), have made a public profession of faith before the Church (Acts 2:38-39; 1 Timothy 6:12), are baptized members of a Bible believing, Christ-preaching Church (Acts 2:41; Heb. 13:17; Titus 1:5), and are not under Church discipline (Matt 16:19; 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 5:1-7).

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Staff: Matthew Elliott, Pastoral Assistant for Counseling; Jack Cooper, Church Admin; Ashley Turnbull, Children's Coordinator; Ken Burnett, Assistant to Pastor and Student Ministries



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Call to Worship: Hosea 6:6

For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 89:1-5

Pastor: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;

People: **With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

Pastor: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

People: **You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant, 'I will establish your line forever and make your throne firm through all generations.'"**

All: **The heavens praise your wonders, Lord, your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

Prayer of Adoration:

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 7:8-13

Song: Go Tell It On the Mountain - Hymn 224 v.1-3

Song: The Son of God Came Down - CCLI# 4866259

The Son of God came down and laid aside His crown
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son
O come, let us adore

CHORUS: O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior
Son of God yet made like us, O Christ the Lord, our King adored
Born a child, our Lord, Jesus

Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall
Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree
This tiny, helpless child through death would reconcile
The holy God and vile, His grace so free
O come, let us adore

New Testament Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Confession of Sin:

Almighty God, You who created out of nothing all that is, forgive us for returning empty-handed. You who called forth light, forgive our preference for the dark! You who sent John to be a voice crying, forgive our unwillingness to say anything at all! Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 28:6

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

Song: Who Would Have Dreamed - CCLI#7031876

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep,
Slowly, David's city drifted off to sleep
But to this little town of no great renown,
The Lord had a promise to keep

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small
As God gave the world His own Son

CHORUS: And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night,
Revealing God's glorious plan, To save the world

Wondrous gift of heaven: the Father sends the Son
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love
He will carry our curse and death He'll reverse,
So we can be daughters and sons

Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Church:

Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder - Matthew 1:18-25

Preaching of the Word: Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder
"What the Scribes and Chief Priests Said" - Matthew 2:4-6

Confession of Faith: The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 32. Why are you called a Christian?

A. Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

Communion*:

Song: What Child Is This - Hymn 213 v.1-3

Benediction: Ephesians 6:23

Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.