



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Established*  
*October 4, 1851*  
*Madison, Wisconsin*



## Advent 2020

Sunday, December 6  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
10:00am Online Worship  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*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** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Craig Phillips

**Welcome**

Rev. Tom Robinson

**Advent Song:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, verse 1*

*The theme for Advent 2020 comes from the final phrase of the first stanza of this hymn:  
“Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.”*

**Advent Wreath Candle Lighting: The Candle of Peace**

The Pilch-Froeming Family

God of Israel, with expectant hearts, we your people await Christ's coming.

**As once he came in humility so now may he come in glory,  
that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom.  
For he is Lord for ever and ever. Hallelujah!**

Scripture, from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 9: 2-7

**Mighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you.  
Now ready the world for your rule. Come quickly to reclaim us,  
so that violence and crying shall end, and your children shall live in peace,  
honoring each other with justice and love. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

Glory to God, No. 104

**The Prayer of Confession** *adapted from Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13*

Natalie Handley

God is love; the omnipotent and compassionate parent  
that holds the world tenderly in a warm embrace.

God desires that we love each other as a mother loves her child, as a father embraces his own.

**All too often we fail in our efforts to live as God would have us live.  
We push away turning cold shoulders to God and each other.  
We express anger and resentment instead of compassion and grace.  
We seek revenge instead of reconciliation.  
In these moments we ask God to forgive us and set us upon the right path.**

**Silent Confession**

## The Assurance of Pardon

Natalie Handley

When we turn to God with faithful hearts, God hears and responds.

**Our failings and shortcomings are forgiven.**

**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

**God gives what is good and spreads the path of righteousness before us.**

**Walk in confidence forgiven and forgiving in Christ's name. Amen.**

**The Response of Praise**     *The King is Coming (Prelude)*

Christy Nockels

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Kathy Otterson

**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**

Kathy Otterson

**A Reading from Scripture**     Luke 1:39-45

Mary Braucht

**The Sermon**     Longing for Community: Mary and Elizabeth

Dr. Robinson

**A Moment of Stillness**

## **The Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**The Affirmation of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed—Ecumenical Version*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Invitation to the Table and The Great Prayer**

Revs. Robinson and Hayner

**The Words of Institution and The Distribution of the Elements**

**Music During Communion**     *He Shall Feed His Flock (aria from Messiah)*

George Frideric Handel

**The Prayer of Thanks**

### **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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## **We Go Forth in Joy to Serve the Lord**

**Sending Song**    *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*    inspired by Fernando Ortega

### **The Benediction**

**The Organ Postlude**    *Toccata and Fugue in F Major*    Dietrich Buxtehude

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### **Leading in Worship Today**

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson

Assisting: Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner

Musicians:

Organist: John A. Rafoth    Pianist: Natalie Handley

Amalia Goldberg, Kirstin Roble, John Bohman

Carol Quintana, Derek Handley, Laura Andrews, Mary Strait, John Itson,  
Rich Henderson, Bill Cheadle

Worship Streaming Coordinator: Bryan Yates

### **CPC Deacon On-Call—December**

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**Fall CPC Church activities**

**Activities for Children and Youth**

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**Ways to get involved at CPC - even during a pandemic**