

**In the
Name of
Jesus,
who is the
Christ**

December 29, 2024

1st Sunday of Christmas

"Christ was called the foundation-stone because he bears everything and holds it together and props it up."
— John Chrysostom

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE "Noel: Grand Jeu et Duo" Louis Claude d'Aquin
Organist, Larry Gillum

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Arise! Shine! Jesus Christ our Lord is here!

Come and celebrate the newborn King!

God's hope floods the earth.

Come and see this child who is the promised one.

Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light.

Come and worship God incarnate, who is the Light of the World!

***OPENING HYMN NO. 31** "Hark! The Harold Angels Sing"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess that even during this season of Christmas we have failed to put our trust in you. We have not asked for your divine guidance, we have forgotten to pray, and we have taken your name in vain. Our world has become one where the quiet gentle voice of Christ is pushed aside. God forgive us and help us follow the prince of peace. Help us see how our kindness can build a better world. Help us become the disciples that you have called us to be. We now offer this silent prayer sharing what is on our hearts and minds.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE:**

The image shows a musical score for a response, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Glo - ri - a'. The second system contains the lyrics 'in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo'. The third system contains the lyrics 'ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES *Colossians 3:12-17, NRSV*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 53 "What Child Is This"

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL *Luke 2:21, NRSV*

MESSAGE "In the Name of Jesus, who is the Christ" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 44 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Cold December's Winds Were Stilled" Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY** (Hymnal # 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The congregation responds, "**hear our prayer**"
following each petition which concludes, "O Christ, our light..."*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 56**

"The First Nowell" verses 1,2,4,6

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Carols of the Season

arr. Gillum

**Please stand if you are able.*



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, December 31

12:00pm One Day at a Time AA Group

12:00pm Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day—Church Office Closed

Thursday, January 2

Church Office Closed

5:00pm EVICS

6:30pm One Day at a Time AA Group

6:30pm Chancel Choir

Friday, January 3

3:30pm Ballet Renaissance

Saturday, January 4

9:30am Card-Making Group

Sunday, January 5

8:15am Adult Sunday School

8:30am Journeys

10:00am Worship/New Member Installation

6:00pm Oratorio Society Orchestra Rehearsal

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

Greeters this morning are Lois and Bruce Ellingwood.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Joyful Bells.

The shopping cart is in the Narthex this morning to collect your donations for the **Crossroads Market**. Thanks to all who have helped with PCCR's push to the 1,000 pound mark! We will let you know if we reach our goal.

Wednesday Bible Study with Pastor Christine will not meet on January 1 due to the holidays. Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8th at noon in the Library. See you then!

Welcome New Members—Reception of our new members will be held next Sunday, January 5th during our morning worship service.

Sunday Morning Adult Study Group: "O Come Emmanuel"-A Musical Tour of...Readings for Advent and Christmas—Join Carol Nussbaumer at 8:15am in the Lounge on January 5 for this informative study series. This weeks topic is "Ahmal and the Night Visitors" (No, we are not seeing the entire production!) Scripture: Luke 4:14-22

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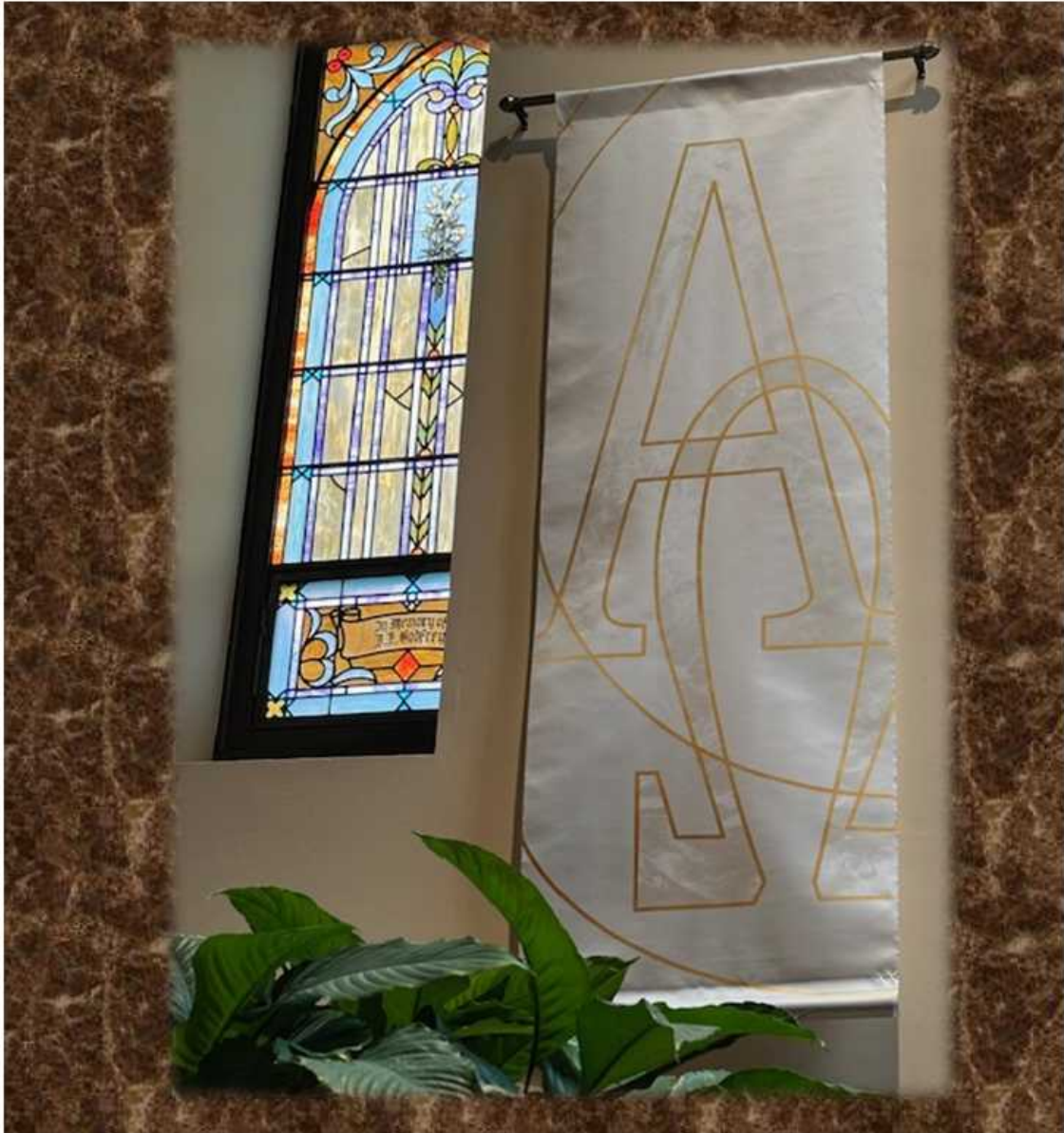
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