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CHRIST  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

## WELCOME

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. No matter what your previous experience with church may be, it is our hope that today's service will be a fresh encounter with God's love and power for your life. This folder will guide you as we worship together.

**Welcome to Christ Community Church!**  
**If you are visiting with us today,**  
**please stop by the welcome desk in the foyer.**

## VISION

**Why do we exist?**  
**To join Christ in his renewal of all things.**

## MISSION

**How is our mission realized?**  
**Love God, Love People, Love Gainesville.**

### **Luke 10:27**

*27 And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

### **John 13:34-35**

*34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

### **Children**

Children are welcome in the service today.  
The nursery is un-staffed but open if you have need for it.

### **College & Adults**

If you are looking for ways to get connected,  
contact *Chris Musgrove* at [cmusgrove@christcommunitychurch.com](mailto:cmusgrove@christcommunitychurch.com).

### **Youth**

If you have middle school or high school kids that want to get connected, contact *Jason Peters* at [jpeters@christcommunitychurch.com](mailto:jpeters@christcommunitychurch.com).

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

*All music by permission CCLI #2054302) \*Please silence your cell phones at this time.  
CCC-Guest WiFi Password: Matthew7:7*

## **Christmastide**

*At Christmas, we remember and celebrate the nativity of Christ and the mystery of the incarnation. Whereas during Advent we anticipate the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah, at Christmas we identify with the angels who proclaimed, "Glory to God in the highest"; with the shepherds, who were afraid but nevertheless offered worship; and with Mary, who pondered the meaning of these events in her heart (Luke 2:13-20). The Christmas season extends from December 25 through January 5.*

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** He came as a baby in a manger.

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** He came in a lowly stable.

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** Shepherds brought their worship.

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** Angels sang his praise.

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** Magi brought their gifts.

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him.**

**Leader:** What shall we do?

**UNISON: O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **O Come All Ye Faithful**

*Words & Music: John F. Wade, 1743; translated by Frederick Oakeley, 1841.*

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!*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:  
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest!"

*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain:*

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

**Confession:**

**Leader:** O God, in the beginning you spoke,  
and creation was born, the object of your loving care.  
In the fullness of time you spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.

**UNISON: Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.**

**This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again.  
We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1739. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840;  
Arr. William H. Cummings, 1855.*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the new born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Refrain:*

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

*Refrain*

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
Born that men no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
*Refrain*

**Greeting One Another**

*Please take a couple minutes to stand and greet those around you.*

**Tithes & Offerings:**

*The offering is a time to not only give of your possessions but also to give yourself to God.  
Use this time to reflect, meditate and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

**Visit [cccgainesville.com/give](http://cccgainesville.com/give) (Year-end gifts to be received by December 31)**

**Doxology**

*Thomas Ken, 1674.*

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.

**Christmas Day, 2022 A.D.**

*Mark Searby*

**Luke 2:1-16**

**Leader:** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**UNISON:** And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."  
And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph,  
and the baby lying in a manger.

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**UNISON:** Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is come, and he will come again! We wait in hope for the advent of our Lord.

**UNISON:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

## **Joy to the World**

*Words: Isaac Watts, 1719. Music: Lowell Mason, 1836.*

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 earth! 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 sin and sorrow 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.

**Benediction**

**Dismissed with God's Blessing**

**~Join us for One Service at 11am on January 1st~**





# SERVICE

*time change!*

JOIN CCC FOR WORSHIP  
AT 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
JANUARY 8, 2023

Our Sunday worship services will be held at 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, January 8.

## Welcome NEW MEMBERS

**Sunday, January 8**

Please join CCC in welcoming our new members as they take their vows! Light refreshments will be served between services.



### ~Year End Giving~

As a reminder, IRS regulations require year-end gifts to be received or postmarked by December 31.

For ways to give, please check-out our website at [www.cccgainesville.com/give](http://www.cccgainesville.com/give)

Annual Giving Statements for **2022** will be mailed in January.

If your mailing address and/or other contact information has changed, please notify us at [office@christcommunitychurch.com](mailto:office@christcommunitychurch.com) to ensure receipt of your contribution statement.

Thank you for your generosity!



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Please drop this card in the offering basket as it comes by you. We would love to help you get connected at Christ Community!

### Tell us about yourself!

*Check the box that applies to you*

- Local Guest
- Member/Regular Attendee
- Out of Town Guest

### How can you get connected?

*I would like more information about...*

- Children's Ministries
- Community Groups
- Joining the Church
- Church Events
- Youth
- College
- Men's/Women's Ministry
- Local Missions/Service
- Music and Tech

Please provide us with your information so we may contact you with further details.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I want to receive weekly emails.

