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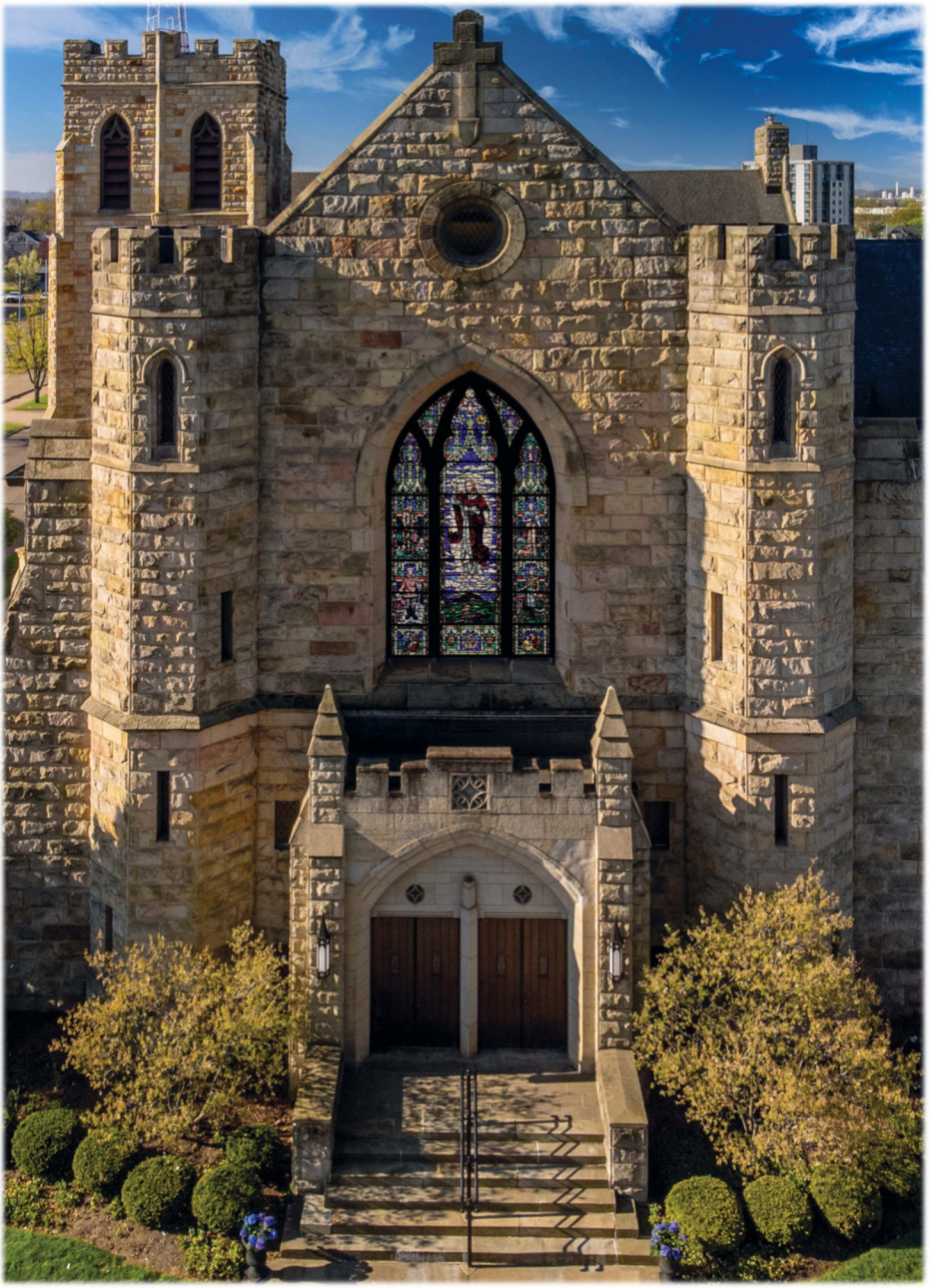


December 11, 2022

The Order For Morning Worship
Third Sunday in Advent

December 11, 2022 Ten-Thirty O'Clock

At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit.

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Voluntary "Benedictus" Alec Rowley

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: My soul magnifies the Lord; *Luke 1:46b–47, 49*
People: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
Leader: The Mighty One has done great things.
People: Holy is God's name!

***Hymn No. 105** "People, Look East" BESANÇON

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Adam, Bonnie, Theo, and Joshua Wiggins

Response to the Lighting of the Advent Candles STUTTGART

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set they people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Call to Confession

Let the desert rejoice, *Isa. 35:1, 4*
and let the dry land be glad,
for God has come to save us.
Let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

God of majesty and glory, *Isa. 35:1–10*
we are thirsty for your grace.
You made a way for us in the wilderness,
and still, in our foolishness, we go astray.
We hide our eyes from your presence.
We do not listen to your word.
We are lifeless when we ought to dance
and speechless when we ought to sing.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Speak peace to our fearful hearts,
strengthen our weak hands,
and make firm our feeble knees
as we seek to follow in your holy way. Amen.

