



# Christ Our Hope

Presbyterian Church (PCA)

Lord's Day Worship  
December 21, 2025

*We preach Christ crucified...*  
*Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God...*  
- 1 Corinthians 1:23, 24 -

# Order for the Worship of God

December 21, 2025 | 9:30 AM

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*Italics indicate congregational participation and/or standing.*

## **We Adore the Lord and Honor Him as King**

### **Call to Worship | Luke 2:10-11**

*Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

### **Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

### **Songs of Adoration**

*Gloria Patri*

*#314 | God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

### **Call to Repentance**

*The Ten Commandments & The Great Commandment*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done. And we have done those things which we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who grieve with godly sorrow. For we cling only to Your promise of the forgiveness of our sins through the Cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. For You have removed the filthy garment of our guilt and covered us with the spotless robe of His righteousness. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake and by Your Spirit, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

### **Assurance of the Gospel | John 3:16-18**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

### **Pastoral Prayer | *The Lord's Prayer***

### **Song of Thanksgiving**

*Psalm 32B | How Blest Is He Whose Trespass*

## **The Lord Speaks to Us in the Ministry of the Word**

**NT Homily**

*Hebrews 9:16-22*

**Sermon Text**

*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Sermon Title**

*“Born to Save Sinners Only”*

**Prayer of Response**

**Song of Response**

*#311 | Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

## **We Commune with God and One Another in the Sacrament and Collection**

**Confession of Faith** | *Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A 35-36 (p. 878)*

**Administration of the Lord’s Supper | Words of Institution**

*Gluten-free bread has been provided in the silver foil liners.*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Collection with Singing of Praise**

*Psalm 2B | Why Do Heathen*

*Nations Rage?*

*Doxology*

**Benediction** | 2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

## **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be –  
World without end! Amen, amen.*

## **Doxology** (tune: “Old 100<sup>th</sup>”)

*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.*

## **Summary of God's Law** (from Exodus 20 & Matthew 22)

*“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out  
of the house of bondage.”*

- I. *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
- II. *You shall not make for yourself a carved image – nor bow down to  
them nor serve them.*
- III. *You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.*
- IV. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- V. *Honor your father and your mother.*
- VI. *You shall not murder.*
- VII. *You shall not commit adultery.*
- VIII. *You shall not steal.*
- IX. *You shall not bear false witness.*
- X. *You shall not covet.*

*And our Lord Jesus said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your  
heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great  
commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the  
Prophets.”*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your 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 do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom  
and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Sermon Notes

A Christ-centered Exposition of Matthew 1:18-25

*“Born to Save Sinners Only”*

Jesus is conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin – to save sinners only:

1. Joseph grieves and resolves. (vv. 18-19)
2. The angel intervenes and reveals. (vv. 20-21)
3. The Scripture promises and fulfills. (vv. 22-23)
4. Joseph believes and obeys. (vv. 24-25)

Conclusion

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## Announcements/Opportunities

### **Visitors' Sign-in**

Welcome! If you are a visitor and would like someone to contact you with more information about our church, please scan the QR code on the back of this worship guide and fill in your contact information.

### **Virtual Prayer Meeting | 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 4:00 pm**

Join us for a brief season of prayer (40 mins.) to exalt our God and intercede on behalf of one another (see QR code on last page).

### **Nursing Home Ministry | December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:45 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**

South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (2115 S. County Trail, West Kingston). See Mark's email for Christmas Caroling details.

### **Ladies' Bible Study | January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays)**

Location: Church building. Studying Ch. 5 in "Hoping for Something Better" by Nancy Guthrie. For more details, please contact Ruth Slater or Sandy Swenson.

### **Men's Night | January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday)**

Location: TBD. For more details, please contact Mark Slater.

### **Today's Schedule:**

Worship	9:30-11:15 am
Fellowship	11:15-11:30 am
Children's Christian Education	11:30-12:15 pm
Adult Sermon Discussion	11:30-12:00 pm
Corporate Prayer	12:00-12:15 pm

### **Nursery and Cleaning Schedule**

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation as assigned, please find a replacement and inform Randy May so that the Worship Guide can be updated accordingly.

	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Cleaning/Closing</b>
<b>Today</b>	Crystal Shoemaker & Ruth Short	Whitman
Next Week	Chris Shoemaker & Elinor Short	C. Shoemaker
1/4	Geoff Short & Caleb Shoemaker	Pharo
1/11	Molly Whitman & Claire Short	N. Shoemaker

*Welcome to Christ Our Hope Presbyterian Church! We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. For God's glory and by His grace, we aim to be faithful to the scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission – serving one another and South County through the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Who We Are, What We Do, and Why:**

We are a Christ-centered, Law & Gospel, Word & Sacrament, Covenantal, Catechetical, Biblical & Historic, Reformed Church.

***Christ-centered*** – we preach Christ and His work of redemption for us from Genesis to Revelation.

***Law & Gospel*** – we proclaim the Law (which shows us our sin) and the Gospel (which shows us our Savior).

***Word & Sacrament*** – we receive by faith the means of grace Christ has given for our salvation: the Word read, preached, sung, prayed, and made visible in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

***Covenantal*** – we embrace the covenant structure of Scripture, as revealed in the covenants of the Bible and culminating in the New Covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ; and we believe that our covenant God deals with us not only individually, but also as families, and corporately as His Church.

***Catechetical*** – we utilize historic Reformed catechisms as we make disciples by baptizing and teaching men, women, and children everything that Jesus commanded us to observe.

***Biblical & Historic*** – we worship in accord with the ancient Western liturgy, reformed according to the Scripture.

***Reformed*** – we confess the historic creeds, adhere to the Westminster Standards, appreciate the Three Forms of Unity, and govern the church according to Presbyterian polity.

***Church*** – we assemble as one part of the universal church, appointed by Christ as the means by which His people of all nations would be gathered and grow in grace.

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Virtual Prayer**