



Welcome!

We're glad

YOU

are here!

*We are a community
centered in Christ,
gathering in love,
growing by grace,
going forth to serve.*



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

December 19, 2021 • 9:00am

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

OPENING PRAISE

Advent Hymn

Words/Music: Christy Nockels, 2016; lyrics adapted from Charles Wesley, 1740

Welcome & Advent Wreath Lighting: LOVE

One: We are a people who walk in darkness.

All: We long for Christ's light.

One: We are a weary people.

All: We long for God's strength and hope.

One: We are a people who carry broken hearts.

All: Comfort us. Awaken us. Help us watch for the coming of Christ.

God With Us

Words and Music: Jason Ingram and Leslie Jordan, 2012

Prayer of Confession (Leader/People)

(silent personal prayers are offered first)

God of grace and truth, you have shown us your glory by
sending Jesus,

God in the flesh. Light in the darkness.

Where our own darkness and the darkness of the world is deep,

Shine Your light;

Where hearts are battered,

In your love bring healing.

As you once came silently in human form,

**Break into our lives and into our world that we may discover
your grace and celebrate Your unquenchable light in the
darkness. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

Ministers
The People

Preacher
Rev. Dr. Sharol
Hayner

**Prayers of the
People**
Rev. Dr. Jessica
Patchett

Advent Wreath
Gretchen & Ron
Lehmann

Confession
Rich Henderson

Children's Sermon
Cindy Melrose

Scripture
The Kulp Family

Worship Director
Piano, Vocals
Natalie Handley

Acoustic, Vocals
Derek Handley

Bass Guitar, Vocals
John Itson

Drums
Bill Cheadle

AV Coordinator
Pat Green

Livestream
Ben McKnight

Slides
Martha Henderson

Welcome Team
Bev Faga
Helena & Chris
VanderArk

What A Beautiful Name/O Come Let Us Adore

Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Brooke Ligertwood, 2016; trad. hymn

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

COMMUNITY

Children's Sermon

Invitation

Musical Offering

What Child is This/Child of the Poor

Words/Music: trad. carol, Scott Soper, William Chatterton Dix; The Hound + The Fox, 2017

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture John 1: 1-14; 16-18

Message God With Us Forever

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

O Holy Night

Words and Music: traditional carol, 1847

Blessing

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



Bronwyn & Family	<i>In memory of Allene Lee</i>
Cathie & Jim Burgess	
Deb & Bob Clark	<i>In memory of David Moren, Arlyn Block, Bob & Phyllis Clark</i>
Jack Duwe	<i>In memory of Margaret Duwe In memory of Henry & Pearl Duwe</i>
Bev Faga	<i>In memory of Ken Faga</i>
Sarah Glomski	<i>In memory of Ruby Glomski</i>
Elaine Kosier	<i>In memory of Mark & Ruth Roberts In memory of Kenneth & Gertrude Kosier</i>
Arlene Linn	<i>In memory of Arelene Linn's Parents In memory of Robert Linn</i>
Sara G. Lubbers	<i>In memory of Ronald V. Wiecki</i>
Doug & Norma Madsen	<i>In honor of All Our CPC Musicians In honor of Natalie & Derek Handley & Worship Band In honor of John Rafoth & Kathy Otterson & the CPC Choir In honor of John Bohman's Inspired Leadership of the Choir & the Bell Choir & His Trumpet Playing on Christ the King Sunday</i>
Jim & Liz McCarthy	<i>In memory of Richard & Phyllis Harris In memory of Charles McCarthy In honor of All Health Care Workers</i>
Gene Sheets	<i>In memory of Ceil Sheets</i>
Barry Sherbeck	<i>In memory of Carol Kirton, Eric Kirton, Cheng Kim Kirton, and Tim Sherbeck</i>
Sherry Topp	<i>Allan C. Topp, my husband Alan & Marty Drew, my parents</i>
The Wood Family	<i>In memory of The Wood Family's Grandparents</i>



CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 19 Announcements

The Giving Tree – Mendota Gifts Due Today

We'll be packing up the gifts for Mendota School families this morning. If you aren't able to bring your gift in by 11:30am today, please call Mary at (608) 334-3167. There is still time to donate to our other partners through Dec 26:

1. **Fairhaven School** - children with disabilities in Egypt
2. **Urban Mosaic** - food security, water, youth, safety in Mexico City
3. **Luke House** - winter hats & gloves for men & women in Madison

To donate online, go to cpcmadison.org/give, click Online Giving, Give Now, choose options from the Fund dropdown menu. Thank you for your generosity!

Advent Worship: God With Us—A Weary World Rejoices

Join us (and invite your friends!) for four worship services in Advent, and for special services on Christmas Eve and the day after:

12/24 4pm - Family Christmas Eve Service

12/24 9pm - 170th CPC Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(Organ prelude at 8:30pm)

12/26 10am - Lessons, Hymns, and Carols

Welcome our Newest CPC Members!

Please join us in welcoming Harriet Maona and Ray Czerwinski, who joined CPC on Sunday. Watch for them and take the opportunity to get to know them. The next Joining Meeting will be in January.

Christmas Joy Special Offering, December 19

Through our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering, we join together with those who need our love and support. 50% of your gift makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The other 50% of your gift helps with current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. Please give generously through the CPC offering plate, or at cpcmadison.org/give, or text CHRISTMASJOY to 91999.

Join us in Thanking Rich Henderson

This month, Rich Henderson wraps up a strong and faithful season as CPC's Director of Vision Ministries. Rich stepped into this position in the midst of a double pastoral transition with the charge of offering continuity and leadership for the programmatic ministries of the congregation until the arrival of a new senior pastor. Please join us:

- A special blessing in both worship services on Sunday, Dec. 19 and a Courtyard Cider Celebration at 10:00am.
- Send cards or notes to Rich at rich@cpcmadison.org or 944 E Gorham St, Madison, WI 53703.

As Rich's time on staff ends, he will take a sabbatical from church committee work in anticipation of re-emerging as a member of the congregation. Please pray with us for his much-deserved rest and restoration.

Advent Cards—Invite Your Friends!

Packets of Advent Cards with envelopes are available in the Gathering Hall this week. Please take some, write some personal invitations, and mail or hand-deliver them early to people you want to invite to any or all of our Advent services.

Talk About It! Discussion From Today's Scripture (John 1:1-14, 16-18)

- 1) Who is the **Word**, and where and how does the **Word** appear?
- 2) How is the **Word** received, and how does the **Word** handle this?
- 3) What other words are used to describe the **Word**?
- 4) What is the difference between light and "true light?"
- 5) What contrasts and comparisons do you see in this passage?

Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant, 4pm Christmas Eve

We're excited to bring back a favorite CPC tradition with the Unrehearsed Christmas Pageant at our 4pm Family Christmas Eve service! This is a simple retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus, featuring our kids! We provide the scripts, costumes, stage direction, and music. You (our lovely families) provide the actors!

No need to sign up ahead of time. Simply show up a few minutes before the 4pm service on Christmas Eve and we'll assign roles for your kiddo(s)! Favorite Christmas carols, candle lighting, and our young ones leading us through the Christmas story... Alleluia! Christ is born!

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