



## **Community Presbyterian Church**

Second Sunday of Christmas  
4 January 2026

## **GATHERING**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship (189)**    *Angels, From the Realm of Glory*

(1) Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
you who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King.

(2) Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

(3) Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations,  
ye have seen the natal star: [Refrain]

(4) Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear: [Refrain]

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Responsive Psalm**

*Psalm 147:12-20*

(One) Extol the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O  
Zion! For he strengthens the bars of your gates; he  
blesses your children within you.

**(All) He grants peace within your borders; he fills you with the finest of wheat. He sends out his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.**

(One) He gives snow like wool; he scatters frost like ashes. He hurls down hail like crumbs-- who can stand before his cold?

**(All) He sends out his word and melts them; he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

(One) He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances.

**(All) Praise the LORD!**

**\*Hymn (180)**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

(1) O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

(2) For Christ is born of Mary,  
and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love,  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to all on earth.

(3) How silently, how silently  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,

where meek souls will receive him still  
the dear Christ enters in.

(4) O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

## PROCLAMATION

**Old Testament Reading**  
**New Testament Reading**  
**Gospel Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*  
*Ephesians 1:3-14*  
*John 1:1-18*

## Sermon

**\*Hymn (185)**

*Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

(1) 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 host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

(2) Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,

offspring of the Virgin's womb:  
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

(3) Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

## RESPONSE

### Invitation to the Table

### Words of Institution

### Communion

*Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles Creed*

**I believe** in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. **I believe** in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is

seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. **I believe** in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Offertory (221)

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

### \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

### Passing of the Peace

### Prayers of the People

(One) In Your mercy ...

**(All) ... Hear our prayers.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespass)

## SENDING

### Charge

### Benediction

### Postlude (188)

*Angels We Have Heard On High*

(1) Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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(2) Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say, what may the tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]

(3) Come to Bethlehem, and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

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## **SCRIPTURES**

### **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

31:8

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here.

31:9

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

31:10

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock."

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For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

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They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

31:13

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.

31:14

I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

### **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

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just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

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He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,

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to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

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In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

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that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

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he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ,

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as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

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so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

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In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

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this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

### **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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He was in the beginning with God.

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All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being

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in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

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There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

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He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

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He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

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The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him.

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He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

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But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

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who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

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From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

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The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.