



CHESTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Chester, Virginia

11:00A.M.

December 3, 2017

WE GATHER

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and PEACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* D. Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: I am coming soon.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Heaven and earth will pass away,
But the word of God continues forever.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN 102** *Savior of the Nations, Come* NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

ADVENT CANDLE *Hope*

ANTHEM OF LIGHT 90 *Wait for the Lord*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord, be strong; take heart!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Like a faded, dry leaf that the wind blows away, our sins dry us up.
Faded and brittle, we are carried off by the wrongs we have done.
Yet God loves us still and is able to restore and renew us with the water of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord...(Silent, personal confession)

KYRIE 575

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The grace of God, given to us in Christ Jesus, strengthens us to the end so that we may be blameless when Christ comes again.
Thanks be to God, who is faithful and has called us into the fellowship of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord!

*RESPONSE 581

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.

WE NURTURE

BLESSING CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING Isaiah 64:1-9

LESSON Mark 13:24-37

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION *Advent*

WE GIVE THANKS

OFFERING *Thou Shalt Know Him* Mark Sirett

***DOXOLOGY 606** OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, we thank you that Christ is being revealed in every time and place until he comes again in the fullness of glory.
Strengthen our testimony and spiritual gifts; increase generosity in us, we pray, as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us open our hearts.
We open them to God.
Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.
It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

...to come again from heaven.

SANCTUS 562

DEUTSCHE MESSE

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...in the great mystery of our faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION 563

DEUTSCHE MESSE

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...who taught us to pray saying:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

WE REACH OUT

***HYMN 97** *Watchman, Tell us of the Night* ABERYSTWYTH

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach

The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service

*All who are able may stand.
Bold Type indicates a congregational response.

Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Mark 13:24-37

24 “But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and
glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that he^a is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly
I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken
place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when
the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Welcome. We're glad you joined us for worship today. We are an engaged community of faith called to deliver God's word, grow in faith and serve all people. We worship on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the fellowship hall and at 11:00 in the main sanctuary. We pray that you experience Christ's presence in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. For families who prefer, child care is available for birth through age 5 in rooms 119 & 120. Worship bags are available from the ushers for children attending the service. During the service, parents with young children are welcome, if they prefer, to adjourn to the downstairs conference room and continue listening to the service.

If you are a visitor we hope you will make Chester Presbyterian Church your church home. Please pick up a copy of *Connections@CPC*, our church newsletter in the narthex. It is full of activities and program schedules to assist you in finding areas of interest in our ministries. Our pastor, staff and officers would be delighted to answer any questions you may have about our many programs and activities, and to discuss membership with you at your earliest convenience.

Serving Today

Liturgist	Gordon Campbell
Sanctuary Guild	Trey Taylor
Ushers	Richard and Susan Nunnally; Bob Lynn; Marifred Stalker
Greeters	Bill and Diana Martyn; Don Davidson; Nancy Gefvert
Communion Servers	Freddy Boisseau; Liz Fletcher; Wendy Wellener Rusty Hopkins; Nancy Gefvert; AZ Ndingwan
Advent Wreath	Robert Brown, Sr.

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**God's Call to Chester Presbyterian Church is:
*Deliver God's Word, Grow in Faith, Serve All People.***



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This Week at CPC

Sunday, December 3

First Sunday of Advent

8:45A.M. AWE – FH
9:30A.M. Joyful Noise – Rm 213
9:45A.M. All Ages SS – Advent – FH
11:00A.M. Worship – Sanctuary
12:00P.M. First Sunday Fellowship /
Hanging of Greens – FH, Campus
6:00P.M. Youth Group – FH

Monday, December 4

6:30P.M. Stewardship Committee – P Gallery
7:00P.M. Property Committee – 2nd Fl CR
Mission Committee – Rm 214
Boy / Cub Scouts – Rudy Ctr

Tuesday, December 5

10:30A.M. CPC Staff – 1st Fl CR
3:00P.M. After-School Tutoring – FH
5:30P.M. Grace Café – FH
7:00P.M. Worship Committee – 1st Fl CR

Wednesday, December 6

7:00A.M. Wednesday Men's Breakfast – FH
10:00A.M. Pastor's Bible Study – 1st Fl CR
4:00P.M. Happy Quilters Party
6:00P.M. Basketball Draft – FH
6:30P.M. Diaconate – 1st Fl CR

Thursday, December 7

7:00P.M. AA Living Life – Rudy Ctr
3:00P.M. After-School Tutoring – FH
6:30P.M. AWE Singers – Robing Rm
TDHS Football Dinner – FH
7:00P.M. GS Troop 26 – 2nd Fl CR

Friday, December 8

7:30P.M. Chancel Choir – Rm 213
8:00P.M. AA Big Book Study – Rudy Ctr

Saturday, December 9

11:00A.M. AA Common Journey – Rudy Ctr

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jude Osborne and family on the death of her brother, Ken Zehnder, November 28, 2017.

Please Remember In Your Prayers: Helen Hines; Susan Hendler; Evelyn Peebles; Cheryl Beam; Larry Turner, Sr.; Nancy Muller family; Marlene Grentzer; Ani Martin; Elizabeth Jones; Kelly Cahill, Brad Peebles; Janice Kraft; Cynthia and Todd Woerner's daughter, Rebecca Hodell; Jude Osborne's sister-in-law, Terrie Zehnder; Nancy Gefvert's sister-in-law, Debbie Vincent; Mark LaFratta's granddaughter, Eleanor Brooks; Joe Gee's friends, Ed and Rose Bradley; Sarah Smith's friend's father, Robert Davenport; Frank Brownlee's stepson-in-law, Gordon Hailey; Lee Farman's cousin, Ronnie Blair, and her best friend's husband Chris Sprole; Cliff Noe's uncle, Phil Clark; Beverly and Charles Crute and their daughter, Cathy Toney; Deborah Regal's sister, Cherrill Regal; Wanda Gentry's daughter, Mary Gentry; Bob and Marnie Brown's son-in-law, Guy Champ; shut-ins; those in assisted living facilities, especially Larry Grina; Nancy Porterfield; Walter Beam; and our military, especially members and friends of our congregation serving overseas.

It is with sincere gratitude that I thank the members who have returned their pledge cards. One hundred thirteen pledges for \$387,790 have been received. Some individuals have already begun to pay their 2018 commitment. Please ensure if you are transferring monies from an account or financial institution that your name be included with the check. We are unable to credit your statement or properly thank you if we are unaware of the giver.

-Sandra Walker, Financial Secretary

