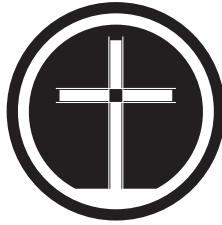


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Prelude

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

Revelation 4:9-11

Leader: And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

Let us worship our God who is most worthy!

Hymn of Praise

Joy To The World!
The Lord Is Come

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders wonders of his love

Invocation

**Advent
Scripture
Reading**
Luke 1:39-56

Hymn
O Come, O Come
Emmanuel

O come O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus
Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come thou Rod of Jesse free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

Chorus

O come thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

O come thou Key of David come
And open wide our heav'nly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery

Chorus

**Call to
Confession**

Mark 7:14-16,
21-23

Leader: And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

**Public
Confession**
from Psalm 51

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, I pray. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
Romans 6:23

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn
Angels We Have
Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

(8:30)

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

**Reception of
New Members**

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**

Come Find His Rest

Come weary one leave thy labors
Come lift thy head
See thy Savior and Friend
His arms are open wide
O soul be satisfied
Come find his rest

Take his yoke upon thee
For he is gentle and lowly in heart
So learn from Christ the Lord
Thy Portion and Reward
Come find his rest

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Come weary one leave thy labors
Come lift thy head
See thy Savior and Friend
His arms are open wide
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Come find his rest

Take his yoke upon thee
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I heard the voice of Jesus say

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down o weary one lay down
Your head upon my breast

I came to Jesus as I was
So weary worn and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

Take his yoke upon thee
For he is gentle and lowly in heart
So learn from Christ the Lord
Thy Portion and Reward
Come find his rest

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

“An Everlasting Covenant – Part 1”
Genesis 17:1-8
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

O Come All Ye
Faithful

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him
Born the King of angels

Chorus
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

God of God Light of Light
Lo he abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God begotten not created

Chorus

Sing choirs of angels sing in exultation
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God in the highest

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father late in flesh appearing

Chorus
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

Children's Christmas Party

Join us today 12:30-2:00 pm! Sign-up online at cpchouston.org/Party.

Handel's Messiah

Our 2024 Handel's Messiah performance dates are December 12, 13 & 14. Reserve will-call tickets online at bit.ly/Messiah-Tickets.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

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

Schedule Change December 29

On Sunday, December 29, we will have one worship service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes will not meet.

Men's Retreat

Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7-8. Learn more and register online: cpchouston.org/mens-retreat.

Women's Retreat

Save the date for our Womens' Retreat March 28-30, 2025 at Camp Allen!

Worship Choir

Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.

Volunteers Needed

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

Sunday School

Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am!
Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School

City Groups

Sign up online at cpchouston.org/city-groups or contact Jack Smith.

Mo-Ranch

Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24-27, 2025.

Year-End Stock Donations

Tax advantages may be realized by donating appreciated stock you have owned for more than one year. CPC will sell and use the proceeds for its programs. Please contact Claudio Cordeiro in the church office for information or to notify us of your stock transfer. For contribution credit this calendar year, we must receive the gift on or before December 31. If mailing a check, it must be postmarked on or before December 31.

Year-to-Date Giving

GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024	\$3,138,300
GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE	\$2,427,455
DIFFERENCE AS OF 12/03/24	(\$710,845)

“You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” *Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV*

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