

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

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Herklots | Held

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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 Godsey  
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