



Christ's Community Church  
Worship Service  
December 24, 2023

**Call to Worship**  
**Silence**

Time of

**Prelude**

**Liturgical Response**

**Leader:** For God alone my soul waits in silence.

**Response:** from Him comes my salvation! *Psalm 62:1*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath Candle**

“One Light”

One light shining for me  
Lighting the darkness  
Helping me see.

One light leading the way  
Out of the shadows  
into the day.

One light breaking the dawn,  
Born of a promise  
Leading us on.

One light faithful and true,  
Shining in glory, coming anew.

All we need is one light  
All we need is one light  
All we need is one light, just one light.

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**Presenting the Word**

**Leader:** Your Word, O Lord, is eternal;

**Response:** It stands firm in the heavens forever! *Psalm 119:89*

✠ **Song #86 (LYH)**  
**On!”**

“She Flies

Ref: She comes sailing on the wind,  
Her wings flashing in the sun;  
On a journey just begun, she flies one.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
Her song rings out through the night,  
Full of laughter, full of light, she flies on!

Vs 1 – Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
Like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit move upon the earth,  
Like a mother breathing life into her child.

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Vs 2 – Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given sight,  
When the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts found new delight,  
And then down the ages still she flew on.

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Vs 3 – To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze she came,  
A whisper softly calling in the dark,  
The promise of a child of peace whose reign would never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.

✠ **Song #25 (BH)**  
**Manger”**

“Away in a

Vs 1 – Away in a manger no crib for His bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Vs 2 – The cattle are lowing,  
The poor baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by side until morning is nigh.

**Lead Leader:** This is our hope,

**Response:** To know Christ and make Him known.

**Greeting:**

You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.  
You are somebody,  
somebody on the Lord's side.

**Leader:** May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Response:** And also with you.

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Welcome to visitors.
- No Sunday School today.
- There is coffee hour today following worship service.
- There is a rose to welcome Holton and Debbie's granddaughter, Nora Noel, born December 19th; proud parents, Peter and Tara Falk.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: This evening at 4:00 p.m., Everyone is invited; bring your family and friends.**
- **Christ's Community Church Zoom Worship for Inclement Weather:** See the bulletin for detailed information.
- **Christmas Mitten Tree:** Make a Christmas donation to decorate our Mitten Tree; bring your donations of mittens, hats and scarves every Sunday through the month of December. These items will be donated to the Upper Darby Food Cupboard.
- **2024 Envelopes:** you can pick up your giving envelopes for 2024; they are on the windowsill outside of the Chapel. **REMEMBER, do not begin to use these envelopes until January 2024.**
- **Per Capita and Initial Offering for 2024:**
  - Per Capita: \$32.00
  - Initial Offering: \$9.00
- **Let us remember our Shut-Ins on their birthdays.** You can send birthday wishes to Carol Pauls, celebrating her birthday on December 28. See the bulletin for her mailing addresses.
- **Prayer Requests:**

- Heidi's niece, Amy
- Rosie and Dave Choate

● **Prayer Intention:**

- Global maternal and infant health

**Affirmation of Faith:**

**Leader:** God is Good!

**Response:** All the time!

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**Response:** God is good to me!

✠ **Song #103 (RH)**

**Faithful"**

**"O Come, All Ye**

Vs 1 – 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;  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Vs 3 – Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!  
O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Vs 4 – Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

**Confession of Sin**

**Invitation to Silent Confession: Assurance of Pardon:** God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

**Response:** Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen!

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon: Leader:** Believe the good news; we are God's healed and forgiven people!

**Response to Pardon:**

**"Doxology"**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

- **Prayer Intention:**
  - Global maternal and infant health
- **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Consecration of Gifts:**

**The Bread and the Cup**

**Offering**

**Worship Asst:** For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!  
Even more than this: Let us "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

✠ **Song #114 (LYH)  
Heart"**

**"Give Thanks with a Grateful**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now, let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong;"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Story Time**

**"Carry that Vision, Mary!"**

**Luke 1:26-38, 46-55**

✠ **Song #140 (LYH)  
Visible"**

**"God's Love Made**

God's love made visible! Incomprehensible!  
He is invincible! His love shall reign!  
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable,  
Make death surmountable! His love shall reign!

Joyfully pray for peace and good will.  
All of our yearning he will fulfill.  
Live in a loving way.  
Praise him for ev'ry day.  
Open your hearts and pray. His love shall reign!

God gave his Son to us to dwell as one of us.  
His blessing unto us! His love shall reign!  
To Him all honor bring. Heaven and earth will sing,  
Praising our Lord and King! His love shall reign!

**Scripture Lesson  
1:46-55**

**Luke**

**Hear the Word of the Lord!**

46 And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
48 for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.  
<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;  
<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.  
<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

**Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!**

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon  
Blessings”**

**“Confidence in God’s**

**✠ Song  
Come”**

**“While We Are Waiting,**

Vs 1 – While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.”

Vs 2- With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

Vs 3 – Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

**The Lord’s Supper**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**Leader:** Let us confess our faith.

**Leader:** Do you believe in one God, the Father almighty?

**Congregation:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**Leader:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son?

**Congregation:** I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**Leader:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Leader:** Now, all who have confessed faith in Jesus Christ are invited to share in this bread and the cup when they are served and participate in the mystery of faith.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

**Leader:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Congregation:** Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**Elements Are Served**

**Leader:** Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**Response:** O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever!

**Benediction**

**✠ Song #142 (LYH)  
Soon”**

**“Soon and Very**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We’re going to see the King.  
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**Postlude**