



Christ Our Hope

**Apprenticed to Jesus, Learning Together,
Serving Wilmington**

December 20, 2020

Church Information

Upcoming Events

- Sunday Worship **9am** at Oleander United Methodist Church (5810 Oleander Dr)
- Youth Group Sundays (6th-12th grade) **10:30-11:30am**
- Tuesday: Ladies Lunch 12-1pm (location TBD)
- Friday: Men's Bible Study 7am at Boathouse
- **12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7pm**

*If you're interested in joining a community group, email Lisa Todd at lisa@cohwillmington.org

COH Financial Snapshot for October 2020

	October 2020	Fiscal YTD
Giving: Members & Visitors	\$8,891.30	\$57,203.24
Grants and support (Ended on 6-30-20)	\$1,200.00	\$6,250.00
Total income	\$10,091.30	\$63,453.24
Total Expenses	\$13,646.98	\$63,114.20
Difference	-\$3,555.68	-\$339.04

COH's fiscal year begins in July. Detailed financial statements are available in MemberHub. Online giving is available at: coh-ilm.churchcenteronline.com

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Blessing:

Leader: Blessed be God, The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: **And Blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel**

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth, it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night

Chorus

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth nought
And with His blood mankind hath bought

Chorus

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call To Worship (said together)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

Leader: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Hark

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

Hark! The angels sing
Hark! The angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heaven adored
Christ the everlasting
Late in time behold
Him come offspring of a virgin's womb

Behold Him

He who was before there was light
Walked across the pages of time
He who made every living thing
Behold Him
He who heard humanity's cry
Left His throne to wake as a child
He became like the least of us
Behold Him

Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him

He who dined with sinners and saints
Healed the blind the lost and the lame
Even now He is in our midst
Behold Him
He who chose a criminal's end

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with made to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel

Chorus

Hail heaven-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

Chorus

Paid with blood to settle our debt
Buried death as He rose to life
Behold Him

Jesus Son of God Messiah
The Lamb the roaring Lion
Oh be still and behold Him
Jesus Alpha and Omega
Our God the risen Savior
Oh be still and behold Him

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Worthy worthy worthy
To receive all praise
(x4)

Chorus

Advent Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and as we are sorely hindered by our sins from running the race that is set before us, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading:

A reading from 1 Samuel 7:1-17

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

Leader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

At this time, children are invited to come forward and join Lisa Todd for a mini message.

Message: "Foretold"

Rev. Curt Solomon

THE NICENE CREED (stand and said together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers Of God's People

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For Foley Beach our Archbishop, and Steve Breedlove our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer

Leader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. (Either silently or aloud please offer up any requests that you may have).

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray.

Leader: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: Either seated or kneeling, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Confession Of Sin (said together)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who heartily repent and turn to him with true faith, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

Leader: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

(The congregation greets one another with the words: The Peace of Christ be with you).

Offering

If you prefer to give online you may do so at: coh-ilm.churchcenteronline.com

Or by texting your gift to 84321.

How Low Was Our Redeemer Brought

How low was our Redeemer brought
The King who held the stars
Lay helpless in a maiden's arms
And pressed against her heart
While sheep and cattle raised their voice
The Babe could speak no words
The ever flowing Spring of Joy
Had come to share our thirst

How low was our Redeemer brought
The Lord the worlds obeyed
Would stumble as He learned to walk
Upon the ground He'd made
The One the angels bowed before
Would kneel to wash our feet
And be at home among the poor
Though He owned everything

Holy Communion

All baptized and believing followers of our Lord Jesus Christ are invited to partake in Holy Communion regardless of denomination. It is our custom to use wine during communion. If you prefer, you may receive grape juice for the smaller chalices on the end of the serving lines.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

People: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Leader: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Gloria gloria in the highest Gloria gloria in the highest

How low was our Redeemer brought
To raise us from our shame
And now the highest praise of all
Belongs to Jesus' name
The Healer wounded on a tree
To bear our grief and sin
The King gave up His crown so we
Could ever reign with Him

Chorus (x2)

How low was our Redeemer brought
To raise us from our shame
And now the highest praise of all
Belongs to Jesus' name

Prayer Of Humble Access (said together)

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Jesus Thank You

The myst'ry of the cross I cannot comprehend
The agonies of Calvary
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

**Your blood has washed away my sin
Jesus, thank You
The Father's wrath completely satisfied
Jesus, thank You
Once Your enemy
Seated at Your table
Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near
Your enemy, You've made Your friend
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

Chorus

Lover of my soul
I want to live for You
(Repeat)

Chorus

Prayer Of Thanksgiving (said together)

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ: and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs, of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Stronger

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

**You are stronger, you are stronger
Sin is broken, you have saved me**

**It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus you are Lord of all**

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus

So let your name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher, be lifted higher

Chorus (x2)

Dismissal:

Leader: Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Let's Connect

Please share some information with us so we can stay connected with you. You may place the card in the offering basket.

Name _____

Email _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I want to know more about....

- Baptism
- Christian Faith
- Community Group
- Communion
- Ways to Serve
- The Anglican Church

I would like a pastor to contact me?

I would like to receive Church communication?

Prayer Requests

How can we pray for you this week?

Is this a confidential request?