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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 27th

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.

Women's Bible Study Options in 2021:

- Morning group will **restart January 13th**. They will be studying *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*, by Nancy Guthrie every Wednesday from 10:30 am-noon at Mary McLellan's. Contact Karyl Doyle for details.
- Evening group will **restart January 6th** to continue their study of *The Son of David: Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*, by Nancy Guthrie every Wednesday at 7:30 pm via Zoom - links for joining are shared on CCPLife/Facebook each week.

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.

Deacon On Call

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

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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

NEW

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

The Order of Public Worship

December 27, 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

Elder David
Walters, Jr.

GREETING

WE COME IN FAITH TO WORSHIP ONE GOD:
FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

The Nicene Creed -
381 A.D.

✠ CONFESSION OF FAITH

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and of all things visible and invisible.*

✠ Congregation
Standing

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds:
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made:*

*Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.*

*He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

(continued....)

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.*

*And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

✠ **HYMN**

O Come, All Ye Faithful 208

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

*God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God, Begotten, not created; **Refrain***

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest; **Refrain***

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing; **Refrain** Amen!*

✠ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**COME, O CHRIST,
TO RULE AND SHEPHERD YOUR PEOPLE**

GOD'S PROMISE OF GRACE

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod

Matthew 2.1-11
ESV
(continued...)

the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ "' And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

NOTE: Italicized words in readings are read by the congregation

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, You sent a star to guide the wise men to the child Jesus.

*We confess that we have not always followed the light of Your Word.
We have not searched diligently for signs
of Your presence in this world.*

*We have not rejoiced with great joy when we have found Him.
We have expected little from You and hoped for even less.*

*Forgive us our doubt
and renew in us every good desire,
that we may truly embrace Your gift of Christ;
that we may worship Him with our gifts and treasures.*

*Forgive us our sin
and help us now to put our full confidence
in the Ruler and Shepherd of Your covenant people,
even Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ABSOLUTION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Elder David
Walters, Jr.
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OUR TREASURES WE BRING TO CHRIST OUR HEAVENLY KING

COLLECTION

✠ OFFERTORY HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old 226

*As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.*

*As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly cradle bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.*

*As they offered gifts most rare
At that cradle rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.*

*Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.*

*In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King. 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

(continued...)

O GOD, BE OUR HELP AND HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME

SERMON TEXT

Psalm 90:13-17

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.

(continued...)

- 13 Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!
- 14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- 15 Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
- 16 Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- 17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

SERMON

“Our Hope in the Year to Come”

Pastor John Olson

✠ **HYMN**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past 30

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
Are carried downward by thy flood, and lost in following years.*

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.*

*Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.*

✠ **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 90:13-17

“Our Hope in the Year to Come”

Our need for wisdom [12]

Our prayer...

Praise [1-2]

Humility [3-6]

Confession [7-12]

Petition [13-17]

What we all need for this next year of life:

A. MERCY [13]

B. JOY [14-15]

C. PURPOSE [16-17]

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