

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 1, 2024



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### Prelude

*Wachet auf (Sleepers, awake) | J. S. Bach*

### 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

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Dayspring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder  
Christ was born the Lord of all

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

**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

**Public  
Confession**

**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!

**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.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

**Hymn**

O Come Let Us  
Adore Him

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

For he alone is worthy  
For he alone is worthy  
For he alone is worthy  
Christ the Lord

We give you all the glory  
We give you all the glory  
We give you all the glory  
Christ the Lord  
Christ the Lord  
Christ the Lord

**(11:00)**  
**Reception of  
New Members  
and Sacrament  
of Baptism**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**  
No Night There

God is with us  
God is for us  
Do not be afraid  
There shall be no night there  
No crying there  
God shall wipe away every tear  
From their eyes  
There shall be no night there  
No crying there  
God shall wipe away every tear  
From their eyes  
Even in the valley of the shadow of death  
God is with us  
I will fear no evil  
God is for us  
Lo I am with you always even to the end  
God is for us  
I am with you to the end  
There shall be no night there  
No crying there  
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**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**

**“What Happens When We Insist on Doing it Our Way”**  
*Genesis 16*  
Rev. Richard Harris

**The Service of  
Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest.”**

**Words of  
Institution**

**The Sacrament  
of the Lord’s  
Supper**

Come Behold The  
Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven’s praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing in our darkness  
Now the Light of Life has come  
Look to Christ who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst’ry  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In his living in his suff’ring  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hellbound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain him  
Praise the Lord he is alive  
What a foretaste of deliv'rance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

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## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Herzlich tut mich erfreuen (My faithful heart rejoices) | Johannes Brahms*

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## Announcements

- Angel Tree Christmas** Stop by the Angel Tree table to pick up one or more gift ideas for the children of prisoners and children from Cedar Brook Elementary and Lion Lane Schools. Contact Larry or Susan Dawson for more information.
- Family Ministry Christmas Party** Save the date for Friday, December 6, 6:30-9:00 pm at the Harris home. Childcare will be provided at CPC. RSVP: [cpchouston.org/Family](http://cpchouston.org/Family)
- Children's Christmas Party** Join us Sunday, December 8, 12:30-2:00 pm for snow, sledding, and hot chocolate! Sign-up online at [cpchouston.org/Party](http://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](http://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](http://cpchouston.org/Christmas)
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7-8. Learn more and register online: [cpchouston.org/mens-retreat](http://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](http://cpchouston.org/deacons).
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)
- City Groups** Sign up online at [cpchouston.org/city-groups](http://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.



## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### Year-to-Date Giving

<b>GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024</b>	<b>\$3,138,300</b>
<b>GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$2,399,865</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE AS OF 11/26/24</b>	<b>(\$738,435)</b>

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”  
*Philippians 4:19 ESV*

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## ON CALL DECEMBER 1

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**Elder on Call**

Chris Willis

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Prashanth Kodali

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