

Welcome to



December 24, 2023 9:00 AM Traditional Service

We are blessed to have you worship with us today!

Please Join Us!

8:00am Traditional Service

9:30am Contemporary Service

9:20am Sunday School

Room 1: 3 Yrs. - 5th Grade.

11:00am Confirmation Class

Flex Rm. (6th – 12th grade)

Pastor: Mark Chase

Deacon: John Angove

Music Director: Danielle Przewlocki

“Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Savior!”

If you have any questions, feel free to ask an usher, Pastor Chase, or Deacon John

VISION, MISSION, & CORE VALUES

Our **Vision** is to build a refuge where God's love, mercy, and grace is experienced.

Our **Mission** is for all generations to know God's Word, seek the lost, and nurture this body of Christ.

Our **Core Values** are Biblical Truth, Worship & the Power of Prayer, Authentic Relationships, Generational Discipleship, and Stewards of Noble Character. Please visit our website for more information about our core values.

Welcome

If you would like to connect with us, or simply want to know more about us and our beliefs, then please fill out a **Yellow Connection Card** (located in the chair pouch in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. If you also have something you would like us to pray for today, then please turn the Connection Card over, write a brief prayer request, and instead of putting it in the offering plate, pass it to the inside aisle during the offering for the ushers to collect.

FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENTS

Please join us in the fellowship area for refreshments between the 8:00 am service and 9:30 service. Our fellowship area is located through the double doors in the back of the Sanctuary.

The Chase Life Group

The Chase Life Group is for families with children. We meet in each other's homes, eat together, study God's Word together, and have a good time! This is where Godly, authentic, lifelong relationships begin to form! For more information, contact *Karla @ mrskarlachase@gmail.com*

Meets: First Friday of the month, January 5th

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00pm or so

Location: Varies

Childcare Provided: Sort of. All children are welcome and together we will keep an eye on them!

Food Pantry




Food Pantry Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 9-11 AM

Available to residents of San
Tan Valley, Florence & Coolidge.

Picture ID and proof of
residency and zip code required.

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Food Pantry in Need of Help!

Winter Hours: 9:00am-11:00am

The food pantry is looking for donations of peanut butter, soup, and tomato sauce.
 Please help if you can. Any other questions, please email the Food Pantry:
foodpantry@christthevictor.net

Here are the food pantry numbers for:

November 2023:

309 households
 1306 individuals

November 2022 for comparison:

291 households
 1178 individuals

The food Pantry is tracking new client numbers. In November 2023, they served 30 new clients!!

Attendance & Giving Report

November Attendance:

Up 2% from last year
 YTD: Up 9%

November Giving:

Down 55% from last year
 YTD: Up 10%

Birthday's & Anniversaries **-This Week**

Anniversaries:

12/29 Massey, Frank & Joyce
 12/30 Horsman, Dana & Priscilla

Birthdays:

☐ ☐ **BEFORE OUR SERVICE BEGINS:** ☐ ☐

For the sanctity of our worship and the benefit of those around you,

PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

Please time entrances and exits during congregational singing to minimize distraction to our worshipping community. Merry Christmas!

✝ THE ORDER OF WORSHIP ✝

9:00A.M.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WORDS OF WELCOME

(DANIELLE TO START PLAYING “HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING IN THE BACKGROUND)

OPENING PRAYER

(Please Rise for Worship)

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing LBW#60

Hark! the herald angels sing, “glory to the newborn king; peace on earth, and mercy mild, god and sinners reconciled.” Joyful, all you 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 new born king!”

christ, by highest heav’n adored, christ, the everlasting lord, late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb. veiled in flesh the godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our emmanuel!

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born king!”

(Danielle to continue playing through the Invocation.)

Pastor: Come, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (□) and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Instrumental Interlude

THE LIGHTING OF THE WREATH
(just the four candles, not the christ candle)

Vocalist: Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glory by, Born that we no more may die, Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth.

All: *Refrain*

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king!"

THE CALL OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Fear not, for I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which God intends for all to hear!

Deacon: For to you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Women: This shall be a sign: you will find the Christ-child wrapped in swaddling cloth and lying in a manger.

Pastor: For to you is born a Savior Who accepts you just as you are!

