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Morning Worship
10:45 a.m.

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Welcome to Church Creek Presbyterian

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Visitors, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card', and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plate during the collection or hand it to one of the pastors, ushers, or greeters

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****Due to allergy sensitivities, CCP is a scent-free congregation****

Announcements for Sunday, December 13th

If you or anyone in your household becomes infected with COVID-19 and you attended worship in person at CCP, please notify the church by e-mailing session@church-creek.org or call and leave a message at the church office: 843-766-1381. Your identity will be kept confidential.

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship today and as is our custom, we also accept Deacons Fund donations and Food Pantry donations (in the Fellowship Hall)

Outdoor Family Ministry – Families and children gather outside, behind the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am, weather permitting. This time will include some singing and a Bible lesson, followed by time for fellowship and for children to play outside prior to the worship service.

Outdoor Youth Sunday School – Youth will meet for Sunday School outside, behind the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am, weather permitting. If weather is inclement, they will meet in the Worship Training Room.

Women's Bible Study:

Last Week till 2021 for morning group that is finishing up their study of *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*, by Nancy Guthrie on Wednesday from 10:30am-noon at Mary McLellan's. Contact Karyl Doyle for details.

Lowcountry Orphan Relief "Stocking Drive" – Thank you to everyone who donated items for LOR! We supplied them with enough items for more than 20 children!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a special Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm.

Pastoral Search Committee Requests– If you have a pastor to recommend, please fill out a Google Referral Form with contact information. <https://bit.ly/Pastor-Recommendation>

Deacon On Call

December: Jeff Beall – 843-830-0087; backup Ken Fipps

REMINDER

Please turn off, use airplane mode, or cell data only on your phones during the service in order to reduce interference with the webcast.

Only the audio livestream of today's service is being broadcast in the Fellowship Hall, which is designated as a no-singing space and offers physically distanced seating

Calendars for the month of December are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

The Order of Public Worship

December 13, 2020

Morning Service

10:45 a.m.

Our passion is that Church Creek Presbyterian
be a place where people experience
the awesome presence of God in Word and worship,
the restful presence of Jesus through a transformed community,
and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in witness and ministry.



Prelude:

Dr. Soohyun Yun

PRELUDE

Pastor John Olson

GREETING

A LIGHT WILL SHINE AND PEOPLE WILL REJOICE

from Isaiah 9
NLT

ADVENT PROMISE

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,
a light will shine and its people will rejoice.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

His government and its peace will never end.
He will rule with fairness and justice
from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity.
The passionate commitment
of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

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*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*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.*

*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. Amen!*

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

REPENT,
FOR THE KINGDOM IS AT HAND

(continued...)

GOD'S PROMISE OF GRACE

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles- ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things
and our hearts are filled with joy.
By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin
and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom.
Salvation is Your gift to us.*

*But we confess that often
we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts.
We try to complete what is already perfect.
We try to add to what is already full.
We try to earn what we already have.
Forgive us for our foolishness.*

*Help us to focus on Your grace.
Help us to live grateful lives in return;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

COLLECTION

NOTE: Italicized
words in readings
are read by the
congregation

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✠ **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 196

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, for thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing new, glad tidings of a birth:
Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.*

*Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.*

*Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne. Amen!*

**AS YOUR WORD UNFOLDS IT GIVES LIGHT,
AND EVEN THE SIMPLE UNDERSTAND**

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 90:1-6

A PRAYER OF MOSES, THE MAN OF GOD.
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You return man to dust and say,
"Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

You may carry your offering to the plate on the table in the front of the church during the Offertory Hymn or place it in the plate nearest you as you leave

(continued...)

You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

Pastor John Olson

SERMON

“Our Hope in Darkness”

**SEE THE FEAST OF LOVE IS SPREAD
DRINK THE WINE, AND BREAK THE BREAD**

✠ **HYMN**

‘Till He Come 426

*Till he come! O let the words
Linger on the trembling chords;
Let the little while between
In their golden light be seen;
Let us think how heav'n and home
Lie beyond that "Till he come."*

*When the weary ones we love
Enter on their rest above,
Seems the earth so poor and vast,
All our life joy overcast?
Hush, be ev'ry murmur dumb:
It is only till he come.*

*Clouds and conflicts round us press:
Would we have one sorrow less?
All the sharpness of the cross,
All that tells the world is loss,
Death and darkness, and the tomb,
Only whisper "Till he come."*

(continued...)

*See, the feast of love is spread,
 Drink the wine, and break the bread:
 Sweet memorials, till the Lord
 Call us round his heav'nly board;
 Some from earth, from glory some,
 Severed only till he come. Amen!*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ DOXOLOGY OF PRAISE

*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.*

POSTLUDE



**Church Creek Presbyterian
 November Financial Report**

	<u>November</u>	<u>2020 Totals</u>
General Fund Income	30,655	319,037
Operating Expenses	(24,301)	(272,747)
OPERATIONAL GAIN/LOSS	6,355	46,290
Designated Income	763	82,027
Designated Expenses	(378)	(113,777)
Bank Balance at end of October		143,302

We celebrate the Lord's Supper using gluten free wafers and wine. Grape juice is available and will be found in the outer ring of the tray.

Pastor John Olson

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Morning Sermon Notes

Psalm 90:3-6

“Our Hope in Darkness”

People who walk in darkness will see a great light.

A. DUST

1. Made of dust
2. Our destiny is dust
3. Our character is dust

HOPE for those who are but dust: 1 Corinthians 15.47-53

B. A SINGLE DAY

1. Day
2. Night
3. A dream

HOPE for another day: 2 Peter 3.8-13

C. DRY GRASS

1. Our days are like grass
2. We wither like grass

HOPE for the dry grass: Revelation 22.1-5

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