

# Christ UMC Worship

## 12.5.2021

OPENING MUSIC

Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Adam Kelchner

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

OPENING SONG

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

196 (red)

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**1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**2. Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the scriptures are read and your word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4

Ryan Fellows

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Marnie Cotton
SCRIPTURE	Luke 3:1-6	Rainey Fellows
SERMON		Rev. Adam Kelchner
RESPONSE		Johnathan Vest
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		Rev. Mark Price
INVITATION		
CONFESSION AND PARDON		8 (red)
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		sung responses, 2257 (black)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
 always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
 almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
 You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.  
 When we turned away, and our love failed,  
     your love remained steadfast.  
 You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign  
 God, and spoke to us through your prophets,  
     who looked for that day  
     when justice shall roll down like waters  
     and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
     when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
     neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
 hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in  
 the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,  
whom you sent in the fullness of time to be a light to the nations.  
You scatter the proud in the imagination of their hearts  
and have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.  
You put down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalt those of low degree.  
You fill the hungry with good things,  
and the rich you send empty away.  
Your own Son came among us as a servant  
to be Emmanuel, your presence with us.  
He humbled himself in obedience to your will  
and freely accepted death on a cross.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,  
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna  
in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his  
blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,

until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen, amen, amen. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

#### 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### GIVING AND RECEIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

#### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

11 (red)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.  
Grant that we may go into the world  
in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS, Sonja and Doyle O'Dell

43 (red)

#### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

#### BLESSING SONG

"While We are Waiting, Come"

Cloniger/Cason

**While we are waiting, joy;  
While we are waiting, joy.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,  
while we are waiting, joy.**

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CLOSING MUSIC

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## Prayer List

### New Prayer Concerns

Brenda & Butch Malone in the death of Pat Willis, Brenda's sister on November 28

Joe Belleau  
Angie Haynes  
Aubon Higgins, Mike Higgin's dad  
JC Morrissey

### Ongoing Prayer Concerns

#### **ALL MILITARY DEPLOYED**

Jeff & Amy Benker  
14 women about to start BEST Cohort 7  
Mary Anne Beshears  
Margaret Beshears  
Amy Bonner  
Black Lives Matter  
Harry Boyko  
Caregivers and healthcare workers  
Rob Castelee, a friend of Dave Hook  
Angela Capocaccia, friend of Peter and Susan Bucci  
Residents of the Center for Living and Learning  
Chris Close & Family  
Shelby Crawford  
Linda Cross and the women of TPW  
Lenny Bay  
Micah and Brittany Davis and family  
Douglas Davis  
Doug Foster, friend of Peter Bucci  
Jeremy Gottlieb, son of Cheryl Stanley's best friend  
Ouida Greer  
Alan Hall  
Christina & Eric Hayes  
Kadon & Braxton Hayes  
Scott Heard  
Lillie Howard  
Kathy Holtz, daughter of Tom and Vicki Beadles  
Mary Anne Hooper, mother of Elizabeth Oliphant  
Cooper Johnston  
Katie Johnston & family in the death of her mother, Ginny Burriss on Nov 10th  
Michael Kelley, husband of Wendy Olsen  
Betty Latture  
Keeli Lewis  
Gene Lewis, Keeli Lewis grandfather  
Susan Forrest Levy, cousin of Cathy Chieng  
Phyllis Luttrell  
Marshall family  
Butch & Brenda Malone  
Nancy Mowry & family in the death of Dale Mowry on November 22  
Chuck Neighbors  
Nate Parmer  
Velma, Vanessa, and Rayne Parker in the death of Vanessa & Rayne's paternal grandmother on Nov 24  
Shawn Parker, brother in law of Trish Kaberle  
The Panhalkar family  
Jarvis Pierce  
Cathy Randolph, friend of Dave Hook  
Judson Randolph, long-time friend of Dave Hook  
Barbara Smith, sister-in-law of Nancy Brown  
Kevin Stefano

Steve White  
John Wigant  
Becky & Alan Williams  
Tori Wildman  
Karen Yarbrough