

Christ Church, Presbyterian
The Lord's Day, December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent



But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering
them in her heart.

—Luke 2:19

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 — What Child Is This?arr. Davis

The Scriptural Call to WorshipPsalm 103:1–4, 22

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy . . . Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

The Invocation

† **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 Gloria Patri** — (*Trinity Hymnal, No. 734*)GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lighting of the Love Advent Candle..... Ivory Family

The Pastoral Prayer

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 Music Meditation – O Come, All Ye Faithful..... arr. Joel Raney)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem

O come and behold Him, born the King of Angels

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

O sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

O come, o come ye to Bethlehem

O Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. *Refrain*

Desiree Wiggill, *flute*; Cathie McClure, *piano*; and Laura Doss, *organ*

The New Testament Lesson..... Matthew 1:18–25 & Luke 1:26–38 (page 808, 855)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVES..... The Rev. Hendrick

I. Joseph-Personal Action to God's Command (Mt. 1:18-25)

A.) Disposition (v.19)

B.) Direction

1.) Instruction (v. 20)

2.) Information

a.) The Father (v. 20)

b.) The Name (v. 21)

c.) The Purpose (v. 21)

C.) Devotion (v. 24)

II. Mary—Private Reflection on God's Promises (Luke 1:26-38)

¹⁹ *Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

A.) His Presence: "the Lord is with you"

B.) His Greatness: "He will be great and called the Son of the Most High"

C.) His Role: "He will be given the throne of His father David"

D.) His Power: "He will reign over the house of Jacob"

E.) His Essence: Holiness:

-and He will be called Holy

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

The Postlude – Hark! the Herald Angels Singarr. Hobby

There will be no evening worship today or next Sunday, December 27. We hope that you enjoy this time with your family in worship to our Lord.

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
5:00 p.m.**



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.

Thank You

The staff of Christ Church express our appreciation to everyone for the generous, thoughtful Christmas gifts. We are truly blessed with a loving, Christfilled family here at Christ Church and count it a joy and an honor to serve you and our heavenly Father. It is our prayer that in return, God blesses each of you considerably.

Rev. Robbie Hendrick, Pastor; Stan Pylant, Director of Music;

John Psomas, Youth Director; Laura Doss, Organist;

Scott Doss, AudioVisual; Charles Caruso, Sexton;

Lindsay Hall, Admin. Assist. - Accounting; & Shirley McBride, Admin. Assistant



Capital Campaign Update

We are pleased to report that \$474,480.00 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.

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.

Fellowship Gathering after Christmas – Join us Wednesday December 30th, 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at TOP GOLF for a 20s and 30s adult fellowship. Food and beverages will be supplied and child care will be available at Christ Church. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your fellow members in the 20-30 age bracket. Please make sure to RSVP by December 23 by completing an online form emailed on December 17.

Sunday School Returns in January – Be advised of the new schedule beginning January 10: early worship from 9:00 until 9:45, Sunday school from 10:00 until 10:45, and morning worship from 11:00 until 12:00. The children will hold Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall while our youth meet in the Youth House/Church Office.

Wednesday Night Fellowship – Make plans to join us on Wednesday, January 6, at 5:30 p.m. as we resume Wednesday Night Fellowship. There will be opportunities for everyone to grow closer to our Lord. Each Wednesday will begin with a fellowship dinner followed by age-appropriate programs. Look for the menu in next week's bulletin and in the newsletter.

Ladies' Bible Study – Rachel Mellick will lead a Bible study based on the book *1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ* by Jen Wilkin beginning Friday, January 15, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to be a part of this study, please visit *myccp.faith* and select "Women's Ministries" under the "Ministries and Outreach" tab to sign up. The books are \$13.99, which you may purchase yourself or buy from the church on the first day of study.

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. 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.

Missionary Prayer

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

Steve and Sherri Letchford, SIM, Kenya

Please pray for software programmers to join us in helping our clinic team in Nairobi, for our remote work during COVID, and for our time with family.