



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Established
October 4, 1851
Madison, Wisconsin



Advent 2020

Sunday, December 20, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00am Online Worship

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

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 *"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"* Johann Sebastian Bach
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, Glory to God, No. 827

Welcome

Introit: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Stanza 1* Glory to God, No. 82

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: The Candle of Love

**O come, Rest of the righteous: wrap us in your shawl of hope,
cradling us in your comfort and peace.**

**O come, Servant of salvation: unlocking the chains of our sin,
sending us to dance in your kingdom's joy.**

**O come, Gospel of graciousness: so we would welcome the outsider
and embrace the lonely in our midst.**

**O come, Hope of the lowly: raise them up until they can look you in the eye,
and kiss your cheeks in gratitude.**

**O come, Child of the covenant: heir of all those promises made so long ago,
and bearer of all the grace flowing from God's heart.**

**O come, Companion of creation: to transform the mess we have made
into gardens overrun with goodness and beauty.**

O come to us, Immanuel, come and live with us: this day, and forevermore, come!

Some verses of Scripture Isaiah: Chapter 35: 6b-10

**Prayer: Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way in our world for the coming
of your Son, and by your Spirit you are still bringing the light of the good news to darkened
and defeated lives. Renew us, so that we may welcome Jesus to rule our thoughts and claim
our love. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High* Glory to God, No. 113

The Prayer of Confession

If we are to welcome the Child into our hearts, we must speak of all the ways we have hardened ourselves against the good news he brings. Let us confess our sins, as we pray together, saying,

How can this be, Holy One of Advent?

We would put the powerful on pedestals, but you send the lowly to remind us of our call to be servants. We would stock our pantries with more and more, but you send our friends to our door, collecting for those who hunger and thirst for hope. We would listen to seasonal sounds of sales, but you send the angels to carol to us of the promises made to all. (cont')

Forgive us, Hope of the world.

As we watch for your coming, may we see the need around us;

as we prepare to celebrate your birth, may we live with open hearts;

**as we long for healing and hope, may we discover it in the Baby of Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ,
sent for us.**

Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The good news is not just announced to all people. It is, indeed, for all people: for the proud, as well as the humble; for the rich, and for the poor; for those who have found faith, and those who long for it.

**Our hearts rejoice in the promises, and our souls rejoice in the One who has come to us,
bringing hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Response of Praise *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen/We Three Kings*

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

Advent Psalm: *For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits*

Glory to God, No. 89

A Reading from Scripture Luke 2: 1-7

The Sermon Longing for Comfort and Peace: Mary and Joseph

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

A Moment of Stillness

Music: *What Child is This—Child of the Poor*

The Hound and the Fox

We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Sending Song *Keep Your Lamps*

arr. André Thomas

The Benediction

The Organ Postlude *Improvisation on "In dulci jubilo"*

Sigfried Karg-Elert

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing, Glory to God, No. 132

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. Sharol Hayner

Advent Candle-Lighting: Grace Hasler Small Group

Natalie Handley, Rev. Sharol Hayner, Rich Henderson, Kathy Otterson

Organist: John A. Rafoth Pianist: Natalie Handley

Vocalists/Instrumentalists:

Laura Andrews, John Bohman, Matt Clark-Sally, Amalia Goldberg,

Derek Handley, John Itson, Steve Porter, Kirstin Roble,

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JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS AT CPC!!

CHRISTMAS EVE, DEC 24

4:00pm In-Person Christmas Eve Walk-Through

Come to the church on Christmas Eve for a Christmas Story Walk followed by candlelight carols accompanied by string quartet. Plan to walk around the church and end in Castlescape. Carol times are 4:15pm, 5pm, and 5:45pm.

9:00pm Candlelight Lessons and Carols (online*)

You'll hear Luke's retelling of the story of Jesus' birth read by Rev. Tom Robinson, Rev. Sharol Hayner and Kathy Otterson. Music includes an organ prelude and postlude, carols for congregational singing and anthems for listening interspersed among the readings. As the Christ Candle is lit and "Silent Night" is sung, we'll raise our own lit candles as we share the Light of Christ with all the world. (have your own candle on hand to light)

CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25

10:00am We Wish You A Merry Christmas...Playlist (online*)

Tune in and enjoy a "heavenly host" of your favorite church carols, and Instrumental selections for organ, guitar, piano and flute, presented by the CPC Worship Team, Choir, and Quartet, with organists John Rafoth and Mary Kay Burton, guitarist Mary Strait, and Kathy Otterson, flute.

***YouTube links for online services will be emailed on 12.24 and 12.25**

The building is filled with colorful poinsettias offered by
Christ Presbyterian members and friends in memory and in
honor of loved ones.



Jacque Evenson

*In honor of my siblings Chris, Patty,
Gary, Kyle, Shelley & Tracy
In honor of my friends Al, Dale & Caroline Wortley*

Beverly Faga

In memory of Kenneth Faga

Karen Elizabeth King & Barb Wolter

*In memory of Gordon & Barbara King,
Harry & Edita Data*

Cliff & Carol Koehler

In memory of Susan Becker

Sara Lubbers

In memory of Ron Wiecki, Marlice & Owen Lubbers

Ellen Murdoch

*In memory of Don Murdoch, Jane & Dick Fagan,
Betty & John Press, Dick Arnesen*

Ruth McPike

*In memory of Jeffrey McPike, Olive McPike,
Terra McPikce*

Alice Spencer

*In memory of Christopher Spencer,
Paul & Bea Spencer, Jeff Spencer, Jim Whitemarsh,
Fred & Agnes Whitemarsh
In honor of Sean, Lily, & Dalia Spencer
Noel Spencer & Emily Chow*