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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 6<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto: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 10:00am, 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 10:00am, weather permitting. If weather is inclement, they will meet in the Worship Training Room.

## **Women's Bible Study Options:**

- Morning group is studying *The Wisdom of God: Seeing Jesus in the Psalms and Wisdom Books*, by Nancy Guthrie every Wednesday from 10:30am-noon at Mary McLellan's. Contact Karyl Doyle for details.
- Evening group is studying *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.

**Lowcountry Orphan Relief "Stocking Drive"** – Pick up a “stocking” and instructions in the narthex today and support the LOR collection of clothing and necessities for the children they serve throughout the year. Unwrapped items must be returned before December 10th.

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

**NEXT SUNDAY** – We will participate in the Lord's Supper during worship. As is our custom, this is also the week that we collect a Deacon's offering and bring items for the Seacoast Food Pantry.

**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**

## **NEW**

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

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# The Order of Public Worship

December 6, 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**

Elder David  
Walters Sr.

## **GREETING**

## **AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED**

Isaiah 40:1-5

## **ADVENT PROMISE**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand double  
for all her sins.

A voice cries:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

*(continued....)*

*Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover,  
And her warfare now is over.*

*Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved his anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.*

*For the herald's voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance,  
Since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet him,  
And the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
And all flesh shall see the token,  
That his word is never broken. Amen!*

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# DO NOT BE AFRAID HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

NOTE: Italicized  
words in readings  
are read by the  
congregation

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*While we ask, Lord, for a meaningful Advent season,  
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.*

*Forgive us Lord,  
for not bending the knee,  
for not reading your Word,  
for not facing our sins,  
for not loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

*Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!  
Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year,  
we may have a fresh sense of your presence  
and a renewed resolve to live to the praise of Christ's glory.  
Amen.*

## SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

## ABSOLUTION

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GOSPEL LESSON

## COLLECTION

## ✠ OFFERTORY HYMN

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* 194

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.*

**Refrain:** *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Elder David  
Walters Sr.

The Gospel of  
Luke 1:26-38

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 come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
In ancient times didst give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain***

*O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save,  
And give them victory o'er the grave. **Refrain***

*O come, thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain***

*O come, thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. **Refrain** Amen!*

## WHAT WAS WRITTEN IN THE PAST IS FOR OUR INSTRUCTION AND TO GIVE US HOPE

### SERMON TEXT

Psalm 90:1-2

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.

### SERMON

"Our Hope in God"

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.*

*(continued...)*

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*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. Amen!*

✠ **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**



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# Morning Sermon Notes

## Psalm 90:1-2

“Our Hope In God”

A prayer of Moses

A prayer about the problem of time

A prayer about God and ourselves

A prayer for wisdom

### A. WHO IS GOD?

1. Lord
2. God
3. Maker of heaven and earth
4. Eternal

### B. WHO IS GOD FOR US?

1. Our God
2. Our help
3. Our hope
4. Our shelter
5. Our guard
6. Our eternal home

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We still need  
about \$30,000 to  
come in during  
December. Will  
you consider an  
end of the year  
donation to help  
us reach this goal?

We are asking  
100 people to  
donate a one-time  
\$100 toward this  
year end amount.

## RUF at College of Charleston Fall Review

During the months of March-July, on a weekly basis, I had been able to meet individually with the 12 students still living in Charleston, either sitting in camping chairs 7 feet apart, or going for walks. We read books, articles, and went through books of the Bible. We talked through idolatries, wounds, and struggles with habitual sin. I cast vision for making disciples, life in the church, and trained them in ministering to their peers. Based on past experience, I did not expect to see the fruit of this investment for perhaps for 5 to 10 years. However, I've experienced this kind of ministering this fall as one-on-one discipleship and people's personal walks with the Lord have flourished. In a semester where students were fearful of meeting in large groups, freshmen were isolated and had few ways of making friends, students had very little structure, many struggled with depression, and all of suffered from fatigue...God was sovereignly at work through his Word in powerful ways. Praise and thanks be to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

### Prayer Requests:

Freshmen: Although we have 17 freshmen involved in RUF, the vast majority are still primarily dependent on Madison (our female intern) and me as their primary fellowship. COVID restrictions have inhibited our social gatherings and their ability to make bonds with each other. Please pray that they will become more consistently involved in small groups, willing to initiate friendships with each other, and bonded to students across our whole group (finding a sense of "home" within RUF).

All Students: The lack of structure in their daily lives has made all of our students struggle with motivation, fall into patterns of procrastination, and consistently feel the shame of, "I'm so behind, and should be doing something productive." Across the board, this has made the student turnout at small groups and large group much more inconsistent. We'll see them one week but not the next, depending on how guilty they feel about classes.

Group meetings: Since the university has understandably prohibited groups our size from meeting indoors. they have been held outside with students seated in lawn chairs and on blankets set 6 ft. apart. Fortunately, we've only had to broadcast the meeting on Zoom one time because of the inclement weather. As we enter the colder months, please pray that God will give us wisdom to know how to best minister to our students through large group meetings. This semester it has been especially vital for students to be able to worship corporately and have somewhere to expose their friends to Christian community.

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