

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS:

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 visit the Contact page of our website. Finally, if you require hearing assistance, please see one of our men in the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

Alleluia Choir: Alleluia Choir meets again Dec. 2 from 4:00-4:45 pm in the Church House. All second graders through age 12 are encouraged to join us.

Senior Fellows: On Dec. 3 at 9 AM the Senior Fellows will participate in Bags of Blessings at The CARE Center in New Hope. They will also have breakfast at the church house on Dec. 4 at 9 AM, and will visit the Floyd E. "Tutt" Fann Veterans' Home on Dec. 10 at 9 AM. For more info about any of these events please see the website or Dennis Sanders.

Athey Visit: Vinnie Athey is the RUF Campus minister at UAH. He and his wife Molly will be visiting our congregation on Dec. 9 to tell us more about their ministry. They will also be joining us for Second Sunday Lunch.

Women's Christmas Party: The Women will have their annual Christmas party on Dec. 11 at 6 PM. Please see the evite on the church website, or speak to Denise Scrip for additional details.

Youth Group: Youth Group for ages 13-18 will have their final meeting of 2018 on December 9 at the church at 4:30 PM.

Calendar/Other Announcements: As always, check the website www.christpreshamptoncove.org for additional news and upcoming events.

Healing: Please pray for the health of the following individuals: Larrabee Kirkland, Cynthia Dent, Katie Dyer, Andy Trent, Robin Holloway, Chris Smotherman, Elizabeth Holton, Janet Chou, Ramona Edwards, and Nolan Osmer.

Bereavement: Please pray for Stanley Gibson, whose father died this week.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018

Call to Worship: Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Prayer of Adoration:

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Song: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, nor for help on man depend;
he shall die, to dust returning, and his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
he is blessed whose hope of blessing on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created, seas an all that they contain;
he delivers from oppression, righteousness he will maintain

Food he daily gives the hungry, sets the mourning pris'ner free,
raises those bowed down with anguish, makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, and the stranger he befriends,
helps the fatherless and widow, judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages he is King;
unto him your God O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

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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, John Jeffery, Jack Loose, 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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Song: The Son of God Came Down - CCLI# 4866259

The Son of God came down and laid aside His crown
Born without great renown, this Sovereign One
All holiness and might, all glory shining bright
Have come to earth this night in Mary's son
O come, let us adore

CHORUS: O Christ the Lord, our hope and Savior
Son of God yet made like us, O Christ the Lord, our King adored
Born a child, our Lord, Jesus

Messiah born so small, asleep in cattle stall
Come to redeem our fall, nailed to a tree
This tiny, helpless child through death would reconcile
The holy God and vile, His grace so free
O come, let us adore

New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Confession of Sin: From Psalm 25:4-10

Pastor: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Pastor: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

People: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

People: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Assurance of Pardon: Zechariah 10:6,8

“Because I have had compassion on them . . . I will whistle for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as many as they were before.”

Song: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus - Hymn 196 v.1-4

Scripture Reading and Prayer for the Church: Luke 19:28-40 – Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder

Preaching of the Word: “Led by the Spirit to Be Tempted” – Matthew 4:1-2 – Dr. Michael Calvert, Teaching Elder

Confession of Faith: The Belgic Confession – Article 10

We believe that Jesus Christ, according to his divine nature, is the only Son of God—eternally begotten, not made or created . . . He is one in essence with the Father; coeternal; the exact image of the person of the Father and the “reflection of God’s glory,” being like the Father in all things . . . So then, he is the true eternal God, the Almighty, whom we invoke, worship, and serve.

Communion*:

Song: Who Would Have Dreamed - CCLI#7031876

On a starlit hillside, shepherds watched their sheep
Slowly, David’s city drifted off to sleep
But to this little town of no great renown
The Lord had a promise to keep

Prophets had foretold it, a mighty King would come
Long awaited Ruler, God’s Anointed One
But the Sovereign of all looked helpless and small
As God gave the world His own Son

CHORUS: And who would have dreamed or ever foreseen
That we could hold God in our hands?
The Giver of Life is born in the night
Revealing God’s glorious plan, To save the world

Wondrous gift of heaven: the Father sends the Son
Planned from time eternal, moved by holy love
He will carry our curse and death He’ll reverse
So we can be daughters and sons

Benediction: From Jude 1:21

May you keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

*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).