Christ United Methodist Church Worship Order 12/28/2025

OPENING MUSIC Dr. Johnathan Vest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

MINISTRY MOMENT, Williamson County Homeless Alliance

*Carols "Angels from the Realms of Glory", st. 1 220 (Red)

Text: James Montgomery (public domain).

"The First Noel", st. 1 245 (Red)

Text: traditional English carol (public domain).

"Joy to the World", vs. 1 246 (Red)

Text: Isaac Watts (public domain).

OPENING PSALM, Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord, in the heights!
Praise the Lord, all his angels;
praise the Lord, all his hosts!
Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
praise the Lord, all you shining stars!
Praise the Lord, you highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens!

(sung) Joy to the world! the Savior reigns!

Let all their songs employ;

while fields and floods, rock hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created;
who established them forever and ever,
and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

(sung) No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted;
whose glory is above earth and heaven.

God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Praise the Lord!

(sung) He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Spencer

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:13-23 Gary Coulter

SERMON Rev. Dr. Chris Haynes

RESPONSE "In Bethlehem, A Newborn Boy" Hei

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mark Price

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.

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DOXOLOGY 94 (Red)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! alleluia!

SILENT REFLECTION

*CLOSING HYMN "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" 251(Red)

Text: Afro-American spiritual (public domain).

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SONG Go Tell it on the Mountain, refrain 251 (Red)

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Prayer List

New Prayer Concerns:

Janet Cothron and family following the death of her mother, Peggy Stafford Karen Galloway and family following the death of her father Dennison Craddock Brett Dean

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Tom Beadles AmySue Bernthal Anne Bracey Suzanne Brandon Don Campbell Esther Cast Joy Cobb Micah Davis Nancy Edmunds Bettye English Scott Farmer Margaret Fortney Amanda Garner Edith Ann Gibb Linda Godsev Michael Ham Carolyn Hatchett Tommy Hatchett Tammy Hollis Kathy Holtz

Immigrant Community in Will. Co.

The Ivie Family Gary Janke Donnie King Jerry Kirk Baby Levon

Manila, Arkansas HS Community following student car crash

Melanie

Ed & Sue Mueller Susan Murillo Chuck Neighbors Sharlet Panhalkar and family following the death of her mother, Pramila Thomas

Ujay Panhalkar and family following the death of his father, Benjamin

Terry Paradise Tom Parrish

Peace in the Middle East

Judson Randolph Joan Ratcliff

Jeff Ridings and family following the death of his mother, Mary

Pat Ring

Room in the Inn Aaron Seay Kathryn Seay Wilma Spivey Merry Carol Starr

Eric Stuckey and family following the death of his mother, Peg

Jennifer Sturgill Sulaiman Tunkara

Ukraine
Carole Vietti
Susan Ward
John Wigant
Terri Wildman
Jeff Williams
Karen Yarbrough
Bernard Aw Yong
Linda Chiu Aw Yong