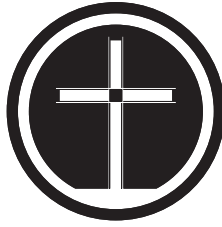


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Prelude

Christmas Joy by Franklin Ritter

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

Mark 11:9–10

Leader: Behold the coming kingdom of our father David!
Hosanna in the highest!

All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald
Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Ris'n with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that men no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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 2:1-7

Hymn

Angels From The
Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth

Chorus
Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with man is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light

Chorus

Saints before the altar bending
Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending
In his temple shall appear

Chorus

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One

Chorus
Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

Call to Confession

Romans 13:8–10

Leader: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Public Confession

From Psalm 51

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Jesus, it is sometimes so discouraging to take stock of how much sin still dwells in my heart and life—anger, impatience, anxious control, envy, fear, lust, self-pity, greed and selfish ambition. I am full of compromised desires, and my transgressions are too numerous to count. I desire to want what you want, and I desire to do what you command, yet my heart is so easily pulled away. Have mercy, Holy Jesus, forgive me. Please send your Holy Spirit to renew my heart in your grace and power. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians 5:17,
21

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn

Comfort, Comfort
Ye My People

Comfort comfort ye my people
Speak ye peace thus saith our God
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over

Yea her sins our God will pardon
Blotting out each dark misdeed
All that well deserved his anger
He no more will see or heed
She hath suffered many a day
Now her griefs have passed away
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever springing gladness

For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the kingdom now is here
O that warning cry obey
Now prepare for God a way
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him

Make ye straight what long was crooked
Make the rougher places plain
Let your hearts be true and humble
As befits his holy reign
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad
And all flesh shall see the token
That the Word is never broken

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**
Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Chorus
Behold our God seated on his throne
Come let us adore him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of his words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Chorus

You will reign forever
(Let your glory fill the earth)

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

Chorus

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

"The Angels' Song"
Luke 2:8-14
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Good Christian Men
Rejoice

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say
News news Jesus Christ is born today
Earth and heav'n before him bow
And he is in the manger now
Christ is born today
Christ is born today

Good Christian men rejoice
With heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave
Peace peace Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall
Christ was born to save
Christ was born to save

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

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 .
Schedule Change December 28	On Sunday, December 28, we will have one worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes will not meet.
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 .
Winter Journeys February 14	Ladies, save the date for Winter Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, February 14, 10 am to 12 pm. We will begin our morning with fellowship and a brunch before hearing from our speakers about their journeys.
Volunteers Needed	The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons .
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 at 713-255-7207 for information or to notify us of your stock transfer. For contribution credit this calendar year, we must receive the gift by December 31. If mailing a check, it must be postmarked on or before December 31.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$3,300,000
YTD GIVING AS OF 12/11/25	\$2,762,059
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	\$537,941

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV

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