

Lord's Day Worship

*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

Announcements Pastor Douglas

PRAISE

*Call to Worship Psalm 126

Pastor Douglas: The Lord has done great things for us!

Congregation: And we are filled with joy!

Pastor Douglas: Our God has turned our weeping into singing!

Congregation: Our tears into songs of joy!

Pastor Douglas: O Christ of God, come answer in our hearts this day,

Congregation: And remain in us forever.

*Song *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Advent Reading Rutherford Family

Psalm 27:1, 13-14

*Advent Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen.

(Silent Confession)

*Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 40:1-2

Pastor Douglas: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

*Westminster Shorter Catechism #36

Reader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ when they die?

Congregation: When believers die, their souls are made perfectly holy and immediately pass into glory. Their bodies, which are still united to Christ, rest in the grave until the resurrection.

Children Dismissed

*Song *Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Offering and Doxology

THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Sermon Text John 15:1-11

Sermon "Advent: Abide in Christ"

*Song *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

Communion

*Song O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Benediction Pastor Douglas

SERMON NOTES

"Advent: Abide in Christ"

I) Introduction - Why John 15?

II) John 15:1-3 - The Truth

Application Point #1 - Perseverance through abiding in Jesus.

III) John 15:4-8 - The Command to Abide and Bear Fruit

Applicational Point #2 - Our relationship with Jesus is organic and not a technique.

IV) John 15:9-11 - Abiding in Jesus is Grounded in Love

Applicational Point #3 - The benefits of abiding in Jesus. The Lord's Supper.

V) Conclusion - Experiencing Joy During The Advent Season

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR DOUGLAS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Pastor Douglas's birthday is Saturday, December 7th! Please join in at the fellowship time today to enjoy a piece of pie and celebrate our Pastor!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The children's Christmas program and dinner catered by Uncle Giuseppe's is on **Sunday, December 15th** at **5:00 PM**.

DECEMBER CPW: The Christ Presbyterian Women Christmas Luncheon is **Saturday, December 21st** from **11:30-1:30**. Beth and her team have planned a special Christmas catered luncheon to honor the women of Christ Presbyterian Church. Leave your holiday stresses at home and come enjoy and relax with your Christian sisters. Bring only yourself and a wrapped White Elephant Gift. (If you must buy something, price limit is \$5 at the thrift store!) Otherwise, find something at home that you would like to trade. The wrapped gift is your ticket at the door. (From brown bag to fancy Christmas box are acceptable.) As always, guests are welcome. Bring your out-of-town guest for us to meet. Be sure to provide a ticket (wrapped gift) for her too. Questions? Call Beth at

Be sure to sign up at the information table or by email to:

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: There will be two candlelight Christmas Eve services on **Tuesday, December 24th**: **4:00 PM** and **6:00 PM**. There will be a photographer at the 6:00 service that will provide the opportunity to take professional photos for families if they so desire.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us as we read the book *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners* by Dane Ortland. We'll be meeting **Saturdays** at **10:30 AM** in the Sunday School room for this 9-week study, led by Beth and Julie. No charge for book and study guide. Sign-up sheet is on the information table. For more info, contact Julie. Hope to see you all there!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Meets on **Thursdays** at **8:15 AM**. The study is led by Pastor Douglas and donuts are provided.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING: Meets on **Fridays** at **Noon**. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER REQUESTS

HEALING AND COMFORT:

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Pray this week for

MISSIONS: Please pray for the work and mission of



Christ Presbyterian Church

...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

December 8, 2024 | Rev. Douglas Kortyna

"Advent: Abide in Christ"

John 15:1-11

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If you are visiting with us this week, please feel free to have your children, join our children's program, and visit with Pastor Douglas or email/call the church office if you have any questions.