

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.

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: Jacky Haynes, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019

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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: Psalm 24. *Trinity Hymnal*, pp. 791-792.

Prayer of Adoration:

Confession of Faith: *The Scots Confession* (1560), Chapter 6

Pastor: When the fullness of time came God sent His Son, His eternal wisdom, the substance of His own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost.

People: And so was born the “just seed of David,” the “Angel of the great counsel of God,” the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16. Matthew Elliott, Ruling Elder.

Song: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Hymn 211 v.1-3

Song: Angels From the Realms of Glory - Hymn 218 v.1,3,5

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 1:1-7.

Song: Angels We Have Heard On High - Hymn 214 v.1-3

Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Church: Matthew 1:18-25. Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder.

The Sermon: “*Merry Christmas From the Prophets: Part Four.*” Zechariah 12:10-14. Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder.

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: Zephaniah 3:14-15

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

***Communion:**

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

The Benediction: From 2 Corinthians 13:11

May you rejoice in Christ and comfort one another with His love, and live in peace. And may the God of love and peace be with you all.

*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).