

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACADEMY: MAN & WOMAN IN CHRIST: Q&A - December 15

The final installment of our current Academy course "Man and Woman in Christ" will feature a panel discussion, continuing to focus on Biblical complementarity in the home and church. The class will run from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM prior to our Sunday morning worship service. Childcare is provided.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS CLASS - September 15 - December 15

Our three part membership matters class will take place from 8:40 AM to 9:40 AM from September 15 to December 15. Classes may be attended in any order. Please email Isaac at isaac@christchurchwc.org for more information.

EVENING SERVICE & MEMBERS' MEETING - Tonight

Please join us for our next evening service tonight, at 5 PM, here at CCWC. In addition to corporate worship and prayer, Pastoral Intern Stefan Peiffer will be preaching from Hosea 11:1. Immediately following the evening service, we will have our regularly scheduled member's meeting.

VERSE BY VERSE - Wednesday

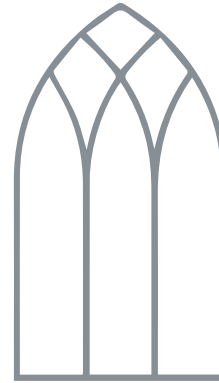
Please join us for our inductive Bible study, Verse by Verse, here at Christ Church West Chester on Wednesday nights. Attendees are welcome to bring their dinner to eat and fellowship with others at 5 PM, followed by the study at 6 PM. Childcare is provided.

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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**CHRIST
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Service of Divine worship on the morning of
DECEMBER 8, 2024

PREPARATION SONG
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 41:13

PRAYER OF ADORATION

*All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Lift High The Name Of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING
Isaiah 9:1-21

To Us A Child Of Hope Is Born

CONFESSIOAL READING
Athanasian Creed, II

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING
Acts 2:22-36

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
The Doxology

The First Noel

SERMON
Luke 1:26-38

THE LORD'S SUPPER
In Christ Alone

He Who Is Mighty

BENEDICTION
Ephesians 3:20-21

PREACHER: DR. RAYMOND JOHNSON
PRESIDING MINISTER: TERRANCE KRAUS

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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IN CHRIST ALONE

VERSE 1

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

VERSE 2

In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

VERSE 3

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the World by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine;
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

VERSE 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death:
This is the power of Christ in me!
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN

VERSE 1

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay
For Jesus Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray

REFRAIN

O, tidings of comfort and joy! Comfort and joy!
O, tidings of comfort and joy!

VERSE 2

From God our Heavenly Father a blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by Name.

VERSE 3

"Fear not," then said the Angel, "let nothing you affright"
This day is born a Savior of a pure Virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might

VERSE 4

And when they came to Bethlehem where our dear Savior lay
They found him in the manger where oxen feed on hay
His mother Mary, kneeling down, unto the Lord did pray

VERSE 5

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface

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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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SERMON NOTES
THE MOTHER OF GOD

LUKE 1:26-38 | 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

THE FIRST NOEL

VERSE 1

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

CHORUS

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

VERSE 2

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

VERSE 3

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

VERSE 4

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

VERSE 5

Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense

JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

VERSE 1

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee: God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

VERSE 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

VERSE 3

Thou art giving and forgiving: ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine

VERSE 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us; brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life

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CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

We have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules.

DANIEL 9:5 (ESV)

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

COLOSSIANS 1:19-20 (ESV)

SCRIPTURE READING

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’” “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “‘Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

ACTS 2:22-36 (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.

For we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person by himself to be God and Lord. So we are forbidden by the catholic Religion to say there are three Gods, or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is one Father, not three Fathers, one Son not three Sons, one Holy Spirit not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before nor after another, none is greater nor less than another. But the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal. So that in all things, as has been said: the unity in Trinity and the Trinity in unity is to be worshiped. He, therefore, who will be saved must thus think of the Trinity.

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LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS

VERSE 1

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King
Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin

CHORUS

Oh sing, my soul, and tell all He's done
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

VERSE 2

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace
That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise

VERSE 3

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light
No other name on earth can save, can raise us a soul to life
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home

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

SCRIPTURE READING

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. The Lord has sent a word against Jacob, and it will fall on Israel; and all the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart: "The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place." But the Lord raises the adversaries of Rezin against him, and stirs up his enemies. The Syrians on the east and the Philistines on the west devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still. The people did not turn to him who struck them, nor inquire of the Lord of hosts. So the Lord cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed in one day—the elder and honored man is the head, and the prophet who teaches lies is the tail; for those who guide this people have been leading them astray, and those who are guided by them are swallowed up. Therefore the Lord does not rejoice over their young men, and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still. For wickedness burns like a fire; it consumes briars and thorns; it kindles the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts the land is scorched, and the people are like fuel for the fire; no one spares another. They slice meat on the right, but are still hungry, and they devour on the left, but are not satisfied; each devours the flesh of his own arm, Manasseh devours Ephraim, and Ephraim devours Manasseh; together they are against Judah. For all this his anger has not turned away, and his hand is stretched out still.

ISAIAH 9:1-21 (ESV)

TO US A CHILD OF HOPE IS BORN

VERSE 1

To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heav'n.
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, forevermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the great and mighty Lord.

VERSE 2

His pow'r, increasing, still shall spread, His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.
To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,
The Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty Lord of heav'n.

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