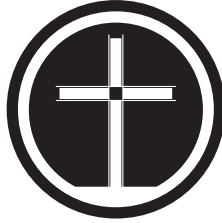


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Prelude

Hark the Herald! Angels Sing | arr. Anna Laura Page

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

Advent Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn

Angels From The
Relams 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

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

Chorus

**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.

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

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may the tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Chorus
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Chorus

(8:30)

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

(11:00)

Pastoral Prayer

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**

Behold Our God

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
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

“An Everlasting Covenant – Part 2”

Genesis 17:9-14

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

In dulci jubilo | Bach

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Announcements

- Condolences** We extend our sympathy to Wendy Willeford in the passing of her father. May the Lord's comfort be with Wendy and her family during this difficult time.
- 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.
- All-Church Prayer
January 5** All adults, along with middle and high school students, are encouraged to come to our All-Church Prayer Gathering on January 5 at 10 am in the Chapel. This guided prayer time will allow us to pray together for the ministries, individuals, and families of CPC; the burdens that confront believers and unbelievers alike in our fallen world; and the advance of the gospel. Adult Sunday school classes will not meet. Children's Ministry will meet as usual.
- Join a City Group** City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers from a variety of ages and stages, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. Most groups meet on weeknights, either every week or several times per month. For more information, visit the table on Main Street in January or contact Jack Smith.
- City Group Lunch** Join us for a City Group lunch on January 26 at 12:30 pm. If you are a current City Group leader, are interested in becoming a City Group leader, or would like to join a City Group, this lunch is for you! Visit cpchouston.org/lunch to sign up.
- 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
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24-27, 2025.

Announcements

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	\$2,493,158
DIFFERENCE AS OF 12/10/24	(\$645,142)

“Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” *Matthew 6:31-33 ESV*

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ON CALL DECEMBER 15

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