

# Lord's Day Worship

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

Announcements Pastor Douglas

## PRAISE

\*Call to Worship Philippians 4:4-5

Pastor Douglas: Rejoice in the Lord always.

**Congregation: I will say it again: Rejoice!**

Pastor Douglas: Let your gentleness be evident to all.

**Congregation: The Lord is near.**

Pastor Douglas: We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship God!

\*Song *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

\*Advent Reading Combs Family

Isaiah 59:9; 60:1-3, 19

\*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 #39

Reader: What does God require of man?

**Congregation: God requires man to obey his revealed will.**

\*Song *See, amid the Winter's Snow*

**\*\*Children Dismissed\*\***

## RENEWAL

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

\*Offering and Doxology

## THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Reading Ruth 1:6-18

Sermon Text John 15:18-27

Sermon "Advent: Bearing Witness"

\*Song *What Child Is This*

\*Benediction Pastor Douglas

## SERMON NOTES

"Advent: Bearing Witness"

### I) Introduction - World and Witness

"Christianity is not a matter of persuasiveness but of true greatness when it is hated by the world."

Ignatius of Antioch

### II) The Text - John 15:18-27

A) John 15:18-21: The World Hates and Persecutes the Disciples.

B) John 15:22-25: The Guilt of the World.

C) John 15:26-27: The Witness of The Helper.

### III) The Problem? The World Doesn't Want Jesus as Lord.

### IV) Application - Christians are Witnesses to "The World"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:** There will be two candlelight Christmas Eve services on **Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 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:** No meeting this week (28<sup>th</sup>). Join us as we read the book *Deeper: Real Change for Real Sinners* by Dane Ortlund. 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:** No meeting this week (26<sup>th</sup>). 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:**

*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.*



# Christ Presbyterian Church

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

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December 22, 2024 | Rev. Douglas Kortyna

"Advent: Bearing Witness"

John 15:18-27

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