Kyrie

***Assurance of Pardon**

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. *Isa. 35:10*
Sing a song of redemption!
Let sorrow and sighing be no more.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***Response to the Assurance of Pardon** **Hymn No. 84**

Children are now invited to come forward.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD
READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the message, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to follow the teachers out the pulpit side door for Kids' Church; they can be picked up in the lower level following service.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, in this dry and dusty place, *Isa. 35:1–10*
pour out the power of your Spirit
so that your Word may blossom in our lives;
through Jesus Christ, our way in the wilderness. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 35:1-10

"The Return of the Redeemer to Zion"

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.578
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.811-812

Hymn No. 108 DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"
Verse 1 All / Verse 2 Women / Verse 3 Men / Verse 6 All

Epistle Reading James 5:7-10

"Patience in Suffering"

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.982
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.281

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:2-11

"Messengers from John the Baptist"

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. Pew Bible p.792
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.13-14

Sermon "Making a List and Checking it Twice" Rev. Dave de Vries
"Go tell John what you hear and see..."

Our Response To The Word

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith 1,4 pg. 37-38

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem David Cherwien
"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"
Please refer to Hymn No. 96 for the lyrics

***Doxology Hymn No. 654**
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful: in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

***Prayer of Dedication** *(in unison)*
Thanks be to you,
O God, maker of heaven and earth— *Ps. 146:5–10*
giver of justice, lover of righteousness,
hope of the afflicted, and friend of the poor.
Your faithfulness never fails.
Take and use these gifts we offer
to further your purpose in the world
and to fulfill the promise of the world to come;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Reentry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church — Living Our Faith

***Hymn No. 87** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" GENEVAN 42

***Benediction**
Response: O come, thou Key of David Come

Voluntary "Veni Emmanuel" Andrew Carter

Activities For The Week of December 11th

Today

8:30 am	Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:30 am	Children's Choir—Choir Room
9:00 am	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15-10:15 am	Adult Sunday School—Westminster Hall
10:30 am	Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:45 am	Youth Fellowship with Temple Israel

Monday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting—Parlor
1:00 pm	Property Meeting—Parlor
5:00 pm	Israel Trip Prep Meeting—Westminster Hall

Tuesday

9:30-11:15 am	Dave's Bible Study—Parlor
11:00am-12:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
11:30 am	TAG Luncheon—Westminster Hall
12:00-2:00 pm	Personnel Meeting—Parlor
7:00 pm	Mission Ministry Meeting—Parlor

Wednesday **Tydings Deadline**

8:00-10:00 am	Food Ministry (Christmas Party)—West Hall
8:00-9:00 am	Men's Bible Study via ZOOM
1:00-3:00 pm	Faithful Friends Small Group—Parlor
3:30 pm	Worship Meeting—Parlor
6:00-7:30 pm	Young Families Small Group—Parlor
7:30-9:00 pm	Dave's Bible Study—ZOOM

Thursday

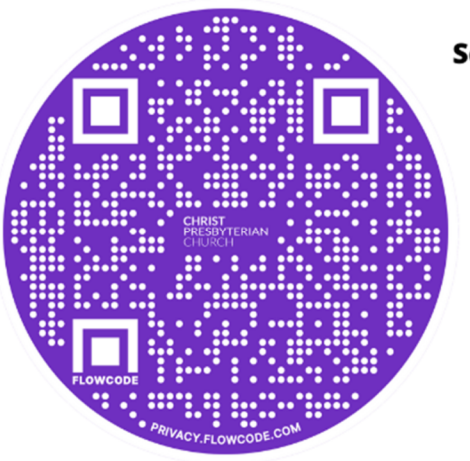
9:30-11:00 am	Women's Bible Study—Parlor and ZOOM
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday

Saturday

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am	Worship Service—Chapel
9:00-9:30 am	Children's Choir—Choir Room
9:00 am	Children and Youth Classes open
9:15-10:15 am	Adult Sunday School—Westminster Hall
10:30 am	Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:45 am	Youth Reunion Sunday



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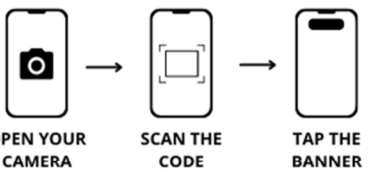

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Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of December 11, 2022

Using Sunday's Order of Worship, we enter into worship and prayer every day of the week. We worship together . . . separately.

The Call to Worship
The Prayer of Adoration (Followed by silence)
The Prayer of Confession (Followed by silence)
The Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Readings — Worship texts for Sunday, ***December 18,***

Mon: Isaiah 7:10-16
Tue: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Wed: Romans 1:1-7
Thur: Matthew 1:18-25
Fri: Isaiah 7:10-16
Sat: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Silent Meditation and Prayer
(Listening for God's voice in Scripture and silence)
Prayers of the People
(Lifting others before God)
Prayer of Dedication

Becoming Familiar With Holy Scripture
If you wish to become more familiar with the Bible and the best known stories of scripture,
The Christmas Story (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2)

Preparing for Sunday, December 18, 2022
Consider: In Romans 1:1–6, Paul defines himself according to (1) who Jesus is (promised through the prophets), (2) what Jesus gives (grace and apostleship), and (3) why Jesus is for all people (to foster faith). How do those qualities and gifts inform your own definition of self? How might you amend, or more greatly appreciate, your own self-image and the image you have of others because of Jesus?

The Cathedral Hour today is made possible through generous donations from members and friends of Christ Presbyterian Church.

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Water Bearer—Ava Skolnik
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