Deacon: And to you is born the final sacrifice for all your sins!

Men: For to you is born the Lord of life Who seeks a place in each of your hearts, that you may cradle His presence and cherish His gifts.

ALL: **And we bring you good tidings of great joy which God intends for your ears tonight!**

Pastor: For to you is born the Son of God!

Deacon: And to you is born the Son of Man!

Women: To us is born the Savior, which is Christ the Lord!

Men: Come, lift up your heads and see what has come about; this thing of which angels sing and shepherds shout!

Pastor: Come, and view our Lord wrapped in the humble forms of bread and wine. Once more our Savior enters our darkness with His glory and light.

Deacon: Come and worship Him on bended knee.

Pastor: Adore Him as your Lord and Savior.

All: Amen!

(Please Be Seated)

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"What Child is This?" LBW#40

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping? this, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent word is pleading. nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

Instrumental Interlude

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to won him. the king of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him. raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings here lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the Baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this Child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

This is the Gospel of our Lord: the good news of Jesus and His birth!

ALL: ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH!

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**COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE HIM WHOSE BIRTH THE ANGELS SING; COME, ADORE ON
BENDED KNEE CHRIST THE LORD, THE NEWBORN KING.**

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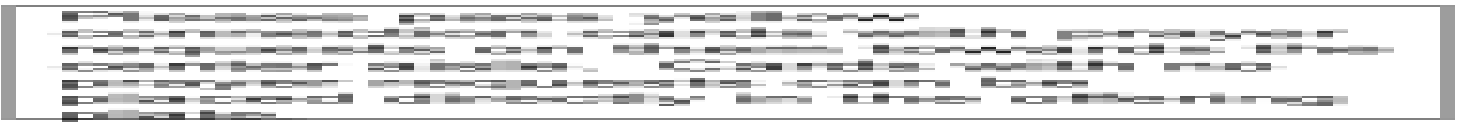
THE MEDITATION **"PMC TO PROVIDE"**

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY “Do You Hear What I Hear” by Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne



Scan the QR Code if you would like to give online!



THE OFFERTORY HYMN

“Away In a Manger” LBW#67

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

(Please Rise)

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with thee there.

☐ The Service of the Lord’s Supper ☐

Pastor: Peace to you!

All: And To You, Too!

Deacon: God loves you very much. [John 3:16-17]

All: He Loves You As Well.

Pastor: Though heaven is His throne and earth His footstool, and though, to Him, a thousand years is but a day. [2 Peter 3:8]
God has chosen to fill this insignificant place at this mundane moment with the radiance of His REAL presence.

All: Thanks Be To God!

Deacon: Let us confess our sins: our faults and our failings, that, being absolved, we may approach His holy presence with confidence.
[Psalm 32:5 & 1 John 1:8-10]

All: Though No Eye See Or Ear Detect Your Movement Among Us This day, We Know That You Are Here As We Gather Together In Your Name. Father, Almighty God, Prince Of Peace And Wonderful Counselor, Hear This Our Confession And Forgive Us Our Sins For The Sake Of Jesus Christ, Your Son And Our Lord.

A Time for Confession and Reconciliation

A Moment to silently seek God's mercy

Pastor: Be not afraid! I have good news of great joy for you! Unto you was born a child Who gave His life that you might not die. Freely He bore your sins upon a cross that you might freely be forgiven. By His name and on His behalf, I absolve you of all your sin. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son (□), and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:22-23]

**All: Amen! I Am Forgiven! You Are Forgiven!
We Are Forgiven!
[Very Loud] Glory to God in The Highest!**

Deacon: And peace to all people on earth!

(Please Be Seated)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Merry Christmas!

All: A Blessed Christmas To You, Too.

Deacon: Come and receive Him who comes to you in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine. 1 Corinthians 10:16-18

PLEASE NOTE

The middle of each individual-cup tray
is white grape juice for communicants
who do not wish to consume alcohol.

If you are a guest this evening, and will not be receiving the Sacrament,
please cross your arms (shoulder to shoulder) and receive a blessing from our Pastor or our
Deacon.

There are gluten free wafers and white grape juice available for those who would like them.

