

## Hanging of the Chrismons

*The word Chrismon is a combination of the words "Christ" and "monogram" and means "symbols of Christ." Chrismons are gold and white, symbolizing majesty and purity. Everyone is invited to come forward and hang Chrismon ornaments on the tree. The congregation will sing.*

**Hymn** *O Christmas Tree (Insert)*

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts**

**2x**

**The whole world is full of God's glory**

**3x**

**Holy is the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion of the People**

**Prayer After Communion**

## Going Into the World

**Scripture reading** John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

## Blessing and Lighting of the Tree

*Christ is the light of the world. We light the Christmas tree to remember the light that shines in the darkness.*

Let us pray: **Loving God, we come with joy to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, whose path of justice and inclusivity lights a path for all who follow him. May this tree, arrayed in splendor, remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ, that we may always rejoice in the new life that shines in our hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The tree is lit and the wreath is raised.  
The congregation will sing.*

**+Hymn** *Come Thou Long Expected  
Jesus #2*

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**



ADVENT 1: HANGING  
OF THE GREENS



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
December 1, 2019 +Stand as you are able  
Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold  
type

## Preparing Ourselves

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Hanging the Paraments

*Purple is the color of royalty. We use purple paraments during advent as we look ahead to the coming realm of God. As the paraments are hung, the congregation will sing.*

**+Hymn** *Prepare the Way O Zion!* #13

### Advent Wreath

*The Advent Wreath and candles are carried in and placed on the table. The for colored candles are for the four weeks of waiting; the white candle in the center is the Christ candle, which will remain unlit until Christmas Eve.*

### +Advent Candle Lighting

L: How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**P: With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

L: How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**P: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

L: How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**L: With wreaths of holly and ivy,**

telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

L: How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**P: By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God. (One Candle is lit.)**

L: For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God. We are reminded anew of God's vision of wholeness, justice, and peace for all of creation.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**-[Processandfaith.org/Liturgies](http://Processandfaith.org/Liturgies)**

**+Hymn** *The Holly and the Ivy* (Insert)

### Words About the Service Anthem

## Hearing the Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. In your words show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over

their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

### The Manger is Filled

*The manger, until now empty, is filled with Mary, Joseph, shepherds and animals.*

*The Wise Men are placed away from the manger, because they arrived later. As the figures are brought forward, the congregation will sing.*

**Hymn** *Star Child* STF2092

## Responding to the Word

### Affirmation of Faith

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel...

**Offering** Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
(refrain only) #41

### Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.