



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Established
October 4, 1851
Madison, Wisconsin



Sunday, December 27, 2020
The First Sunday of Christmas
10:00am Online Worship

Welcome to Worship at Christ Presbyterian Church!

Physical distancing and public health measures were followed during worship recording.

We Gather in the Love of Christ

The Organ Prelude *Wachet auf! Ruft uns die Stimme* Johann Sebastian Bach
“Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us, Hymn No. 349

Welcome *Let the Stable Still Astonish* Leslie Leyland Fields

Let the stable still astonish: Straw-dirt floor, dull eyes,
Dusty flanks of donkeys, oxen; Crumbling, crooked walls;
No bed to carry that pain, And then, the child, Rag-wrapped, laid to cry In a trough.
Who would have chosen this?
Who would have said: “Yes, Let the God of all the heavens and earth be born here, in this place”?
Who but the same God Who stands in the darker, fouler rooms of our hearts and says,
“Yes, let the God of Heaven and Earth be born here—in this place.

Introit: *Once in Royal David’s City* Glory to God, No. 140
Please join in singing the 2nd Stanza

Call to Worship

Rejoice in God! Marvel at all that God has done!
Our eyes have seen the glory of God, made known to us.
Rejoice in God, Creator of all that has life.
Our eyes have seen the love of God, come to us in a baby.
Rejoice in God, giver of redemption and grace.
Our eyes have seen God’s redeeming love, alive in Jesus.
Rejoice in God, the Spirit of peace and grace.
Our eyes have seen the power of God, at work in changing the world.
Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise *Angels From the Realms of Glory* Glory to God, No. 143

The Prayer of Confession

God, our Loving Creator, you call us to celebrate in fullness the salvation you have brought to us in Jesus, your Son. You remind us through the witness of Simeon and Anna that Jesus is our light and shows us your glory. Yet we hear this story as ancient, and do not make it our own. O God, forgive us. Place your Son in our arms and show us our salvation. Join our voices with those of Simeon and Anna, that we may sing your praise to all who will hear and be bearers of your good news. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Even in the times of deepest darkness,
God is there offering empowering light.
Search for glimpses of light amidst the gloom;
seek the teachings of Jesus, which will light your way in the world;
**We will trust God, and celebrate that we are made in God's image
this day and forevermore. Amen.**

Response of Praise *Joy to the World!*
We will sing Stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Glory to God, No. 134

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Glory to God, No. 606

We Grow by Grace in the Spirit of God

News of the Church

A Reading from Scripture Luke 2: 25-38 *Anna and Simeon*

The Sermon Longing for the Holy: Anna and Simeon

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

A Moment of Stillness

Music: *I Wonder as I Wander*

Traditional Appalachian Carol

We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

The Sending Song *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Glory to God, No. 136

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude *Prelude in D Major*
From Prelude and Fugue in D Major (BWV 532)

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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Leading in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson
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Scripture Readers: Peter and Elise Blanchard
Organist: John A. Rafoth Pianist: Natalie Handley
Vocalists/Instrumentalists:
John Bohman, Bill Cheadle, Bob Clark, Amalia Goldberg,
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Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

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Why read the Lectionary?

The daily Lectionary readings expand the range of biblical reading in worship and personal devotion by providing daily scripture citations for home reading.

Monday, December 28, 2020: Psalm 148; Jeremiah 31:15-17; Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29, 2020: Psalm 148; Isaiah 49:5-15; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, December 30, 2020: Psalm 148; Proverbs 9:1-12; 2 Peter 3:8-13

Thursday, December 31, 2020: Psalm 148; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

Friday, January 1, 2021: New Year's Day

Saturday, January 2, 2021: Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18

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Online Sunday worship

Giving online

Submitting a prayer request

Receiving the Wednesday email and monthly Tidings newsletter,

Fall CPC Church activities

Activities for Children and Youth

**CPC... A Community centered in Christ:
gathering in love, growing by grace, going forth to serve.**