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Prelude

Siroe by Charles Callahan

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come–
This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship
Psalm 104:1

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty

Let us worship our very great God together!

Hymn of Praise
Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Come o promised Star of Jacob
Rise upon this harrowed earth
Fill the silence of our waiting
With the cry of holy birth
Son of heaven son of Mary
Hear the song of angels tell
Thou hast come to save thy people
God with us Emmanuel

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

Invocation

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.

Advent Scripture Reading
Luke 1:26–38

Hymn
Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the Source the Ending he
Of the things that are that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heaven adore him
Angel hosts his praises sing
Pow'rs dominions bow before him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Every voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

Christ to thee with God the Father
And O Holy Ghost to thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unwearied praises be
Honor glory and dominion
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore
Amen

Call to Confession
Psalm 139:23–24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me, and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **O Lord, no day of our life has passed that has not proved us guilty in your sight. Our best deeds are filthy rags. Blessed Jesus, let us find a refuge in your healing wounds. Though our sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them; though unrighteousness weighs us down, your righteousness exalts us to your throne. All things in us call for our rejection, all things in you plead our acceptance. We appeal from the throne of perfect justice to your throne of boundless grace, grant us to hear your assuring voice; that by your stripes we are healed, that you were bruised for our iniquities, that you were made to be sin for us that we might be righteous in you, that our grievous sins, our manifold sins, are all forgiven, buried in the ocean of your cleansing blood. Keep us always clinging to your cross, flood us every moment with amazing grace. In your merciful name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Romans 5:8

Leader: But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

(11:00)
The Sacrament of Baptism

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly minded
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary
As of old on earth he stood
Lord of lords in human vesture
In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Mary's Song"
Luke 1:46–55
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
Christmas Sanctus
(Holy, Holy, Holy)

Holy holy holy in a manger lowly
Christ the Son now veiled in flesh
In our humanity
Kingdoms bow before him
Heaven and earth adore him
God here in person hail His majesty

Holy holy holy sings the virgin Mary
For he shall deliver us from sin's captivity
Born to heal the nations born for our salvation
Oh magnify him Christ the Prince of Peace

Holy holy holy Lord God Almighty
Heaven's angels sound his praise
With earth and sky and sea
Join the song of triumph Glory in the highest
Let all creation crown him King of Kings

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on Hyfrydol by David Lasky

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Announcements

Family Ministry Christmas Party

Families, join us for the Family Ministry Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 6:30-9 pm! Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with friends at the Williams home. Childcare will be provided for children in 5th grade and younger at CPC. RSVP: cpchouston.org/family

Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Let it snow! Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Children's Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30 pm. We will enjoy REAL snow, cookies, and hot chocolate. Lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome! RSVP: cpchouston.org/party

Handel's Messiah

Our 2025 Handel's *Messiah* performances are December 11, 12 & 13 at 8 pm. Reserve will-call tickets online at cpchouston.org/MessiahTickets.

Messiah Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed for our Handel's *Messiah* performances Thursday, Friday, and Saturday December 11-13. If you enjoy attending one night of Messiah and would be willing to arrive slightly early to assist with greeting, please let us know! Contact Alicia Whitley.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Please join us for worship this Christmas Eve: Family Candlelight Nativity Service at 4:30 pm and Communion Candlelight Lessons & Carols at 6:00 pm. Find all Christmas events and services at cpchouston.org/Christmas.

Every Person Prayer

In keeping with James 5:13–17, we have set a goal for every member of CPC to be anonymously prayed for by another member every day in 2026. No meetings, programs, or reporting to anyone is required; simply sign up to pray. You can find the sign-up link using the QR code on the back of your bulletin. Cards with names will be available for pick up on January 4.

Officer Nominations

The Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you have recommendations for elder, deacon, or diaconal ministry team members, please email Chairman Tommy Ikard by January 15.

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

Mark your calendar for our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Weekend to Remember

Revitalize your marriage at a FamilyLife Weekend to Remember. Learn more by visiting www.familylife.com/weekend-to-remember and take advantage of 50% off gift cards through December 1. For more information, contact Cindy Meeh.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	**$3,300,000**
YTD GIVING AS OF 11/24/25	**$2,569,636**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$730,364**

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:6*

Give online at cpchouston.org/Give.

Sermon Notes

November 30, 2025 | “Mary’s Song”
Luke 1:46–55 | Rev. Richard Harris

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