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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 20th

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.

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.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a special Christmas Eve service at 6:30 pm. The service will be video webcast on Sermon Audio.

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>

End of Year Giving Reminders: Please note that any donation that you want to count as a 2020 transaction for tax purposes must be physically received by the church or postmarked on or before December 31, 2020.

Any donations received after that (unless arriving in mail with correct postmark) will be considered 2021 transactions. For example, a check dated December 29, 2020 that is placed in the offering plate on Sunday, January 3, 2021 will be considered a 2021 donation.

Christmas Decorations: Thanks to Michele Bryngelson and Jessica Clark for decorating the church for Christmas.

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 20, 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:
Mrs. Joanne Janus

PRELUDE

Pastor John Olson

GREETING

*Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring*

GOD'S ADVENT PROMISE

In the beginning the Word already existed.
The Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He existed in the beginning with God.
God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

The Word gave life to everything that was created,
and his life brought light to everyone.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

The Word became human
and made his home among us.
He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness.
And we have seen his glory,
the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

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✠ HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Tune: Blue Trinity
122
✠ Congregation
Standing

*Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see.*

*This is he whom heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord,
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now he shines, the long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord.*

*O ye heights of heav'n, adore him;
Angel hosts, his praises sing;
All dominions, bow before him,
And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring.*

*Thee let age and thee let manhood,
Thee let boys in chorus sing;
Matrons, virgins, little maidens,
With glad voices answering;
Let their guileless songs reecho,
And their heart its music bring.*

*Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory. Amen!*

✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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Make us ready for Your coming

Matthew 1:18-21
ESV

GOD'S PROMISE OF GRACE

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Merciful God,
always with us, always coming:*

*We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for Your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope.
We have ignored the promise of Your Kingdom.
We get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us and cleanse us, O God.*

*Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,
the intelligent courage of the Wise Men,
and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,
that we may journey with them to Bethlehem
and find the good news of a Child born for us.*

*Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask You to make us ready for Your coming. Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

COLLECTION

NOTE: Italicized
words in readings
are read by the
congregation

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✠ OFFERTORY HYMN

Behold a Branch Is Growing

Tune: Blue Trinity
153

*Behold, a Branch is growing
Of loveliest form and grace,
As prophets sung, foreknowing;
It springs from Jesse's race
And bears one little Flow'r
In midst of coldest winter,
At deepest midnight hour.*

*Isaiah hath foretold it
In words of promise sure,
And Mary's arms enfold it,
A virgin meek and pure.
Through God's eternal will
This Child to her is given
At midnight calm and still.*

*The shepherds heard the story,
Proclaimed by angels bright,
How Christ, the Lord of Glory,
Was born on earth this night.
To Bethlehem they sped
And in the manger found him,
As angel heralds said.*

*This Flower whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God;
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load.*

*O Saviour, Child of Mary,
Who felt our human woe;
O Saviour, King of Glory,
Who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray,
To the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day. Amen!*

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

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Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Your law.

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 90:1-12

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 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.

For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!

✠ HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 203

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain: *Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. **Refrain***

*Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth. **Refrain** Amen!*

✠ BENEDICTION

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✠ 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



Morning Sermon Notes

Psalm 90:7-12

“Our Hope in Christ”

A. THE REALITY OF GOD’S ANGER

B. THE REASON FOR GOD’S ANGER

C. THE GRACE OF BEING RELEASED FROM GOD’S ANGER

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