

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 26, 2021

First Sunday of Christmas

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”* - Colossians 3:15,16

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Chris Scrivens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple
and acclaimed the glory of Israel
and the light of the nations.

**All: Grant that in him we may be presented to you
and in the world may reflect his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

*We might not be able to sing with our voices, but we can still sing with our hearts.
Please refrain from singing.*

Opening Hymn:

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Cantor, Matt Petrozelli

Hark! The herald angels sing. “Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Heavenly Father.

*we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life
in your Son Jesus Christ,
who has freed us from our sins by his blood.*

*Yet we still fail to love you with all our heart,
or serve you as we ought.
Pardon our offences, we pray,
and make us clean,
that we may continue as members of Christ,
in whom alone is salvation. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Sung response:

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Rev. Chris Scrivens
Cantor, Matt Petrozelli

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms: Psalm 148
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

A Christmas Story

Rev. Chris Scrivens

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

Christmas Music

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Rev. Chris Scrivens

(In-person worshippers are welcome to leave offerings in the plate by the door on your way out.)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION:

“What Child Is This” vs. 3

Cantor, Matt Petrozelli

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come one and all, to own him,
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

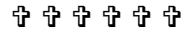
FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Scrivens

POSTLUDE

**If you are able, please stand.*



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

Minister: The Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries: Deacon Emily West
Music Director: Matt Petrozelli
Pianist: Mary Elizabeth Rawley
Organist: Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:

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