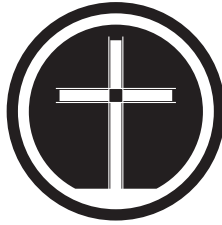


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2024



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**December 22, 2024**

**Prelude**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus | arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

**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**

Luke 2:13-14

Leader: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Let us join our voices in praising God together!

(11:00)

**Children’s Choir**

Sing For Joy

The Savior came to save us  
He came to give us life  
The Savior came to free us  
He left his throne on high  
He said believe in me (believe in me)  
He said receive me (receive me)  
For I am the Way Truth and Life

*Chorus*

*Sing for joy Hallelujah*

*Sing for joy he lives*

*Sing for joy Hallelujah (Hallelujah)*

*Amen*

The Savior came to save us  
He came to give us life  
The Savior came to free us  
He left his throne on high  
He said believe in me (believe in me)  
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For I am the Way Truth and Life

*Chorus 2x*

## 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 2:8-20

### Hymn

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

### **Call to Confession**

1 John 1:8-9

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **Public Confession**

Adapted from the  
Book of Common  
Worship, 1946

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Silent Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**  
2 Corinthians  
5:17

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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*

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**  
Love's Pure Light

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night  
Son of God love's pure light

### **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**

**"In the Fullness of Time"**

*Galatians 4:4-7*

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*

*O come let us adore him*

*O come let us adore him*

*O come let us adore him*

*Christ the Lord*

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*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*Fugue on "How Brightly Shines the Morning Star" | Max Reger*

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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; Communion Candlelight Lessons & Carols at 6:00 pm. All Christmas events and services: [cpchouston.org/Christmas](http://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 January 26**

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](http://cpchouston.org/lunch) to sign up.

### **CPC 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 Travis Graham by January 15.

### **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!

### **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)

### **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	\$2,644,639
DIFFERENCE AS OF 12/18/24	(\$493,661)

“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](http://cpchouston.org/Give).



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## ON CALL DECEMBER 22

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**Elder on Call**

Travis Graham

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Jonathan Marshall

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