

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VERSE BY VERSE - Wednesday

Please join us for our inductive Bible study, Verse by Verse, here at Christ Church West Chester on Wednesday nights. Attendees are welcome to bring their dinner to eat and fellowship with others at 5 PM, followed by the study at 6 PM. Childcare is provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - December 24

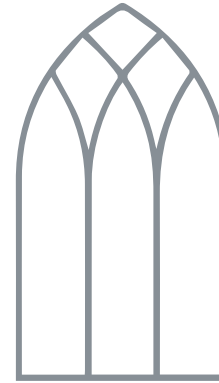
At 5 PM, December 24, join us as we celebrate Christmas Eve together. In addition to traditional candlelit singing and music from Christ Church Kids, our associate pastor Rodney Evans will be preaching from Matthew 1:18-25. There will be no childcare provided for this service.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED - December 23 - January 3

The church offices will be closed December 23 to January 3 for Christmas. Those who have need of assistance may email info@christchurchwc.org during that time.

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. His lecture will unpack the Bible's teaching on how God saves and changes his people through the gospel. Childcare will be provided during the lecture. For more information on Sunday Night Theology, please visit our website.



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PREPARATION SONG
O Come, All You Unfaithful

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 102:12-17

PRAYER OF ADORATION
Holy, Holy, Holy
O Come, All Ye Faithful

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Thou Who Wast Rich

SCRIPTURE READING
1 Samuel 2:1-10

God Made Low

CONFESSIONAL READING
Athanasian Creed, III

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
The Doxology

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

SERMON
Luke 1:39-56

CHRISTIAN BAPTISM
He Who Is Mighty

All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord

BENEDICTION
Philippians 2:1-4

PREACHER: DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON
PRESIDING MINISTER: JUSTIN WHELCHER

ALL PRAISE TO THEE,
ETERNAL LORD

VERSE 1

All praise to Thee, eternal Lord,
Clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.

VERSE 2

Once did the skies before Thee bow;
A virgin's arms contain Thee now,
While angels, who in Thee rejoice,
Now listen for Thine infant voice.

VERSE 3

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light;
To make us, in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels round Thee shine.

VERSE 4

All this for us Thy love hath done;
By this to Thee our love is won;
For this we tune our cheerful lays,
And sing our thanks in ceaseless praise.

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Words by Martin Luther | Music by Matt Jones

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HE WHO IS MIGHTY

VERSE 1

Oh, the mercy our God has shown
To those who sit in death's shadow
The sun on high pierced the night
Born was the Cornerstone

PRE-CHORUS

Unto us a Son is given
Unto us a Child is born

CHORUS

He Who is mighty has done a great thing
Taken on flesh, conquered death's sting,
Shattered the darkness, and lifted our shame
Holy is His name

VERSE 2

Oh, the freedom our Savior won
The yoke of sin has been broken
Once a slave; now, by grace,
No more condemnation!

BRIDGE

My soul magnifies the Lord
I rejoice in the God Who saves
I will trust His unfailing love
I will sing His praises all my days

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O COME, ALL YOU UNFAITHFUL

VERSE 1

O come, all you unfaithful; come, weak and unstable
Come; know you are not alone

VERSE 2

O come, barren and waiting ones, weary of praying
Come; see what your God has done

CHORUS

Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you

VERSE 3

O come, bitter and broken; come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love

VERSE 4

O come, guilty and hiding ones; there is no need to run
See what your God has done

BRIDGE

He's the Lamb who was given, slain for our pardon
His promise is peace for those who believe

VERSE 5

So come, though you have nothing; come—He is the offering
Come; see what your God has done

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

VERSE 1

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 2

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

VERSE 3

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

VERSE 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

VERSE 5

Holy, holy, holy! In a manger lowly,
Christ the Son, now veiled in flesh in our humanity;
Kingdoms bow before Him, heav'n and earth adore him;
God here in Person, hail his majesty!

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SERMON NOTES

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CAROL

LUKE 1:39-56 | DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

VERSE 1

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of every longing heart.

VERSE 2

Joy to those who long to see thee, dayspring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.

VERSE 3

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness, our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

VERSE 4

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Words by Charles Wesley (v. 1, 4) & Mark E. Hunt (v. 2-3)

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O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

VERSE 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

CHORUS

O come let us adore Him! O come let us adore Him!
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

VERSE 2

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God! All glory in the highest

VERSE 3

True God of True God, Light from Light eternal
Humbly He enters the virgin's womb
Son of the Father: begotten, not created

VERSE 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

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CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." "Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known." "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

ROMANS 3:10-18 (ESV)

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

COLOSSIANS 2:11-15 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READING

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15 (ESV)

CONFESSIONAL READING

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic* faith; Which faith, unless everyone keep holy and undefiled, without doubt they shall perish forever. And the catholic faith is this: that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity; neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation, that he also believe rightly in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of his mother, born in the world; perfect God, and perfect man, of a reasonable soul, and human flesh subsisting; equal to the Father, as touching his Godhead; and inferior to the Father, as touching his manhood; who although he is God and man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; one, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED (PART III) 500 AD

*Catholic here refers to the universal church, not the Roman Catholic Church.

THOU WHO WAST RICH

VERSE 1

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor
All for love's sake becamest poor
Thrones for a manger didst surrender
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor
All for love's sake becamest poor

VERSE 2

Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man
Stooping so low, but sinners raising
Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan
Thou who art God beyond all praising
All for love's sake becamest man

VERSE 3

Thou who art love beyond all telling
Savior and King, we worship Thee
Emmanuel within us dwelling
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be
Thou who art love beyond all telling
Savior and King we worship Thee

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SCRIPTURE READING

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my horn is exalted in the Lord. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10 (ESV)

GOD MADE LOW

VERSE 1

Prophets promised long ago
a King would come to bring us hope
And now a virgin bears a son
The time to save the world has come

VERSE 2

Humble shepherds run in haste
To see the One the angels praised
In cattle stall they find a girl
Who holds the hope of all the world

CHORUS

Emmanuel has come to us
The Christ is born hallelujah
Our God made low to raise us up
Emmanuel has come to us

VERSE 3

As He sleeps upon the hay
He holds the moon and stars in place
Though born an infant He remains
The sovereign God of endless days

VERSE 4

For all our sins one day He'll die
To make us sons of God on high
Let every heart prepare Him room
The promises have all come true

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