

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **NO VERSE BY VERSE** - December 25, January 1

There will be no Verse by Verse Bible study on December 25 and January 1 for Christmas. Verse by Verse will resume again on January 8.

## **CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED** - December 23 - January 1

The church offices will be closed December 23 to January 1 for Christmas. Those who have need of assistance may email [info@christchurchwc.org](mailto:info@christchurchwc.org) during that time.

## **ACADEMY: NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW (PART 1)** - January 19 - April 13

Our next Academy class will offer a survey of the books and themes of the New Testament, with part 1 of the course beginning on January 19 and concluding on April 13. It will meet downstairs on Sundays from 8:40 AM - 9:40 AM before our morning service. Childcare is available upon request. To sign up, please use the sign up sheet at the connection center or contact Isaac Whitney at [isaac@christchurchwc.org](mailto:isaac@christchurchwc.org).

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS** - January 19 - April 13

Interested in membership at Christ Church West Chester or just want to learn more about who we are and what we believe? Our three-part membership class will be offered on Sunday mornings from January 19 to April 13 downstairs, from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM. All three parts of the class must be attended before prospective members may proceed through the process, however, the classes may be attended in any order. Childcare is available.

## **EVENING SERVICE** - January 12

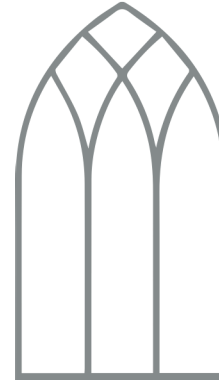
Please make plans to join us for our next evening service on January 12 at 5 PM. Childcare will be provided.

## **SUNDAY NIGHT THEOLOGY** - January 26

Our upcoming SNT lecture will take place on Sunday, January 26, at 5 PM. Dr. Michael Lawrence, pastor at Hinson Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon, will deliver a lecture on conversion. Childcare will be provided during the lecture. For more information on Sunday Night Theology, please visit our website.

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**CHRIST  
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Service of Divine worship on the morning of  
**DECEMBER 29, 2024**

PREPARATION SONG  
*As With Gladness Men Of Old*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP  
Psalm 103:1-5

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*See The Destined Day Arise  
Crown Him With Many Crowns*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

SCRIPTURE READING  
Isaiah 42:1-9

*Hark! The Voice of Love and Mercy*

CONFESSIONAL READING  
The Apostles' Creed

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING  
Hebrews 10:5-25

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology*

*Hark! I Hear The Harps Eternal*

SERMON  
Luke 2:22-38

*All Glory Be To Christ*

BENEDICTION  
2 Timothy 2:11-13

PREACHER: WIL HALL  
PRESIDING MINISTER: ISAAC WHITNEY

## ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

### **VERSE 1**

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive  
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn; all glory be to Christ

### **CHORUS**

All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing; all glory be to Christ

### **VERSE 2**

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread; praise Him the Lord of love  
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet; all glory be to Christ

### **VERSE 3**

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new  
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be; all glory be to Christ

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SERMON NOTES  
**THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER**  
LUKE 2:22-38 | WIL HALL

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

**VERSE 1**

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.

**VERSE 2**

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
There to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
So may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.

**VERSE 3**

As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.

**VERSE 4**

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

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# SEE THE DESTINED DAY ARISE

## **VERSE 1**

See the destined day arise! See a willing sacrifice!  
Jesus, to redeem our loss, hangs upon the shameful cross;  
Jesus, who but You could bear wrath so great and justice fair?  
Every pang and bitter throe finishing Your life of woe

## **REFRAIN**

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name!

## **VERSE 2**

Who but Christ had dared to drain, steeped in gall, the cup of pain  
And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?  
Slain for us, the water flowed, mingled from Your side with blood;  
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice.

## **VERSE 3**

Holy Jesus, grant us grace in that sacrifice to place  
All our trust for life renewed, pardoned sin, and promised good.  
Grant us grace to sing Your praise 'round Your throne through endless days,  
Ever with the sons of light: "Blessing, honor, glory, might!"

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# SERMON NOTES

## **THE WAIT IS FINALLY OVER**

LUKE 2:22-38 | WIL HALL

## 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

## HARK! I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL

### **VERSE 1**

Hark, I hear the harps eternal  
Ringing on the farther shore,  
As I near those swollen waters  
With their deep and solemn roar

### **REFRAIN**

Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, praise the Lamb!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
Glory to the great I AM!

### **VERSE 2**

And my soul, though stained with sorrow,  
Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters,  
To the city far away.

### **VERSE 3**

Some have crossed before me, saintly,  
To that land of perfect rest;  
Can you hear them singing faintly  
In the mansions of the blest?

### **VERSE 4**

Mighty Jesus, bear us over  
There to kneel before thy throne  
Make me join thy saints forever  
Praising Thee and Thee alone

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

### **VERSE 1**

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King for all eternity

### **VERSE 2**

Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save  
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

### **VERSE 3**

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright

### **VERSE 4**

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end and round his pierc-ed feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

### **VERSE 5**

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n! One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne,  
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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## CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

### **EPHESIANS 2:1-3 (ESV)**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

### **EPHESIANS 2:4-10 (ESV)**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

### **HEBREWS 10:5-25 (ESV)**

# CONFESSIONAL READING

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and 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 was buried; He descended to the dead; On the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We 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.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED (700 AD)**

# HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

## **VERSE 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 hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **VERSE 2**

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 th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with men to dwell: Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **VERSE 3**

Come, Desire of nations, come; fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring seed; bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface. Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## **VERSE 4**

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 man 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!"

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

**ISAIAH 42:1-9 (ESV)**

## HARK! THE VOICE OF LOVE AND MERCY

### **VERSE 1**

Hark! The voice of love and mercy sounds aloud from Calvary;  
See, it rends the rocks asunder, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.

### **VERSE 2**

"It is finished!" O what pleasure do these charming words afford;  
Heav'nly blessings, without measure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints the dying words record.  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints the dying words record.

### **VERSE 3**

Finished all the types and shadows of the ceremonial law;  
Finished all that God had promised; Death and hell no more shall awe:  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw.  
"It is finished! It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comfort draw.

### **VERSE 4**

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, join to sing the pleasing theme;  
Saints on earth, and all in heaven, join to praise Emmanuel's name:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

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