

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

**Guests:** Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church. We want to thank you for joining us for worship! If this is your first time visiting our church, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offerings box at the back of the sanctuary. We'd like to send you some info about our church and our ministries. Also, if you have any needs or would like additional information, please see one of the elders or deacons, or send an email to [admin@christpreshamptoncove.org](mailto:admin@christpreshamptoncove.org).

**Alleluia Choir:** The choir will present their Christmas program to the church tonight at 6 PM in the sanctuary. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship afterwards. Please make plans to attend.

**CARE Center Support:** We are going to be supporting the Care Center with donations this Christmas. They have specifically requested dry cereal (Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Oatmeal, etc.) and toiletries (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.). Today is the last day to bring items to place in the collection bins in the narthex. See Norman Dean if you have questions.

**Advent Scripture Read-along:** Denise Brown is coordinating the ladies reading together through the book of Romans during the Advent season. Please see her if interested in participating.

**Calendar/Other Announcements:** As always, check the website [www.christpreshamptoncove.org](http://www.christpreshamptoncove.org) for additional news and upcoming events.

**Healing:** Please pray for the health of the following individuals: Ian Trent, Suzi Jones, Robin Holloway, Chris Smotherman, Elizabeth Holton, Janet Chou, Ramona Edwards, Nolan Osmer, George Boyd, and Joyce Bosley.

**Expecting:** Please pray for the the Townsley family, expecting in March, and the Staffords and Deans, expecting in April.

**Ministries:** Please pray for the following missionaries and ministries: Seth and Jessica Lewis (Ireland); Steve and Rita Williams (New Zealand); Vinnie and Molly Athey (RUF at UAH); RUF at Alabama A&M; Ken and Angie Burnett (FCA); Franky Garcia (seminary student).



**CHRIST**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 17, 2017  
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCA)

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**Teaching Elder:** Dr. Michael Calvert, PhD

**Ruling Elders:** Dr. Bud Lancaster, MD, Crawford Dillon, Fred Fohrell

**Deacons:** Jeff Brown (Chairman) Graham Burgess, Ben Calvert, Norman Dean, Glen Doughty, Jack Loose, John Jeffery, Bill McNeese, Paul Matheny, David O'Neil, Steve Profozich, Scott Schnorrenberg, Joe Sims, Adam Turnbull

**Staff:** Matthew Elliott, Pastoral Assistant for Counseling; Jack Cooper, Church Admin; Ashley Turnbull, Children's Coordinator; Ken Burnett, Assistant to Pastor and Student Ministries

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**Call to Worship:** Numbers 14:21

*But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.*

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 126. Trinity Hymnal, p. 832

**Prayer of Adoration:**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

**Song:** God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Hymn 211 v.1-3

**Song:** The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born is the King of Israel!

**New Testament Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Confession of Sin and The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be 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 us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Hebrews 4:16

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

**Song:** Angels We Have Heard On High - Hymn 214 v.1-3

**Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Church:**

Fred Fohrell, Ruling Elder - 1 John 1:1-10

**Preaching of the Word:** Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder  
"What Simeon Said" - Luke 2:21-35

**Confession of Faith:** The Heidelberg Catechism

**Q. 29.** Why is He called Christ, that is, Anointed?

**A. Because He has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and who continually intercedes for us before the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.**

**Communion\*:**

**Song:** O Worship The King - Hymn 2 v1,4,5

**Benediction:** Colossians 3:15

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.*

\*We invite to the table of the Lord those who are trusting in Christ alone for salvation (Acts 16:30-31; Rom. 10:11-13), are seeking to live a godly, Christian life (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:1-6; Heb. 12:14), have made a public profession of faith before the Church (Acts 2:38-39; 1 Timothy 6:12), are baptized members of a Bible believing, Christ-preaching Church (Acts 2:41; Heb. 13:17; Titus 1:5), and are not under Church discipline (Matt 16:19; 18:15-18; 1 Cor. 5:1-7).