

# The Lord's Day Evening

6:00 p.m.

*You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. – Ephesians 2:22*

- **The Piano Prelude** – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne .....arr. Forrest

**The Words of Welcome & Prayer of Invocation**....The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 214** (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... GLORIA  
Angels We Have Heard on High

**The Evening Prayer**

- † **The Hymn No. 211** (*Trinity Hymnal*) .....GOD REST YOU MERRY  
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

**The Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

**The Piano & Trumpet Offertory** – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing..... arr. Foster  
*Brian Moore, trumpet*

- † **The Hymn No. 232** (*Trinity Hymnal*)..... O JESULEIN SÜSS  
O Jesus Sweet, O Jesus Mild  
*On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.*

**The New Testament Reading** .....Matthew 1:17–25 (*page 807*)

**The Response**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** – LOOK WHO'S HERE! .... The Rev. Rick Hammond, *pulpit guest*

- † **The Hymn No. 128** (*Trinity Hymnal*) .....DUNDEE  
God Moves in a Mysterious Way

- † **The Benediction**

**The Piano Postlude** – Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come..... ANTIOCH

## This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 22 – 28

### SUNDAY, December 22

8:00 a.m. .... WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio Broadcast

9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School

Nursery (Birth–23 mos.) ..... Nursery 1

Preschool (24–48 mos.) ..... Nursery 2

K–4 – K–5 ..... Covenant Hall

Grades 1–3 ..... Children's House

Grades 4–5 ..... Children's House

Middle & High School Youth ..... Youth House

Special Education ..... Deacons' Room

College & Career ..... Upper Room

Adult ..... Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m. .... Morning Worship ..... Sanctuary

*On the second hymn, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.*

5:00 p.m. .... Prayer Meeting ..... Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. .... Evening Worship ..... Sanctuary

*On the third hymn, children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for the Children's Program.*

### TUESDAY, December 24

5:00 p.m. .... Christmas Eve Family Service ..... Sanctuary

### WEDNESDAY, December 25

*The Church Office will be closed.*

### Assisting in the Services

*Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Gene Gojda & McDonald Law.*

*Ushers are Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.*

*The Deacon on Duty is Charles Kimbrell.*

*Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Billy Hatcher & Charles McClure.*

*Ushers next Lord's Day will be Lanier Adams, William Jewett, Charles Kimbrell, John Norkus & Mark Walters.*

*The Deacon on Duty will be Ora Parish.*

### Staff

The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

Dr. Mark Nabholz, *Director of Music*; Mrs. Laura Lowe, *Morning Organist*;

Mrs. Becky Saxon, *Secretary/Bookkeeper*; Mr. Mark Dickens, *Evening Organist*;

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Social Media Director*; Mr. Charles Caruso, *Sexton*

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## The Lord's Day Morning Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013 – 11:00 a.m.

*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. – Revelation 1:5*

### Which Direction Are You Growing?

The focus of health in the soul is humility, while the root of inward corruption is pride. In the spiritual life, nothing stands still. If we are not constantly growing downward into humility, we shall be steadily swelling up and running to seed under the influence of pride.

–J. I. Packer

## The Order of Worship

† indicates the congregation standing; • indicates seating for those detained

*To avoid distractions during worship, please silence all cell phones and pagers.*

*Parents of young children are encouraged to take advantage of the nurseries and Cry Room.*

- **The Organ Prelude** – Noel No. 10 for Organ..... Daquin

*Mrs. Laura Lowe, organist*

*The Prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship.*

**The Choral Call to Worship** ..... NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son!

Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that our Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, by the Spirit of our God

Was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring pure and fresh.

**The Scriptural Call to Worship** ..... Isaiah 9:2, 6

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People: **Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shown.**

Pastor: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,

And the government shall be upon His shoulder,

People: **And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**The Prayer of Invocation**..... The Rev. J. Josiah Jones, *Pastor*

- † **The Hymn No. 225** (*Trinity Hymnal*) – Once in Royal David's City..... IRBY

† **The Confession of Faith** ..... The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;  
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic\* Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*universal)

† **The Doxology** (*Trinity Hymnal No. 731*) ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**The Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession** ..... The Rev. Jones

The Private Confession of Sin

The Scriptural Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 32:1-2)  
*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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.

**The Old Testament Reading** ..... Micah 5:2-5a (*page 779*)

**The Response** ..... Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,  
People: But the word of our God stands forever.

**The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication**

*(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)*

**The Offertory Anthem** ..... Forrest

There is faint music in the night, and pale wings fanned by silver flight;  
A frosty hill with tender glow of countless stars that shine on snow.  
A shelter from the winter storm, a straw-lined manger, safe and warm,  
And Mary singing lullabies, to hush her Baby's sleepy sighs.  
Her eyes are fixed upon His face, unheeded here is time and space;  
Her heart is filled with blinding joy, for God's own Son - her baby Boy!

† **The Hymn No. 213** (*Trinity Hymnal*) - What Child Is This ..... GREENSLEEVES  
*On the final verse, children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for Catechism.*

**The New Testament Reading** ..... Philippians 2:5-11 (*page 980*)

**The Response**

Pastor: This is the Word of God.  
People: Thanks be to Thee, O God.

