



*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

## COMBINED WORSHIP

December 26, 2021 • 10:00am

*The First Sunday of Christmastide*

### PRELUDE

Three Christmas Carols

arr. Joel Raney

*Greensleeves - English 16th century melody*

*Good King Wenceslas - 1582 melody*

*Away in a Manger - James R. Murray*

### OPENING PRAISE

**Welcome & Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner

*Joy to the World*

#134, vs. 1, 3-4

**Prayer of Confession** (Leader/People)

*(silent personal prayers are offered first)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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### Passing the Peace of Christ

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

**Ministers**  
The People

**Welcome,  
Children's Sermon,  
Prayers of the  
People**  
Rev. Dr. Sharol  
Hayner

**Preacher**  
Rev. Gretchen  
Lord Anderson

**Confession**  
Chris VanderArk

**Invitation**  
David Strait

**Classical Guitar**  
Mary Strait

**Organ, Piano**  
Mary Kay Burton

**Audio**  
John Itson

**Livestream**  
Ben McKnight

**Slides**  
Trinity Kulp

**Welcome Team**  
Cheryl Shult  
Karen Parrillo  
Sara Lubbers

## COMMUNITY

### Children's Sermon

### Invitation

### Musical Offering

*He is Born, the Divine Christ Child*

*Traditional French Carol, Variations by Allan Alexander*

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture** Luke 2:22-35

### Message

## 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.*

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

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### Blessing

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude sur en Noel (Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabella)* Denis Bédard

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# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Sunday, December 26 Announcements

### **The Giving Tree – By the Numbers!**

The Mendota School family gifts were delivered and received by three families. Sonia Spencer, our school contact, was happy to see CPC's generosity—the families (two Spanish speaking and one from Africa) will be glad to get all that winter gear (13 garbage bags full!).

Lots of hats and gloves and scarves went to Luke House on Monday. Director Matt Rogge says they will be just right for their clients. Cash donations to all four groups as of last week **exceed \$15,000!**

There is still time to donate today, to **Fairhaven School** for children with disabilities in Egypt, **Urban Mosaic** in Mexico City and **Luke House** for men and women in Madison. Once again, Christ Pres folks prove to be more than generous! Any questions, call Mary at (608) 334-3167.

### **Talk About It! Discussion From Today's Scripture (Luke 2:22-35)**

- 1) What was important about following the law of Moses?
- 2) What set Simeon apart from others who may have also been "righteous and devout?"
- 3) What roles and actions are taken by the Holy Spirit in this text?
- 4) What was amazing about what was said about young Jesus?
- 5) What are the positive and difficult outcomes predicted about Mary's child? What was God about to do that was different from the past?

### **Stewardship Campaign 2022 Pledge Update**

We are thankful that pledges for 2022 continue to come in. With pledges received as of this week, we are over 93% toward funding the proposed 2022 budget. It's exciting to be getting close! If CPC is your church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider and make a pledge You can pledge online. Thank you!

## **Sneak Preview, Coming in January: New Year, New Eyes**

Join us for five Sundays in January as we explore **dreams** in scripture and in our lives, in a new year.

The arrival of the Christ-child awakens us to look everywhere for how God is with us. And yet, it's still dark, mid-winter, and much of the world slumbers. God comes to those who slumber and startles them with dreams. Dreams help us see new things. We try to make meaning of these visions, and they often set us on new pathways. In this new year, will we welcome how God is helping us to dream again of what could be?

## **With Gratitude, From Rich Henderson**

I am filled with deep gratitude and joy for having had the opportunity to work with and among you these past few years. God has certainly brought together an amazing collection of people at CPC. By God's grace, we have thrived during these recent seasons of disruption and transition.

Though I am sad that this chapter has come to an end, I am glad that Martha and I will continue to be a part of the CPC family. Your prayers are appreciated as I discern where and how to best use my gifts in this next season. I am hoping to leverage my experience in an area such as social justice, cross-cultural mission, or leadership coaching/mentoring.

Thank you. May we continue to be a community centered in Christ - gathering in love, growing by grace, and going forth to serve.

- Rich

## **Small Groups in 2022**

A variety of small groups offer community, connection, and spiritual growth. New groups will be starting again in January.

Stay tuned for more details in early January, 2022.

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