COMMUNION

Communion Statement

Words of Our Lord

Peace of the Lord

Communion & Communion Music:

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” LBW#41

“The First Noel” LBW#56

Communion Blessing

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

All: (Very Loud) Amen!

THE CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n 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!

(A Capella)

No more let sins and sorrows 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...and wonders, wonders – of – his – love!

SENDING Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God

If you would like personal prayer, either for yourself or for someone else, please join
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Deacon John after the service.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 24

9:00am Traditional Worship
3:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, December 26

9:00am-11:00am Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 27

1:00pm Mahjong
3:00pm 'Story' Study @ Church

Thursday, December 28

9:00am-11:00am Food Pantry

Friday, December 29

10:00am 'Story' Study @ Church
7:00pm-8:00pm All Church Prayer
@ Living Waters Bible Church

Saturday, December 30

Christmas Eve, December 31

8:00am Traditional Worship
9:00am Fellowship
9:30am Contemporary Worship
11:00 Confirmation

Serving in God's House

9:00am Traditional Service

Keyboard: Danielle Przewlocki
Head Usher: Terry Mays
Ushers: Tony & Mary Ann Lanunziata
Communion
Assistants: Janel Mays & TBD
Reader: Sharon Johnson
Cantor: Cathy Lee
AV: Frank Massey/Brian Maron
Altar: Denise Fruehling

3:00 & 7:00pm Candlelight Service

Keyboard: Danielle Przewlocki
Head Usher: Terry Mays
Ushers: 3:00pm Val Angove/
Janel Mays
7:00pm Bruce &
Cynthia Strom
Communion
Assistants: No Communion
Reader: 3:00pm Terry Vanderplas
7:00pm Loretta Shannon
AV: Richard & Barbara Otto
Altar: No Communion
Sunday School: No Sunday School

Communion: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Church Information

Church Email: churchoffice@christthevictor.net
Pastor Email: seniorpastor@christthevictor.net
Church Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:00am-1:30pm

RV Storage Hours:

Monday: 7:30 to 11:30
Tuesday: 7:30 to 10:00
Wednesday: 7:30 to 10:30
Thursday: 7:30 to 10:00
Friday: 7:30 to 11:30
Weekends by appointment only

Ministry Update

December 24, 2023

Proposed Cry Room Location!

As you know, we have 3 sweet, new born babies that have recently been born into our congregation and a 4th on the way. We owe it to these parents to provide a place for them to nurse their children and still be part of the service. Several options were discussed at length. Ultimately, it seems like the Southwest corner of the sanctuary is the most suitable. We will sound proof it as much as we can and put in a one way window for privacy. This is a good use of space that currently isn't being utilized to its highest potential.

Generosity Campaign - Update!

As of this past Sunday, we have already received over \$70,000 of the \$101,850 dollars pledged. God is good and you are amazing! It is our hope that all pledges will be received by February 18th, 2024. New pledges are always welcome and may be put in the offering box in the lobby. The Church Council is already moving forward on the LED sign because of your commitments! Thank you, again!

Food Pantry Director Found!

Ellen, one of our current Food Pantry volunteers, has stepped up and agreed to be our Summer Director! Please welcome her and give her all the support you gave Darlene this past Summer. The Food Pantry is an important part of Christ the Victor's overall ministries and they are doing wonderful work! Thank you, Ellen!

"THE STORY" (Chapter 8)

Please check with your small group facilitator for the date and time of your next small group meeting. This Sunday is Christmas Eve, so we won't be covering chapter 8 of The Story, however, you should have it read and have met with your small group before Sunday, December 31st.

Grief Share Meets on Fridays!

Sande Rugg is leading Grief Share Fridays, from 10:00am-11:30am. You can register online at griefshare.org/findagroup or simply show up. This is an excellent opportunity to help your friends and neighbors who are grieving a loss. If interested please contact Sandee Rugg at srugg@waltonbiz.com. Participant Guides are available for \$10 a book. Classes are from 10:00am – 11:30am.



Christmas Eve

Main Point: God is faithful and just! He fulfills His promises and He punishes sin. He makes Himself known to the nations by divinely intervening and acting on behalf of the Israelites, over and against a far superior people- the Canaanites. What the Lord has promised, He will do. And there's no if's and's or but's about it!

My Notes:

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