



## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! (Psalm 72:1-4, 18-19).

### *I. Rediscover God's Glory*

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 136:1-3, 26

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods,*

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Give thanks to the Lord of lords,*

**For his steadfast love endures forever;**

*Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

**For his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Let us sing a song of adoration and offer up praise to our Ascended King.*

### *II. Rediscover God's Grace*

Almighty Father, God of gods and Lord of lords, Father to the fatherless, Husband to the widow, Defender of the helpless, Judge of all the earth, have mercy on us. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you healed us. We have not forgiven others even though you forgave us. We withhold kindness from the needy even though you freely gave us your own Son. We are without excuse, but not without hope. By your power and grace, account our sins to Jesus' death and amend our ways by the power of his glorious resurrection.

***Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession of sins***

***The Word assures us of God's forgiveness***

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14).

### *III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word*

**OT Readings**—Isaiah 7:10-17 & 11:1-5 / **NT Reading**—Romans 8:1-11

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon: Spirit vs. Flesh, Part II: Life to Our Mortal Bodies**

### *VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence*

**Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father**

**Prayers for our children**

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, did God leave all humankind to perish in the state of sin and misery? (WSC # 20)*

*God, solely out of his love and mercy, from all eternity elected some to everlasting life, and entered into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the state of sin and misery, and to bring them into a state of salvation by a Redeemer.*

**Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper**

### *V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy*

***Prayer and the Words of Benediction***

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope (Romans 15:5-13).

**And all God's people say: **Amen!****

**OT Reading—Isaiah 7:10-17:** Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

### **Isaiah 11:1-5**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.  
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

**NT Reading—Romans 8:1-11:** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: Thanks be to God**

### **Announcements**

- ➔ **Dec 15<sup>th</sup>**— Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)—*Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper: Portraits of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke*
- ➔ **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** — **Zoom** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer at 158 @ 7:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.
- ➔ **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** — Children's Read Out-loud at Maxine's continues on Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street) Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20. Don't let the cold stop you from coming; it doesn't stop us from serving!
- ➔ **Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** — Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).
- ➔ **Christmas Eve**—1pm-2pm Outdoor Christmas Tree for the kids @ 14 Stevens Street at Maxine's
- ➔ **Christmas Eve**—Bon Fire Reading of the Luke 2 Christmas Story at 122 Carlisle Street @ 8:00pm at the Anderson's (behind the apartment/in driveway).