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** - CHRISTMAS HUMILITY ..... The Rev. Jones

† **The Hymn No. 230** (*Trinity Hymnal*) ..... QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGREABLE  
Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

† **The Benediction**

† **The Benediction Response** (*sung by all*) - Threefold Amen ..... DANISH  
(*Trinity Hymnal No. 740*)

**The Organ Postlude** - Hark! the Herald Angels Sing ..... arr. Schaffner

### Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Our hope is that as the Word is preached, as prayers are lifted up, and as hymns and anthems are sung, you will be blessed by the corporate worship of the triune God and will return to worship with us again soon. One of our Elders will be stationed near the piano following the service should you desire to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member here, or how to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

### Advent Wreath

The third purple candle, the last to be lit in the outer circle of the wreath, is known as "The Angels' Candle." It represents the message of peace with God through Christ that the heavenly host delivered on the night of the Messiah's birth. *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:13-14).*

### Evening Pulpit Guest

Christ Church welcomes The Rev. Rick Hammond back to the pulpit this evening. In addition to forty years of pastoring churches in Connecticut, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, Rick has taught in adult education programs at Moody Bible Institute and Dallas Theological Seminary and served as Director of Marriage and Family Counseling in Dallas. Rick is married to Stathia and they have two adult children and four grandsons.

### Evening Worship

What could be better than closing the Lord's Day in His house with His people gathered around His Word? This evening at 6:00 Rick Hammond will deliver the sermon, "Look Who's Here!," from Matthew 1:17-25.

### Christmas Eve Family Service

Celebrate the history-changing event of the Incarnation in glorious, candlelight worship on Christmas Eve at 5:00. Bring the entire family and invite friends to herald the uniqueness of the Lord Jesus Christ at the central function of our Christmas observance. The choir will sing, Pastor Jones will preach and the Christmas favorite, "Barrington Bunny," will be read. An offering will be received to benefit Jews for Jesus. How fitting for our Christmas giving to our Jewish Messiah to give generously to reach His kinsmen!

### Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Laura and Charles Caruso on the death of her father, Lucius L. Bultman, Sr., on December 17 in Augusta.

Christian sympathy is extended as well to the family of Peter Letchford, PCA pastor beloved by many in our congregation, who passed away on December 17 in Augusta.

*I am the resurrection and the life. - John 11:25*

### Scripture Memory

As we review the verses from Scripture for sharing the Gospel, this week we focus on the following verses: "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11); and "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith" (Philippians 3:8-9).

### Student Night at Christmas

On the final Lord's Day evening of the year, the service will feature Christ Church students speaking briefly as we observe a "Student Night at Christmas" service. Dr. Oliver will preach on Herod's cruel decree which caused the death of the Holy Innocents in Bethlehem and its districts, a serious reminder of the impact of the Gospel of the Incarnate Son.

### Officer Elections

The election of officers to the Session and Diaconate classes of 2016 will be held in a congregational meeting following Morning Worship on Sunday, January 5. Elder candidates are John Dunsmore and Mark Walters. Deacon candidates are Will Crews and Barry Smith. Biographical information on each of these candidates will be mailed to member homes.

### Other Announcements

**Christmas Festival Service CDs** - Compact disc recordings of this year's Christmas Festival Service will be available in the next few weeks at a cost of \$12 each. *Orders may be placed using the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.*

**Year-end Giving** - Please remember that, in order for gifts to be credited to fiscal year 2013, contributions must be received in the office or postmarked by December 31, 2013.

**The King's Brass in Concert** - Please join us on Tuesday, January 7, for a free concert presented by Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Young Families & Young Couples Small Group Bible Study** - All young families and young couples are encouraged to attend this twice-monthly Small Group Bible Study in the home of Natalie and Ora Parish, 609 Woodwalk Lane in Martinez. This study will begin on Thursday, January 16, at 7:00 p.m. and will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. *Childcare will be provided.*

**Share Your Faith Workshop** - Do you feel comfortable sharing your faith? Do you wish you had a tool that would make it easier? Through the Share Your Faith Workshop, you will learn a simple memory tool that you can use to share the Good News. Share Your Faith Workshops help you discern where God is working and show you how to join Him in the work. You'll learn how to engage people spiritually and pleasantly. The workshop will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. here on our campus. For Christ Church, Presbyterian members who register to attend by January 11, the registration fee is \$10, which includes all materials and lunch. To register please visit [www.christchurch-pres.org](http://www.christchurch-pres.org) and visit the 'Share Your Faith Workshop' tab. Renew your passion for witnessing and discover ways to cultivate friendships into opportunities to share the Gospel!

### Pray for Our Missionaries

Remember these missionaries and organizations designated for special prayer in our worship services today and in your daily prayers this week:

- Institute for Creation Research (ICR)
- Jay and Nancy Matsinger, *Mission to the World (PCA), France*
- Kurt and Pat Nelson, *East-West Ministries Intl., Albania, Kazakhstan, Spain, Cuba*
- Doug and Amy Nunziato, *World Team, Spain*