

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please turn off all cellphones for technical reasons

December 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.

*As we prepare for Worship, let us enter into a state of reverence before our Lord.*

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\*stand as you are able

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Roger Lees

\*INTROIT #134 Joy to the World vs. 1

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Be patient! Wait and Watch for the Lord is drawing near to us.

P: We have gathered here this day to hear the good news and to gather strength for the times to come.

L: Be at peace with one another.

P: Let joy, love and wisdom prevail.

L: Open your hearts and souls to God's healing word.

P: Lord, touch our hearts. Teach us to patiently listen for your words of love. AMEN.

\*HYMN #92 While We Are Waiting, Come

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Patient Lord, forgive our lack of faith in your loving power.

We look around us and all that we see is what we don't have.

We fail to notice the daily blessings you lavish upon us. Clear

our blindness to the needs of others. Strengthen us and move us from lame excuses for not serving you. Help us to truly listen to one another, not with our pat answers ready, but with loving and generous hearts. Heal us and make us ready to truly be your disciples. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*(Silent Confession)*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR DISCOVERY

OFFERTORY, TITHES & OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

\*APOSTLES CREED p#35

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 35:1-10

Matthew 11:2-12

*This is the word of God for the people of God, Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Are You The One?" Burr Datz

\*HYMN #140 Once in Royal David's City

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE #623 I've Got Peace Like a River vs. 2

*All who enter are welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DECEMBER FOOD DONATIONS:** For the month of December we will be collecting powdered milk packets, boxes of mac & cheese, and rice. All will be taken to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Fairfield.

**CPC 2025 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Mark your calendars! On December 21st during the worship hour, our children and youth will be presenting this year's Christmas play, "Joy to the World". We hope to see you there. A time of fellowship will follow the program.

**TODAY, December 14th, participants in the play are asked to stay after church for a brief practice of the play songs.**

**Christmas play practice and dress rehearsal will be December 20th at 11 in CPC's Sanctuary. Pizza will be provided for lunch.**

**CHRISTMAS CARD MAILBOX:** Our mailbox is up! Cards for those attending church can be placed in the mailbox. Cards will be given out on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Please put your cards in alphabetical order by last name and rubber band to help with organization.

**PW REQUEST:** On December 21<sup>st</sup> the PW are asked to provide cookies, brownies, etc. for light refreshments after our Christmas play. Please deliver to the kitchen Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> prior to worship.

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING:** Alternative Giving options this year are the following charities: Backyard Missions, Helping Hands Food Pantry Fairfield, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** We will have two services options on Christmas Eve; 3pm and 9pm – both with communion.

# Collierstown Presbyterian Church



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