



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve, 2025

5 PM Service of Worship and Celebration

# Gathering

Prelude

“Adeste Fideles: O Come All Ye Faithful” Arranged by Eric Kuhlstrom  
Augener and Co., London

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you. P: And also with you.

Call to Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle

FISH Youth

Through the waiting, watching and wondering, as the darkness grew---

1. We have trusted the Holy One who ignites our hope.
2. We have entrusted ourselves to the Holy One who draws us on to peace.
3. We have trusted the Holy One who inclines our spirits to joy---*light the pink candle*
4. We have trusted the Holy One whose love turns the world around.

**ALL:** Look, the light shines!—*light the Christ candle*

**What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.  
Jesus is the light in our darkness, the light of our lives.**

**\*\*Response--110,v.1**

*Love Has Come*

1. Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Gathering Song

*Christmas Cradlesong*

by Terry D. Taylor  
Jubilate Music Group, 2024

FROG/BUGS Choir

Directed by Tom Engle and Accompanied by Nick Zurowski and members of the ROCK Chimes Choir:  
Zoey Carbonella, Lucas Jenkins, Ellie Jones, and John Richardson

Call to Confession and Shared Prayer of Confession:

L: God, you are good, and kind to us. Often we are not good, or kind to each other. And so we pray:  
When our personal desires become more important to us than shared, hopeful work  
toward a safe, healthy world for everyone—

**All: In your mercy, Forgive us. May our own hopes line up with yours.**

L: When we worry about unimportant things  
and make getting our own way the most important thing of all—

**All: In your mercy, Forgive us. Show us how to live peacefully.**

L: Give us thankful hearts, and let us see the good things all around us—**fill us with joy.**  
Help us remember that we are here to grow up like you---**loving God and loving people.**

**All: Thankyou for becoming a baby, for becoming like us;  
by your Spirit, work in our hearts so that we can be more like you.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen**

**\*\*Declaration of Forgiveness, and Response -110,v. 3** *Love Has Come*

Love has come, and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us; Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## Word

Word in Music

*O Come Little Children*

arr. Carol Lynn Mizell  
Choristers Guild, 2016

ROCK Chimes

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Abby Jenkins

Word in Story

Luke 2:1-7, CEB

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Word in Shared Storytelling

Luke 2:8-18

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

*Come, Little Children of all Ages: Rise up with Shepherds, Sheep, Angels and Good-News-tellers and Follow!  
Help tell the Wonderful, Joyous News!*

Word in Charge to the People

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

**\*\*Response to the Word —134, v.1**      *Joy to the World*

**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!**

## Thanksgiving/Eucharist

Celebration of Thanks in Song

*Sing We Nowell*

by Terry D. Taylor  
Choristers Guild, 2016

FROG/BUGS Choir

Directed by Tom Engle and accompanied by Nick Zurowski and members of the ROCK Chimes Choir:

Invitation to Offering and Discipleship

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Offertory

"Andante"

Traditional Air  
Augener and Co., London

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God's goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

**\*\*Doxology-143, v.4**

*Angels, From the Realms of Glory, v.4*

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

Christmas Eve Prayer with the Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

# Sending

## Lighting of the Candles (seated)

*The Christ candle represents Jesus, the Light of the World. The candle-lighting “passing of the light” symbolizes the spreading of Jesus’ light among creation and humankind, one life to another.*

## Hymn—122 (seated)

## Silent Night

***1. 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.***

***2. Silent Night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.”***

***3. Silent Night, holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.***

***4. Silent Night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
“Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.”***

## \*\*Christmas Blessing

## Postlude

"Go Tell It On the Mountain".

Traditional Spiritual

*Arranged by Michael Kravchuk. Michael Kravchuk.*

***Thank you to Zoe Kim and Neil Danzig for operating the sound board this evening!  
Thank you to John Kim for operating the cameras!***

*There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can always be mailed to the church at anytime using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!*

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