

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

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 visit the Contact page of our website. Finally, if you require hearing assistance, please see one of our men in the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Christmas Eve Service: Please make plans to attend our Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 5 PM. Friends & family are welcome! Child care will be provided.

Schedule Note: There will be no Sunday School the mornings of December 29 or January 5. We will have fellowship at 10 AM, with the service of worship beginning at 10:30. Our regular schedule will resume January 12.

Youth: Interested youth/parents can sign up for Roots, the presbytery-wide overnight retreat for youth groups, on the church website.

CPC Christmas Collection for DRM: Today is the last day to collect items for donation in the church narthex.

Christmas Cards for Missionaries: The missionaries we support would love to receive a Christmas card from you! If you'd like to send one, their addresses are on the church website. Please see Judi Fikes if you have any questions.

Advent Wreath: The Advent Wreath in the narthex is full of rich symbolism anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. It is round - in Him there is no beginning or ending. It is filled with evergreens - He is eternal. The four candles on the wreath, one for each Sunday of Advent, anticipate the coming of the Light into the world growing ever brighter each week. On Christmas Eve, we light all four and the center one, announcing that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Light of the world has come!

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: Steve Terry, John Baxter, Bill Cowley, Larrabee Kirkland, Chris Smotherman, Elizabeth Holton, Janet Chou, and Nolan Osmer.

Expecting: Please pray for the Brackins, expecting in March.

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 (church plant in Canada).



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2019

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)
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Deacons: Jeff Brown (Chairman), Al Bart, Graham Burgess, Ben Calvert, Norman Dean, Glen Doughty, John Dragash, John Jeffery, Jack Loose, Bill McNeese, Paul Matheny, David O'Neil, Scott Schnorrenberg, Joe Sims, Adam Turnbull

Staff: Matthew Elliott, Pastoral Assistant for Counseling; Jack Cooper, Church Admin; Mark Cooper, Men's Coordinator; Denise Scrip, Women's Coordinator; Ashley Turnbull, Children's Coordinator; Ken Burnett, Assistant to Pastor/Student Ministries; Al Bart, Facilities Manager

Call to Worship: From Psalm 146

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

People: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

Prayer of Adoration:

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10.

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

Song: Salvation is Born - CCLI# 4866235

Come let us worship, come let us adore
Jesus, Messiah, our Savior is born
Carol His glory and sing His sweet Name
Offer a life of thanksgiving and praise

Join with the angels proclaiming to earth
Join with the shepherds in awe of His birth
Join all creation rejoicing this morn
The glory of God-become-man has been born

CHORUS: Come, let us adore Him, Jesus, the hope of the world
Come, worship before Him, Christ, the Messiah has come
Salvation is born

Prophets foretold Him, the Promise of God
The hope of Salvation and light of the world
Born in a stable and born as a man
Born to fulfill God's redeeming plan

The New Testament Lesson: James 5:7-11

Confession of Faith: From the *Athanasian Creed*

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, is One, the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal.

Song: He Will Hold Me Fast - CCLI #7916161

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

CHORUS: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Church: Matthew 11:2-15. Daron Drown, Ruling Elder.

The Sermon: "*Merry Christmas From the Prophets: Part Three.*" Ezekiel 37:24-28. Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder.

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

***Communion:**

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

The Benediction: From Philippians 1:11

May you be continually filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Amen!

*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).