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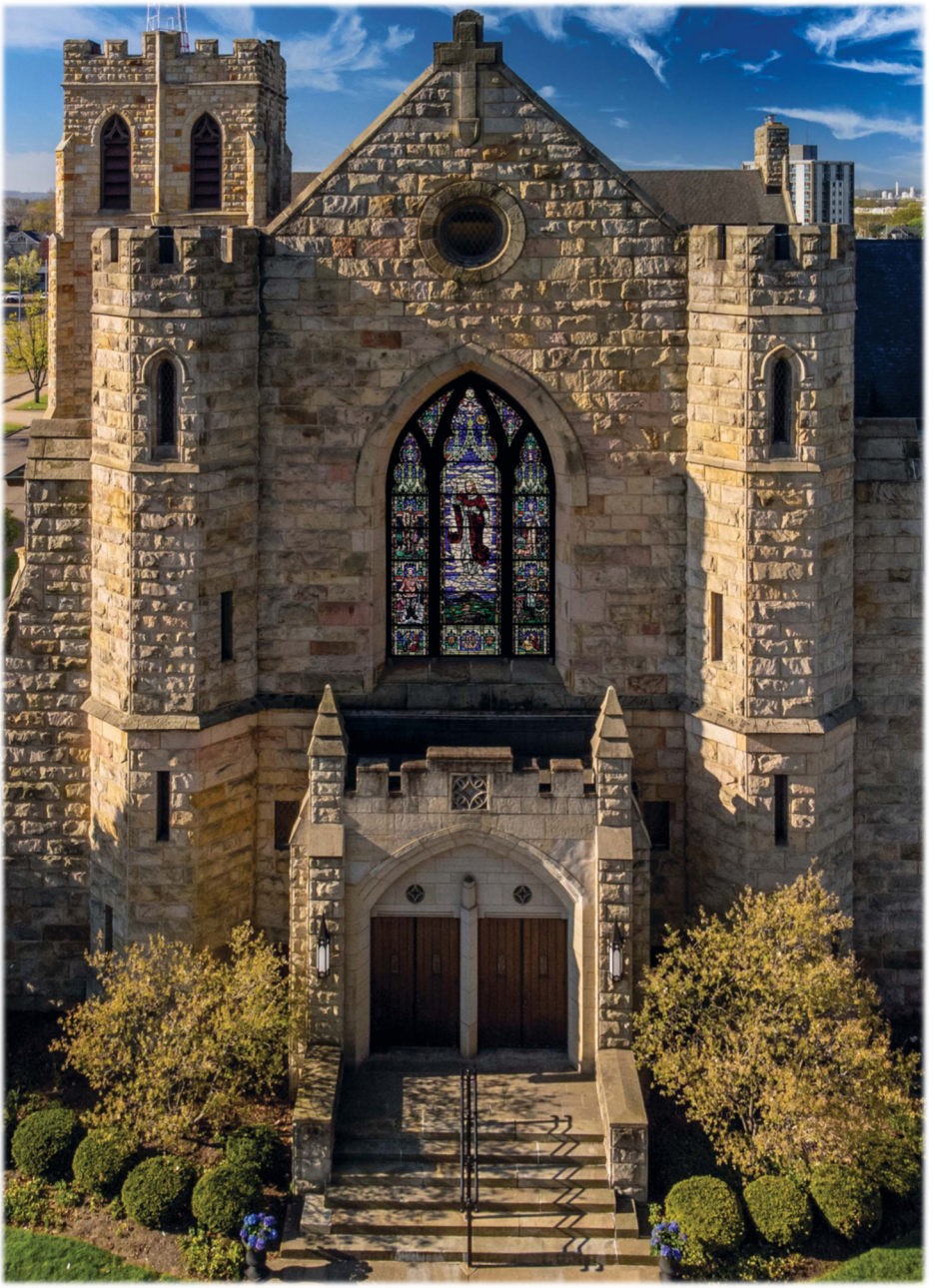


December 18, 2022

The Order For Morning Worship
Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 18, 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 "O Magnum Mysterium" Giovanni Gabrieli/arr. Wolff
Brass quartet and organ

Worship and Welcome Notes

Call to Worship

God-with-us, Immanuel,
comes to give us our own Holy Family,
here with the body of Christ this day.
Rejoice and be glad!
Amen!

***Hymn No. 82** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Lighting of the Advent Candles—Chris and Carol Burt

Response to the Lighting of the Advent Candles STUTTGART

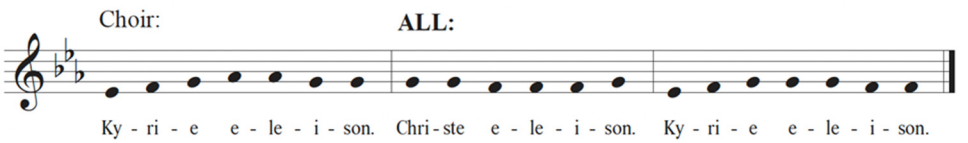
Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set they people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Call to Confession

Assured that God hears our repentance,
let us turn our minds to the truth,
confessing our sins to God and one another.

