



**Christ the Saviour
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Krakow**

WORSHIP ORDER

December 10th, 2023
2nd Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the Christ the Saviour Evangelical Presbyterian Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Poland, in Krakow. As you enter the sanctuary, please feel free to greet one another.

Please make sure to take a simultaneous translation device in the lobby. If you have any issues with the device during the service, please feel free to come up to the station where you received it. We kindly advise you to bring your own wire headphones to church.

PRELUDE

All stand.

HYMN – O come, o come Emmanuel

1. O come, o come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel,
shall come to Thee, o Israel.**

2. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud, and majesty and awe

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things, far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go

THE GREETING

Celebrant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION

Call to confession of sins

Celebrant: Humbling ourselves before God's majesty, let us profess to Him and to our brethren our sins.

Examination of conscience in silence

All: Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your

name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Celebrant: To all those who have sincerely repented Scripture says: *Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.*

– Isaiah 1:18; ESV

GLORIA

♩ = 120

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RESPONSIVE PSALM – Candle Lightening (Isaiah 61:1-3)

Celebrant: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me;

he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, []*

to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, []*

All: We light these candles as a sign of our waiting and hope for the coming Christ.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Book of Psalms (27:1-14; ESV).

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ² When evildoers assail me

to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. ⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord. ⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek." ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in. ¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence. ¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! ¹⁴ Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Lector: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew (4:12-17; ESV).

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Lector: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – Rev. Joel Spence

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Celebrant: Together with the Church in the West, let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All stand.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,* the Creator of heaven and earth,* and in Jesus Christ,* His only Son, our Lord,* who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,* born of the Virgin Mary,* suffered under Pontius Pilate,* was crucified, died, and was buried.* He descended into hell.* The third day He arose again from the dead.* He ascended into heaven* and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,* from whence He shall 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 life everlasting.* Amen.

PIEŚŃ — Ześlij nam Ojcie (in Polish)

1. Ześlij nam, Ojcie, Zbawcę z niebiosów,
usłysz łaskawie dzieci Twych głosy.

Chcemy być z Tobą o Panie,
kiedy nastąpi zmartwychwstanie.

Wzywa Ciebie świat stworzony,
który pragnie być zbawiony

2. Udziel mądrości, światło wieczyste,
Rozpędź ciemności, daj serce czyste.

Chcemy być z Tobą, o Panie,
Kiedy nastąpi zmartwychwstanie.

Radość wielką moc Twa sprawi,
Gdy przychodzi, by nas zbawić.

All sit.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

Celebrant: May the candidates wishing to join our congregation come forward.

Candidates come forward. Celebrant turns to the candidates and asks:

Celebrant: Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except in His sovereign mercy? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and

Saviour of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavour to live as becomes the followers of Christ? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Celebrant: Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace? If this is so, answer: *Yes, I do.*

Candidate: Yes, I do.

PRAYER

The celebrant says the prayer aloud to which the congregation responds: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All: Our Father in heaven,* hallowed be your name,* your kingdom come,*
your will be done,* on earth as in heaven.* Give us today our daily bread.*
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.* Lead us not
into temptation* but deliver us from evil.* For the kingdom, the power,*
and the glory are yours* now and for ever.* Amen.

All stand.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Institution

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, *This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, *This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.* For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer before Communion

Celebrant: Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Cor. 11:27-28)

All: For as often as we eat the bread* and drink the cup,* we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11:26)

Celebrant: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled (Matthew 5:6).

All: Lord, I am not worthy of coming at your table, but say the word, and my soul shall be healed. (Luke 7:7).

Celebrant: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Giving of Communion

The white wine on the tray is alcohol free.

Please mind that only baptised members of a Christian Church are allowed to participate in communion.

CLOSING AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray...

*The congregation while sitting prays in silence. After a moment of prayer, the celebrant stands and prays, to which the church responds: **Amen.***

All stand. During the closing song an offering will be collected. If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obliged to participate in this part of the worship.

HYMN – Saviour of the Nations Come

1. Saviour of the nations come,
Virgin's Son make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned.
3. From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell--
High the song of triumph swell!
4. Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.
5. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally.

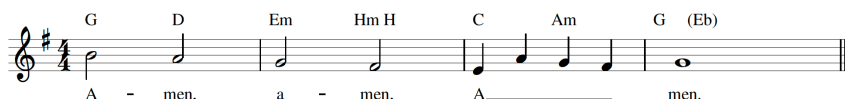
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Benediction

Celebrant: *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace* (Numbers 6:24-26).

All:



Celebrant: Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY

Glory in the highest heaven
To the Father and the Son
And the Spirit he has given
Hallowed be the three in one

POSTLUDE



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Offerings received last week: 250 zł.

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Weekly Event Program

11-17.12.2023

12.12

MEN'S GROUP

Tue, 18:00

Smolki,8

16.12

VIBE. MEETING FOR TEENAGERS

Sat, 14:00

Krasickiego 14

18:00

BIBLE STUDY

Krasickiego 14

In Ukrainian

17.12

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sun, 17:00

Wadowicka, 8G

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IN KRAKOW

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
Matthew 4:17

