

The Lord's Service

THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 25, 2022



Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

2 TIMOTHY 1

God has saved us and called us to a holy life— not because of anything we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior,
who has destroyed death

and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Let us worship God. **Amen.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

How lovely it is to confess that the grace of God has appeared. It has brought salvation for all God's people. May we this day and through all of our years be trained by this grace to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the midst of this present evil age. Sustain us, oh Lord as we wait for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess that we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.**

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**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI

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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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,
help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

LEVITICUS 11:44-45

NEW TESTAMENT READING

TITUS 2:11-15

☒ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 26:47-50

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

“A Future Built on the Past”

⌘ 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; he descended into hell. 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.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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⌘ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⌘ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

⌘ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Hark the Harold Angels Sing

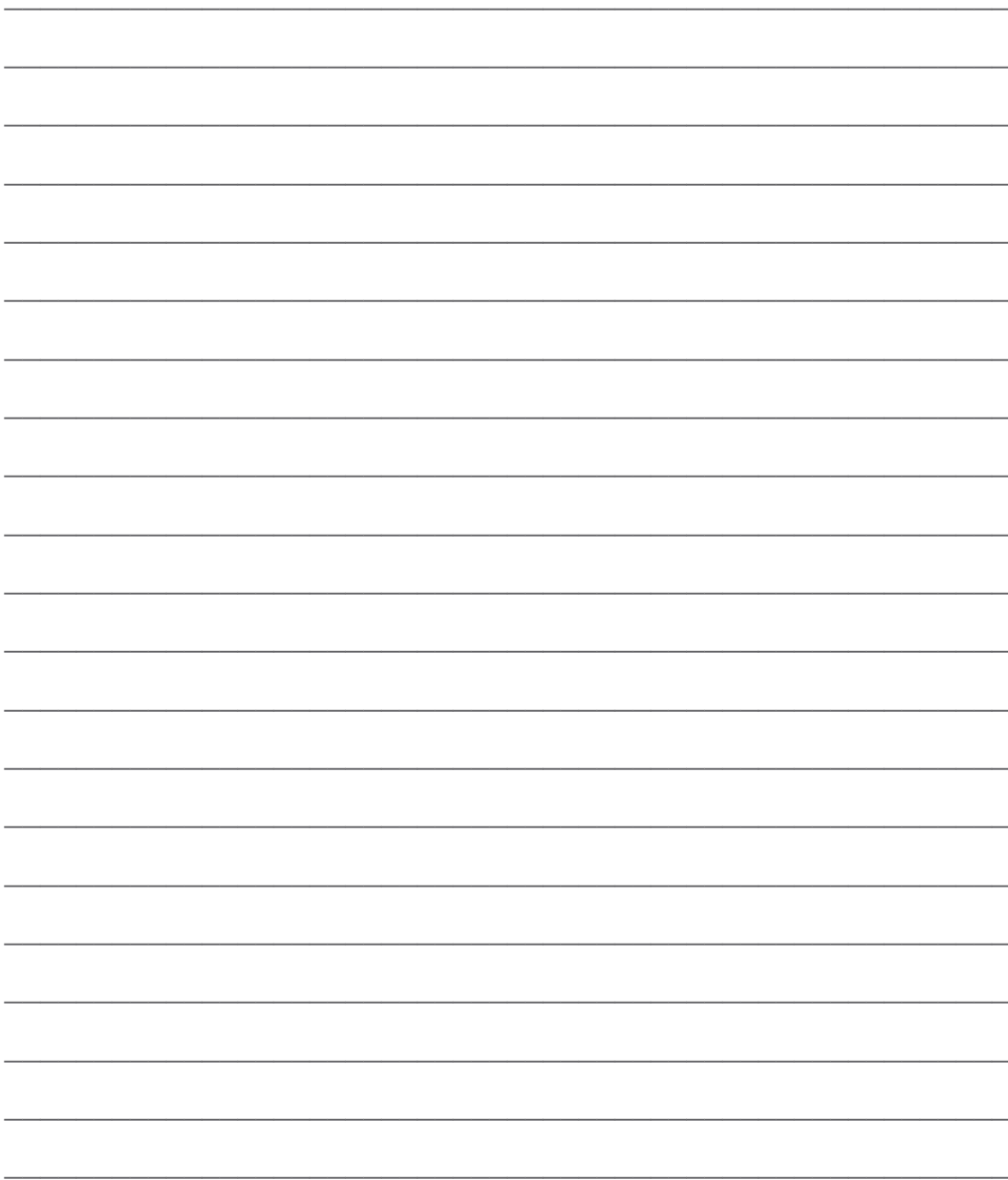
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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ NUNC DIMITTIS

*Lord, bid your servant go in peace;
your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
this child so long foretold.*

*This is the Savior of the world,
the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
the joy of Israel.*





Christ's Church *of the Hudson Valley*

CCHV is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We welcome you to Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley.

MINISTER

Mr. Justin Chiarot

SERVICE TIMES

Worship: 11:00AM

Sunday School: 12:30PM

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COVER

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. Post Tenebras Lux is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning After Darkness, Light. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.