



Christ Presbyterian Church

knowing Christ and making Him known

Sunday Morning | December 24, 2023

Worship Theme: The King Who Comforts

EMMANUEL (HALLOWED MANGER GROUND)

Lighting of the Advent Candle – Angel’s Candle (Peace)

Anthony & Joyce Johnson

Invocation

O DAY OF PEACE

O HOLY NIGHT

Corporate Confession of Sin

Lord God, we praise You for sending Your Light and Love, Jesus the Messiah, into this world. We confess that we often live like the Light did not defeat the darkness. We admit that we are prone to live as though Jesus is not returning in glorious Light. We purposely confine Christ to certain parts of our lives, and our faith becomes small. We do not faithfully love, joyfully serve, or expectantly worship. Forgive us for ignoring Jesus’ Light. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the Light, so Your Grace may illumine the dark places of our hearts, our city, and our world. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Pardoning Grace

1 John 1:6-7

If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the Truth. But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

GOODNESS OF GOD

Prayers of the People

Whispers of a King: An Advent Series

1 Kings 19:1-12 | Rich Hawkins, Senior Pastor

SILENT NIGHT

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service will be this evening at 6 PM. *There will be no childcare available.*

Church Office Closed – On the following Mondays, December 25 and January 1, 2024, the Church Office will be closed for the holidays. We will reopen the Church Office on the next business day (Tuesday) during the scheduled hours from 9 AM – 5 PM of those holiday weeks respectively.

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:

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.

2023 FINANCIAL STATISTICS: Jan. – Dec. 10, 2023 YTD

Budgeted Giving: \$544,626.50

Actual Giving: \$469,411.33



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A Note to our Visitors

Morning, December 24, 2023

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: _____

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