WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD DECEMBER 31, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

PreludeAs we quiet our hearts for worship, please silence all phones and electronic devices.

Announcements and Welcome

Travis Brown
Pastor to Youth

The Song of AscentGod's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation 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; Ve-ry God, begotten not created.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above: Glory to God, in the highest

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Ephesians 2:1, 4-5

"And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved."

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God.

Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

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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 Savior 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.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Please pass and sign the registration pad in the hymnal rack.

The Gift of Music I'd Rather Have Jesus Maxine Cummins

The Doxology and Prayer

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.

Hymn of Testimony Fairest Lord Jesus

(Children ages 3 thru 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church)
Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
Son of God and Son of Man,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's WordRomans 5:1-11
Pew Bible, p. 942 **All:** The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "The Gospel: The Message Of Grace" Dr. Paul Kooistra

OUR RESPONSE
Prayer of Application

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be, In working or in waiting, another year with Thee; Another year of progress, another year of praise, Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace; Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast; Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love; Another year of training for holier work above. Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be, on earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC December 31

Lock-up Jason Cunningham and Steve Wentz

Ushers Steve Blair, Don Painter, Steve Carlson, Al Roth,

Tom Day, Henry Monroe, Rob Mundy

Greeters sign up at cmpca.org/greeters

Infants/Toddlers Merry Blair and Rainn Trotter

Children's Church Will and Rachel McVey

Junior Assistants

<u>11am</u>

Ushers Chris Carmosino, Noah Carmosino, Ken Robbins,

Vic Newquist, Mark Pignolet, Matt Hall

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Infants/Toddlers Kathy Kilgore and Connie Parks

Children's Church Noah Carmosino

Junior Assistants Caroline and Natalie Hammond

6:30pm

Nursery

Today This Week at CMPC

8:30am, 11am Worship Services

10am Sunday School

6:30pm No Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday

No WNA on January 3



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