



# Christ Presbyterian Church

*knowing Christ and making Him known*

Sunday | December 10, 2023

**Worship Theme:** The King Who Rejoices Over His People

RAISE A HALLELUJAH

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – Bethlehem Candle (Love)**

Jonathan & Angela Kamps

**Invocation**

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST  
WAY MAKER

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, we thank You for the freedom You have given us through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like You delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving Your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting Your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing Your purposes, we cling to our shortsighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.

*Collection of Deacons' Fund Offering*  
O HOLY NIGHT

**Ministry Highlight** – Mindy Deckard

*Release Children, ages 3-5, for Kids Connect*  
**Prayers of the People**

### Whispers of a King: An Advent Series

Zephaniah 3:15-20 | Gregory Hensley, Pastoral Intern

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**Benediction**

*Tithes & Offerings collected in Offering Box - Sanctuary Entrance to Foyer*

### CONNECTION CARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I heard about Christ Presbyterian Church through: \_\_\_\_\_

### How may we serve you?

- Please add me to the Weekly Church Email List
- I would like a Pastor to call me

### Announcements

Our Advent theme this year is *Whispers of a King*. Together, we are examining several of the more faint, subtle, whispers of Jesus that are sprinkled all throughout the Biblical story. The Sanctuary artwork expresses this theme beautifully. The white circles represent the movement of our world through time and space, while the single red circle in each cluster hints at the Good News, given all throughout history, of a promised Messiah who comes to redeem a people for Himself. And these faint whispers, collectively crescendo in a SHOUT OF PRAISE to a King who has broken into our world, to love us to the very end.

**Kids Connect** is open to children ages 3-5 years old. Before the time of prayer (prior to the Sermon), a leader will be waiting in the back of the Sanctuary for the kids to go with them to the classroom. Pick-up will immediately follow the close of Worship. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristin Williamson. (Please note, 3-year-olds will no longer be in the Nursery!) **\*There will be no Kids Connect program on December 24 & 31, but it will resume the first weekend of January 2024.**

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Family Christmas Celebration "Carol and the Belles,"** featuring our CPC Kids' Choir and Young Ladies' Ensemble, will take place on **Sunday, December 17**, in the Sanctuary. **Fellowship, Christmas Treats, and 50's Trivia begins at 6:30 PM. Program begins at 7:15 PM. PLEASE BRING CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND TREATS!!!** These are needed by **SUNDAY MORNING** on December 17!! Hot chocolate, coffee, and water served!

**Vision Banquet** – On **Sunday, January 21, at 5:30 PM** you are invited to attend a special evening in the life of our church. We will share a meal together, as we praise God for His faithfulness in the life of our congregation, as well as hear upcoming plans for the future. This gathering will fulfill the requirement for our annual congregational meeting.

**CPC members, please make every effort to attend as there will be important information put forth for your consideration.**

Please RSVP to [office@cpcrichmond.org](mailto:office@cpcrichmond.org).

### 2023 FINANCIAL STATISTICS: Jan. – Dec. 3, 2023 YTD

Budgeted Giving: \$531,580.61

Actual Giving: \$457,643.26



For more announcements and event information, please visit: [cpcrichmond.org/events-news/](http://cpcrichmond.org/events-news/) or use the QR Code

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### A Note to our Visitors

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We are so glad you chose to worship with us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office. To learn more about CPC, please fill out this Connection Card, tear it off and drop it in the **Offering Box** or return it to the **Visitors Center** in the Foyer.

**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please include in Weekly Prayer List (shared with congregation)