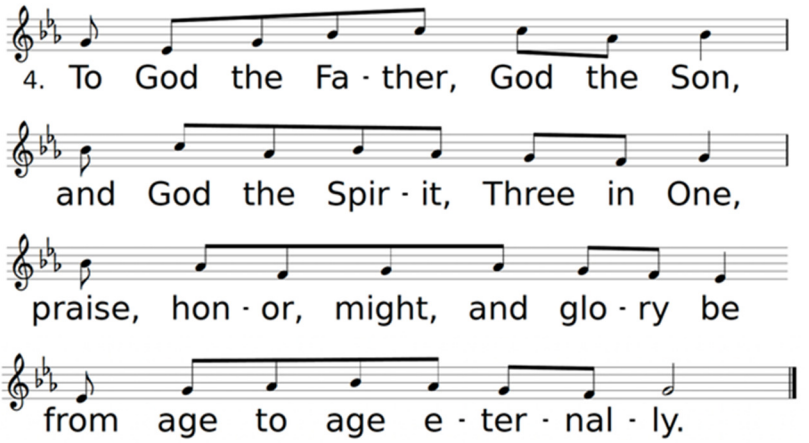
Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts, *Ps. 80*
we have turned away from you,
neglecting the welfare of your creation,
ignoring the plight of your people,
trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made,
taking from Earth what we cannot give back.
We have not helped our neighbors in need,
kept peace within our families,
or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives.
Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life.
In your compassion, turn us to your way.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us,
and we shall be saved. Amen.

Kyrie

***Assurance of Pardon**

"You are called to belong to Jesus Christ." *Rom. 1*
For the sake of the One God promised to send,
named as God's Son,
who died, was raised, and through whom we receive grace,
God forgives you all your sins.
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

As your Holy Spirit spoke to Mary,
the mother of our Lord,
speak to us now through your Word
that by hearing we too may receive faith
and be strengthened to do your will. **Amen.**

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

"Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel"

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.554
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.779

Hymn No. 102 NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7

"Salutation"

Leader: The Word of the Lord. Pew Bible p.913-914
People: Thanks be to God Large Print Pew Bible p.184

Gospel *(musical setting by John Ferguson)* Luke 1:26-33, 38-42, 46

"Mary's Story"

Hailey Hon, liturgist

Anthem "Magnificat" J. Ferguson
Luke 1:46-55

Sermon "God-bearing" Rev. Benjamin George
"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"

Our Response To The Word

***Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith 1,5 pg. 37-38

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Anthem "Ave Maria" Franz Biebl

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae Et concepit de Spiritu sancto.	The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus,	Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Ave Maria... Et Verbum caro factum est Et habitavit in nobis. Ave Maria...	Hail Mary ... And the Word was made flesh And dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen	Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

***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)*

**Holy God, you bless us with many gifts,
you retrieve us from despair and fear,
you visit us with surprising proclamations,
and you intend for us good things.
We thank you for your steadfast love,
for sending signs of assurance, and for the gift of faith.
Use our gifts to bring comfort and justice to those in need,
reforming the ways of our world for the sake of new life.
Amen.**

Reentry into the World to Serve the Lord

Being Christ's Church — Living Our Faith

***Hymn No. 373** "O Day of Peace" JERUSALEM

***Benediction**

Response: "Lift up Your Heads"

Voluntary "Break Forth Into Joy" J. S. Bach/arr. Keith Krueger
Brass Quartet

Brass Quartet:

Gary Davis, trumpet
Laruen Rudzinskas, trombone
James Thouvenin, trumpet
Chris Brosius, trombone

Activities For The Week of December 18th

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 Reunion

Monday

10:00 am	Staff Meeting—Parlor

Tuesday

11:15am-12:15pm	Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Wednesday

6:30-8:30 pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting—Parlor

Thursday

7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

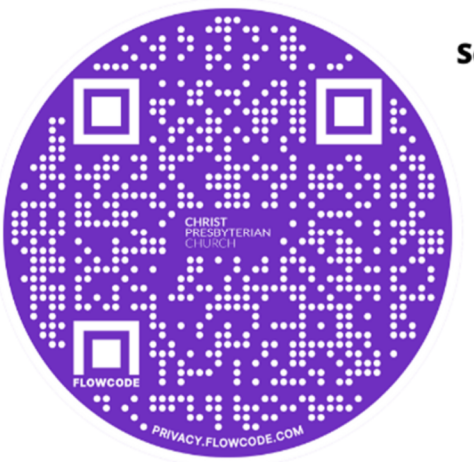
Friday **Building Closed**

Saturday

4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
9:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25

10:30 am	Worship Service (Lessons and Carols)—Sanctuary



A printed copy of the announcements is available in the Narthex and in Cloister Hall.

Daily Grace
CPC Rhythms of Worship and Discipleship
The Week of December 18, 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 25,***

Mon: Isaiah 9:2-7
Tue: Psalm 96
Wed: Titus 2:11-14
Thur: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Fri: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sat: Psalm 96

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)

Scripture Readings for Next Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
Isaiah 9:2–7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11–14, Luke 2:1–14 (15–20)

Scripture Readings for Next Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)
Isaiah 63:7–9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10–18, Matthew 2:13–23

The Cathedral Hour today is given in honor of
Jon & Barbara Elsass' 38th Wedding Anniversary.

The Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Leland Weir
by Janet Creighton

Acolytes

Crucifer—Megan Cooper
Water Bearer—Eva Leggett
Bible Bearer—Mark Cooper

Elders of Christ Presbyterian Church

Jennifer Anderson
Charles Ash
Becky Banfield
David Hudson
Nancy Okonak
Bert Smith
Byrdie Stocker
Adam Wiggins

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