

# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 29, 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas/ Christmas Hymn Si

10:00 A.M.

*Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.*

Quote for Meditation: *“However high and far one built from the foundation, one could never disown or float free of that foundation. In fact, the higher one went, the more one confirmed the solidity and integrity of the foundation”*  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Al Kopacka

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

arr. M. Hayes

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Elder Al Kopacka

One: Almighty God,  
you have shed upon us  
the new light of your incarnate Word.

All: *May this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

\* Opening Hymn: #116

“The Snow Lay on the Ground”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Elder Al Kopacka

*Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are our anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Al Kopacka

\*Sung response: #581

“Gloria Patri”

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME:

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*Children will return to their seats following the children's message.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: *The Christmas Story in Scripture and Song*

*The Promise of a Savior*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 OT pg. 600

Rev. Chris Scrivens

Hymns: #111 "From Heaven Above" verse 1  
#112 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" verse 1

*The Birth Announcement* Luke 1:26-35, 38 NT pg. 53 Elder Al Kopacka

Hymns: #102 "Savior of the Nations Come" verse 1  
#110 "Love Has Come" verse 1 & 3

*The Arrival in Bethlehem* Luke 2:1, 3-7 NT pg. 54 Rev. Chris Scrivens

Hymn: #140 "Once in Royal David's City" verse 1 & 2

*The Announcement to the Shepherds* Luke 2:8-16 NT pg. 54 Elder Al Kopacka

Hymn: #118 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" verse 1 & 2

*The Wise Men* Matthew 2:1-12 NT pg. 1 Rev. Chris Scrivens

Hymn: #146 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" verse 1 & 2

*The Light Has Come* John 1:1-14 NT pg. 86 Elder Al Kopacka

Hymn: #127 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" verse 1 & 2

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING – Elder Al Kopacka

OFFERTORY: "Masters in this Hall" arr. M. Hayes

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Elder Al Kopacka

PRAYER REQUESTS Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts*) Rev. Chris Scrivens

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

### FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN: #136 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Scrivens

*\*Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister: Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens  
Lay Assistant: Elder Al Kopacka  
Director of Family Ministries: Elder Carolyn Bearlepp  
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli  
Guest Organist: Vicki Kopacka  
Ushers: Tom Perry

Fellowship & Refreshments: Ruby Young, Karen McConnell

Welcome to our In-person and virtual Worship Service. Our church members are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors or members they do not know and introduce visitors to us. Everyone is welcome to join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Center following the Service.



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