



**CHRIST**  
Presbyterian Church

**BURKE**

**Lord's Day Worship**  
December 28, 2025

*First Sunday of Christmas*

## WELCOME

*During Christian worship we cross the threshold  
of the secular to the sacred,  
from the common to the uncommon,  
from the profane to the holy.*

*Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter  
with a different dimension of reality;  
it is the meeting with Absolute Reality.*

*Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent.  
It involves a meeting with a holy God.<sup>1</sup>*

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: *The First Noel*, a Traditional English Carol

*The first Noel the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP: LUKE 1:10-14

Minister: And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Church: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

## HYMN OF ADORATION

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### Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

<sup>1</sup> R.C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

## **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH: BELGIC CONFESSION, ARTICLE 18: THE INCARNATION<sup>2</sup>**

**All: So then we confess  
that God fulfilled the promise which he had made to the early fathers  
by the mouth of his holy prophets  
when he sent his only and eternal Son into the world  
at the time set by him.**

**The Son took the "form of a servant"  
and was made in the "likeness of man,"  
truly assuming a real human nature,  
with all its weaknesses, except for sin;  
being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
without male participation.**

**And he not only assumed human nature  
as far as the body is concerned  
but also a real human soul,  
in order that he might be a real human being.  
For since the soul had been lost as well as the body  
he had to assume them both, to save them both.**

**Therefore we confess,  
against those who deny that Christ assumed human flesh from his mother,  
that he "shared the very flesh and blood of children";  
that he is "fruit of the loins of David" according to the flesh;  
"born of the seed of David" according to the flesh;  
"fruit of the womb of the virgin Mary";  
"born of a woman";**

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<sup>2</sup> The Belgic Confession was in 1561 drafted by Guido de Brès, a minister in the Reformed Church of the Netherlands. The author suffered a martyr's death, but the Confession endured and was adopted as one of the three doctrinal standards in the Dutch Reformed Churches. The other two standards are the Canons of Dordt and the Heidelberg Catechism, collectively known as the Three Forms of Unity.

**“the seed of David”;  
“a shoot from the root of Jesse”;  
“the offspring of Judah,”  
having descended from the Jews according to the flesh;  
“from the seed of Abraham”—  
for he “assumed Abraham’s seed”  
and was “made like his brothers except for sin.”  
In this way he is truly our Immanuel—  
that is: “God with us.”**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 42:1–9**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup> “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the Lord; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>3</sup>

**All: Almighty and all-holy Father;  
we confess ourselves unworthy of Your unspeakable Gift.  
We have not loved You as we ought;  
nor have we always been loving to one another;  
kindhearted, forgiving one another;  
even as You have forgiven us.  
We have lived in selfishness and worldly pride;  
and the good gifts You have bestowed upon us;  
we have not used to relieve the burdens of others.  
Pardon and blot out our offenses, we beseech You;  
through the willing sacrifice of Your holy Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.**

A Christmas Confession, Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (1946)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: GALATIANS 4:4–7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## HYMN OF CONFESSION

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

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1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;  
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

<sup>3</sup> In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing to Him that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. We then have the joy of hearing God's Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess (1 John 1:9). And we have the joy of responding in song.

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.  
 Lewis H. Redner, 1868

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying “with each other for each other” as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God’s kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

## NEW TESTAMENT READING: LUKE 24:13–35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup> But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered



A B E A E B

long fore-told. Lo, in the shad-ows of Beth - le - hem, prom - ise of  
crown or throne. Help - less he lay, the In - vin - ci - ble, Mak - er of  
wea - ry heart. Lift up your heads, for your King has come! Sing, for the

C#m A E B A E

dawn now our eyes be - hold. God Most High, in a man - ger laid.  
Mar - y, now Mar - y's Son. Oh, what wis - dom to save us all!  
Light o - ver - whelms the dark! Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see.

B A E A E

Lift your voic - es and now pro - claim, "Great and glo - ri - ous,  
Shep - herds, sag - es be - fore him fall. Grace and maj - es - ty,  
Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring. God has made a way;

A E A C#m B E Bsus

Love has come to us." Join now with the hosts of heav - en. (to v.2)  
what hu - mil - i - ty! Come, on bend - ed knee a - dore him.  
he will have the praise. Tell the world his name is Je - sus.

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Meditation:** Of the Father's Love Begotten, words Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413 AD), translated by John Mason Neale (1854) set to the tune DIVINUM MYSTERIUM (12th Century)

*Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the Source, the Ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore!*

*This is he whom heav'n-taught singers  
sang of old with one accord,  
whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord,  
evermore and evermore!*

## Sermon Notes

The Road to Emmaus

Luke 24:13-35

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

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### Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.  
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

## BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20–21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Leadership.** Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elders: Porter Harlow and Robert Hasler
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanael Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak

**Giving.** You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- **Internet.** Go to <https://cpcburke.org/support> or you may scan this QR Code.
- **Offering Box.** You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1-4). The early church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice, and with the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



## Recurring Events

- **First Sunday Fellowship Meals** on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- **Sunday School.** We offer Sunday School after worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery, Pre-K to K next to the nursery, 1st to 5th grades meet in the pod outside the nursery before breaking into their 2 classes, Middle and High School meet in the music room, and the adults meet in sanctuary.
- **Small Groups**
  - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
  - Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
  - Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- **Women's Fellowship.** The Women's Bible Study meets on the third Saturday of each month.

**Missions We Support.** Please pray for the missions we support.

- **Church Planting in DC Area.** One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- **Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan.** Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- **Church Planting in England.** Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- **Church Planting in Japan.** Jason & Ai Kueh are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU.** Pastor Matthew DeLong and staff member Janelle Grove are on mission to reach international students at GMU.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham.** Our own Joanna Woo is serving as an intern for RUF-I at UAB.

## Mercy Ministries We Support

- **The Lamb Center** is a daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- **Assist Pregnancy Center.** Assist has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."
- **Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO):** Local food pantry.

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