

# Christ Church, Presbyterian

## The Lord's Day, December 6, 2020

### Second Sunday of Advent



That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life.

—1 John 1:1

## The Morning Service, 9:30

*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5*

† indicates the congregation standing.

**The Welcome & Announcements** ..... The Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor

**The Prelude** – Good Christian Men, Rejoice ..... arr. Kristen Campbell  
Desiree Wiggill, *flute*, Stan Pylant, *violin*; and Laura Doss, *piano*

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Psalm 107:1–2  
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

### The Invocation

**The Music Meditation** – The First Noel..... arr. Kristin Campbell

The First Noel, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain:* 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;  
So it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*  
Flute, Violin, and Piano

**The Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle** ..... Mellick Family

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**The New Testament Lesson** ..... *selected texts*

**The Prayer for Illumination**

The Sermon – Coming to Our Senses..... The Rev. Hendrick

I. See

- A.) wise men-star (Mt. 2:1-2, 9-11)
- B.) shepherds-angels (Luke 2:7-12)
- C.) anyone and everyone else-Jesus Himself

John 1:14-*the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

II. Hear

Ex. 19:9; Num. 12:6; Deut. 4:10

- A.) proclamation (Luke 2:10-11)
- B.) praise (Luke 2:13-14)

III. Touch

1 John 1:1

IV. Smell

Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8

- A.) thank offerings (Gen. 8)
- B.) frankincense
- C.) Myrrh

Prov. 7:17; Ps. 45:8; Es. 2:12; S. of S. 3:6, John 19:39

2 Cor. 2:15-*for we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved ...v. 16-and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.*

V. Taste

Psalm 119:103; Ps. 34:8; Mt. 26:26

The Confession of Sin

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
 Thy Kingdom come, Thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
 For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

† The Profession of Faith ..... The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;  
 Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
 the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church;  
 the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
 the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*universal)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – *Please partake as you are served.*

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

† The Benediction.....The Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – How Brightly Shines the Morning Star.....Johann Pachelbel

Be sure to join us for Evensong: A Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m.

The celebration includes our Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, Youth Strings, Children's Choir, congregational carols, and our Pastor sharing from God's Word.



Come, celebrate our Savior on the eve of His birth with an Instrumental Ensemble and a solo by guest Brianna Pylant, as well as congregational carols and our Pastor sharing from God's Word.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for this special candlelight service.



**Poinsettias for the Sanctuary** – We have extra flowers. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary during Christmas in honor or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form located on the Welcome Table and place it in the offering plate, along with payment. The cost of each flower is \$21. The poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, and you are encouraged to take your flower(s) home afterward to enjoy on Christmas day.



### Capital Campaign Update

We are pleased to report that \$469,480.00 has been pledged toward our building campaign goal of \$870,000.00 for the construction of the new education/administration building, the playground, and the kitchen expansion.

This exciting new endeavor will create needed ministry space for our growing church, as well as open ministry opportunities to our community. Look for the new conceptual drawing displayed in the church hallway. Please prayerfully consider pledging a three-year commitment to this project. Pledge cards and envelopes are located by the offering plates. Place completed cards in the offering plate. We continue to be thankful for the many blessings God has given to us all at Christ Church, Presbyterian and look with great anticipation to our future together as we grow in Christ spiritually and in number.

### Missionary Prayer

Please remember these missionaries and organization designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers

Kermit and Cheryl (unnamed for security), *Greenhouse in Paris, France*

Please pray that Kermit's writing and publishing will be accomplished and be well received. Pray also for opportunities of sharing through the pandemic.

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a means of grace instituted by our Lord to commemorate His death and to commune with Him for the nourishment of our souls and the strengthening of His body. We will observe the sacrament during both morning worship services today.

**All of this and more can be found at *myccp.faith***

### Announcements

**Friendship Register** – You'll find Friendship Registers on each pew. Please take a moment before the service begins to complete your and/or your family's information, especially if you are a guest for the first time. This information is used to maintain accurate records and is not given out to the public.

**Church Staff Christmas Gift** – Donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate by Sunday, December 13, or feel free to mail it to or drop it by the Church Office.

**Jews for Jesus** – A special collection is being accepted for the Jews for Jesus evangelism ministry. Please contribute as God directs by placing your donation in the offering plate by Thursday, December 24, or you may also mail it to or drop it by the Church Office.

**Pledge Cards** – Thank you to everyone who turned in 2021 Pledge Card commitments last Sunday. If you were unable to present your commitment for 2021 during the service last week, there is still time to get your card included. Feel free to place it in the offering plate, drop it by the office, or mail it to the office by December 29.

**Year-End Giving** – Always being thankful for how the Lord has provided for each of us throughout 2020, please consider sharing His generosity with Christ Church through an end-of-the-year blessing by Sunday, December 27.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed** – Christ Church is looking for members who would be willing to volunteer to work in the nursery on an "as needed" basis. Members who are eligible to assist in the nursery must be at least 18 years old and have a background check on file. The vision of Christ Church for the nursery would be to have a rotating list of members to volunteer each week. If just our current parents were to serve as couples, they would only be needed two Sundays per year. However, we welcome anyone with a desire to minister to our infants and toddlers. Please call the church office at 706-210-9090 to be included in this rotation or if you have any questions.

**Christ Church's Online Giving Option** – Please visit *myccp.faith* and click the "Give" button located on the top, right side of the Home page. Follow the simple instructions to securely contribute to Christ Church via PayPal or credit/debit card. Be sure to include a "purpose" for your donation in the "write a note" field above the payment information. Any gifts received without a purpose will be directed into the general fund.

**Sanctuary Flowers** – If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit the Welcome Table in the narthex and sign up on the Flower Calendar form. Close to the date of your flowers, Yvonne Clark will contact you regarding the arrangement and Shirley McBride will contact you for the wording that will be presented in the bulletin.