

THE
TRUE LIGHT
COMING
INTO THE WORLD

ADVENT
DECEMBER '18



WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. No matter what your previous experience with church may be, it is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and power for your life. This folder will guide you as we worship together. Welcome to Christ Community Church.

OUR PURPOSE

Christ Community Church exists to join Christ in his renewal of all things by experiencing and extending his love throughout Gainesville. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

CORE VALUES

GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM:

Grounding all we do in the three foundational realities of the Gospel: a new world, a new record, a new heart.

WORSHIP:

Rehearsing the gospel of Jesus Christ through song, word, joyful giving, and sacrament.

GROWING IN GRACE:

Growing in faith, repentance, wisdom, and obedience as a community.

LIFE TOGETHER:

Serving and walking with each other in life's joys and sorrows through hospitality and intentional community.

MISSIONAL LIVING:

Pursuing faithful lives of mission where we live, work, and play.

SERVING GAINESVILLE:

Seeking the spiritual, social, and cultural welfare of greater Gainesville.

MULTIPLICATION:

Planting churches, fostering global missions, equipping the emerging generation, and commissioning those in transition.

CHILDREN

We offer a range of Christ-centered programming for children throughout the morning. Most Sundays, Sunday School (9:00-10:15AM) is provided for children ages 3 years to 5th grade. At around 10:50AM, children ages kindergarten to 3rd grade will be dismissed from the service to their classrooms. Care for toddlers through 4 years is available all morning, and the nursery is always open to babies and nursing mothers. Visit the Welcome Station for more info and to register your children.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

(All music by permission CCLI #2054302)

**Please silence your cell phones at this time.*

Prelude - Noel

Sung by the Adult Choir.

Call to Worship - based on Luke 1:46-50

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

UNISON: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The mighty One has done great things for us!

UNISON: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

**UNISON: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

Prayer of Invocation

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The lighting of Advent candles depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world.

Lo How a Rose E're Blooming

Words: German hymn, 1500. Translator: Theodor Baker, 1894.

Music: Michael Praetorius, 1609.

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load

O Savior, child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of Heaven
And to the endless day.

Song of Confession: Trisagion

Words: Early Church, year unknown. Music: Fernando Ortega, 2004.

Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
Have mercy, have mercy on us

Silent Confession

Comfort - based on Psalm 85:9-13, NRSV

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps. In Christ, God's salvation is at hand, and righteousness has come.

UNISON: Thanks be to God!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words: Latin Hymn, translated by John M. Neale, 1851.

Music: Plainsong, adapted by Thomas Helmore, 1854.

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain

O come, thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Refrain

Angels We Have Heard on High

Words: Traditional French Carol, translated by James Chadwick, 1860.

Music: Traditional French melody, arranged by CCC.

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new-born King.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See within a manger laid
Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
sing with us our Savior's birth.
Refrain

Vows of New Members

- Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
- Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
- Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

New Members

Ami Culli
Belle Gardner
Dave & Beth Glenny
John & Debbie Menoher
Joy Sarles
Bryan & Adriana Shimeall
Hannah Shula
Frank & Sharon Stankunas
James & Faith Totten
David & Jennifer Wagner
Bruce & Theresa Zerr

Greeting One Another

Please take a couple minutes to stand and greet those around you. Children ages 5 years through 3rd Grade are dismissed to Children's Church at this time. Please encourage children to walk calmly to class.

Tithes & Offerings: All On A Starry Night - Performed by the Adult Choir.

The offering is a time to not only give of your possessions but also to give yourself to God. Use this time to reflect, meditate and respond to what God is doing in your life.

Teaching Text - Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be Merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." ⁵⁶ Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Sermon - Christmas Playlist: Mary

Tim Hayse

1. Listening Well

2. Learning To Sing

I Wonder As I Wander

Words: Appalachian hymn, collected by Jacob Niles. Arrangement: Hope College Worship.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky;
how Jesus the Savior did come forth to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall;
And the promised of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
he surely could have it, 'cause he was the king.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky;
how Jesus the Savior did come forth to die
for poor ordinary people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky

Benediction

Dismissed with God's Blessing

For Your Reference

Worship Leaders:

- Tim Hayse (Pastor)
- Ross Jelgerhuis (Assistant Pastor)
- Chris Hiatt (Worship Leader)
- Jason Peters (Youth Ministry Director)
- Brad Patterson (Deacon on Duty)
- Stuart Menzies (Deacon on Duty)

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

HAPPENING TODAY...

- **Children's Choir For Advent - Tonight at 5:30**

Join us in song! All children K-5th grade are invited to be a part of our Children's Choir. Practices are December 8th, 16th & 23rd at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. **Performance on Christmas Eve.**

Questions: See Harmony Smith or email harmony@allthosesmiths.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Christmas Study in Adult Class - December 16th**

In our last class this semester we will do an in-depth study of the **Visit of the Magi**. Come learn how to make some sense out of the Magi's intriguing visit of Christ.

- **CCC Family Christmas Camp Out - December 14th and 15th**

From Fri, Dec 14th at 5:30 pm to Sat, Dec 15th at 10:30 am.

Pitch your tent and join us for an evening of fellowship as we camp out on the church grounds. We will have activities for all ages and breakfast on Saturday morning. Please plan to supervise your own children. *You can sign up at the Children's Desk or contact Alysa Traylor at atraylor@christcommunitychurch.com.*

- **A Night Before Christmas - December 16th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

All women are invited to a beautiful evening of celebration! "A Night Before Christmas" will be an event best shared with a friend. Come for food, fun and a short meaningful message.

For more info contact Sharon Stankunas at sstankunas@gmail.com.

- **Advent Schedule**

- ✓ December 24th - Christmas Eve Service at 6:30 pm

- **Coming This Spring**

- ✓ January 11th-13th - Conference featuring Tim Lane on Marriage/Relationships.

- ✓ Spring Break 2019 - Haiti Medical Missions Trip, March 30th through April 6th.

Notes:

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WELCOME TO CHRIST COMMUNITY

Please drop this card in the offering basket as it comes by you. We would love to help you get connected at Christ Community!

Tell us about yourself!

Check the box that applies to you

- Local Guest
- Member/Regular Attendee
- Out of Town Guest

How can you get connected?

I would like more information about...

- Children's Ministries
- Community Groups
- Joining the Church
- Church Events
- Youth
- College
- Men's/Women's Ministry
- Local Missions/Service
- Music and Tech

Please provide us with your information so we may contact you with further details.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I want to receive weekly emails.

