



# Christ Presbyterian Church

*knowing Christ and making Him known*

December 8, 2024

**Worship Theme:** Surrendering to the Magnificence

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

**Lighting of the Advent Candle – Bethlehem Candle (Love)**

Alexander Family

**Invocation**

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH  
HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, always with us, always coming. We confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your Kingdom; we have become entangled and distracted by the busyness of this season. Our hearts are far from You. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the Good News of a Child born for us. Father, quiet our hearts, give us peace, make us ready for Christ and His coming. Amen.

### Assurance of God's Pardoning Grace

Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in steadfast love.

*Collection of Deacon's Fund Offering*  
HOLY FOREVER

**Ministry Highlight** – Mindy Deckard

*Release Children, ages 3-5, for Kids Connect*  
**Prayers of the People**

**HARK: Heralds of the Messiah's Message**  
Luke 1:26-38 | David Young, Assistant Pastor

O HOLY NIGHT  
**Benediction**

*Tithes & Offerings collected in Offering Box - Sanctuary Entrance to Foyer*

### CONNECTION CARD

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

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

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

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

I heard about Christ Presbyterian Church through: \_\_\_\_\_

### How may we serve you?

- Please add me to the Weekly Church Email List
- I would like a Pastor to call me


### Announcements

**Youth Group** meets at CCS with the Fowlers tonight from 6 – 7:30 PM.  
**Deacons' Fund Offering** will be collected for the Mercy Ministries of the Church this morning during the Worship Service.  
**Jail Ministry Orientation** will be at 6 PM on Tuesday, December 10. *Contact Deputy Alexander Linville: alinville@co.wayne.in.us | 765.973.9397.*  
**Ladies' Christmas Swap** will be at 6 PM on Thursday, December 12, at the home of Nicole Stults. Please bring: Favorite Things Gift (\$10 Limit) and Savory (A – L Last Name) or Sweet (M – Z). **RSVP to Church Office** by 12 PM (Noon) on Tuesday, December 10: [office@cpcrichmond.org](mailto:office@cpcrichmond.org) | 765.966.4017.

**Youth Group Christmas Party** will be with the Richmonds on Sunday, December 15, from 4 – 5:30 PM at Community Christian School (CCS).  
**Christmas Family Celebration Program** – On Sunday, December 15, refreshments with a Charcuterie Box will begin at 6 PM. Program begins at 6:45 PM. **RSVP to Church Office** by today: [office@cpcrichmond.org](mailto:office@cpcrichmond.org).  
**Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service** will be on Tuesday evening, December 24, at 6 PM. *There will be no childcare available.*  
**Global Mercy Ministries Offering** will be collected on Sunday, December 29 (5th Sunday of the month) to be used to support Missions.  
**Year-End Giving** – If you would like to receive tax credit for a year-end gift, please be sure to have your donation postmarked by Tuesday, December 31, 2024. *You may also drop off your contribution to the Church Office during business hours before that date.*

**Adult Sunday School** begins on January 5 at 9:15 AM in the Library. Come learn: of God – Who He is, the Trinity and His decrees, creation and providence; of man – creation of, purpose, destiny, and fall; of Jesus – the Son of God, becoming man and Savior. **RSVP to Church Office** (for booklets).

### Clear Counseling is a Ministry of Christ Presbyterian Church:

 If you are in need of counseling or are referring someone, for more information, please reach out to Rev. David Young (LMHCA, MMCHC, MDiv) by phone (765.966.4017) or email ([clearcounseling.david@gmail.com](mailto:clearcounseling.david@gmail.com)). Website: Hover over the QR Code (upper left) or Visit: [cpcrichmond.org/clear-counseling/](http://cpcrichmond.org/clear-counseling/) If you would like to **Support or Give a Gift to Clear Counseling Ministry**, please use the QR Code (left).

### 2024 FINANCIAL STATISTICS: Jan. – Dec. 1, 2024 YTD

**Budgeted Giving:** \$549,924.27      **Actual Giving:** \$527,903.80



For more announcements and event information, please visit: [cpcrichmond.org/events-news/](http://cpcrichmond.org/events-news/) or use the QR Code

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### A Note to our Visitors

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We are so glad you chose to worship with us! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Church Office. To learn more about CPC, please fill out this Connection Card, tear it off and drop it in the **Offering Box** or return it to the **Visitors Center** in the Foyer.

**Prayer Request:** \_\_\_\_\_

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- Please include in Weekly Prayer List (shared with congregation)