

# Weekly

## Church Prayer

*On Break*

Our weekly church prayer will be on break for the holidays. We will start up again the second week of January.

## Community Groups

*On Break*

Fall Community Groups have come to a close! The Winter term will be starting the week of January 21st. All groups will be going through *Titus For You* by Tim Chester.

## Children's Sunday School

*Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM*

We will be meeting in room 114. All kids aged 12 and under are welcome to attend!

[citizenschurch.net/serve](http://citizenschurch.net/serve)

## Tithes & Offerings

We joyfully worship God through giving.

Members can give online at [citizenschurch.net/give](http://citizenschurch.net/give) or by dropping their offering in

the black box in the back. If you're a guest, please know we do not expect you to give.

# Coming Up

## Women's Bible Study

*Saturday, January 13th, 8:00 AM*

All women are welcome to join a weekly Bible study at the Gilbert's house (5929 Big Walnut Rd, Galena, OH 43021) most Saturday mornings.

## Men's Breakfast

*Saturday, January 20th @ 7:00 AM*

Every 3rd Saturday of the month the men meet for breakfast and fellowship at Bob Evans (23 Huber Village Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081).

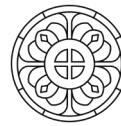
## Membership Class

*Sunday, January 21st @ 12:00 PM*

If you have any interest in membership at Citizens Church, please consider attending our Class! Lunch will be provided! Please sign up if you plan to attend.

[citizenschurch.net/registrations](http://citizenschurch.net/registrations)

You can find all of our upcoming events at [citizenschurch.net/calendar](http://citizenschurch.net/calendar)



**Citizens**  
CHURCH

GATHERED  
DECEMBER 24, 2023

CALL TO  
WORSHIP

### John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

ADORATION

### Prayer of Praise

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

CONFESSION  
OF SIN

### Prayer of Confession

SILENT NIGHT

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

ASSURANCE  
OF GRACE

### Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

**So you are no longer a slave, but a son,  
and if a son, then an heir through God.**

THANKSGIVING

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

STATEMENT  
OF FAITH

### Article 2: Of the True God

SUPPLICATION

### Pastoral Prayer

PREACHING OF  
GOD'S WORD

**The Psalms**  
Justin Santa

**Psalms 22 (p.457)**  
"The King Who Suffered"

COMMUNION

### The Lord's Supper

PRAISE &  
BENEDICTION

JOY TO THE WORLD  
DOXOLOGY

FELLOWSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for snacks and fellowship after the service!

## Serving at

### CITIZENS CHURCH

One of the ways we glorify God is by serving one another and our community with a glad and joyful heart. Not from a place of guilt or obligation, but out of a love for Christ.

If you are interested, you can talk to a pastor, or visit [citizenschurch.net/serve](http://citizenschurch.net/serve)

#### Current Serving Needs:

Setup & tear-down, Hospitality, Nursery, Music, Audio Tech

## The Bible Teaches

### OF THE TRUE GOD

*We believe there is one and only one living and true God—an infinite, intelligent Spirit. His name is the LORD, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth. He is inexpressibly glorious in holiness and is worthy of all possible honor, confidence, and love. In the unity of the Godhead there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are equal in every divine perfection, and they carry out distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.*

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# Angels We Have Heard On High

## VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains

## CHORUS

Gloria . . . in excelsis Deo  
Gloria . . . in excelsis Deo

## VERSE 2

Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Christ whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

## VERSE 3

See Him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise

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# Reflection Questions

- How does Psalm 22 deepen your understanding of Jesus's suffering? Are we ever at risk of minimizing or forgetting Jesus's suffering? If so, how? If someone does not realize the depths of Jesus's suffering, how will his or her view of the gospel be affected?
- How does the truth that God did not rescue Jesus from death but out of it shape how you view God's will for his people? What does the psalm's end (vv. 22–31) reveal about Jesus's thoughts on the cross when he quoted this psalm?

Questions from J. Josh Smith and Daniel L. Akin,  
Exalting Jesus in Psalms 1–50: Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary

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## Ideas for Family Worship

**Read** Psalm 22 and identify one or two things that it tells us about God and ourselves. Consider reading this week's catechism question as well (see below).

**Sing** *Joy To The World* (page 5) together as a family.

**Pray** specifically thanking God for what he has revealed in his word and asking for the Holy Spirit to help your family live faithfully in light of it.

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## Walking Through the Catechism

### Question 51:

Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

### Answer:

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

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## Pray for Our Missions Partners

- Lazarus Life Ministries (*gospel-centered drug rehabilitation ministry in Ohio*)
- Out of Darkness (*anti-human trafficking ministry in Westerville*)
- Alex & Lauryn Follett (*Bible translation among unreached people in West Africa*)
- Proclamation Church (*church plant in Mount Vernon, OH*)
- Salt & Light Church (*church plant in downtown Columbus, OH*)
- Kory Martin (*Director of Athletes In Action at Otterbein and Ohio Dominican*)
- "George & Judy" (*church plant among unreached people in the Middle East*)
- Jeremy & Suheily Garcia (*missionaries in Barcelona, Spain*)

## Ongoing Discipleship

- Join a Community Group ([citizenschurch.net/groups](http://citizenschurch.net/groups)).
- Regularly meet with church members for discipleship and prayer.
- Read a book with another Christian and meet to discuss it.
- Faithfully attend Sunday gatherings (Heb. 10:24-25).
- Cheerfully & sacrificially give of your firstfruits (Prov. 3:9; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).
- Joyfully serve your church family.

# Sermon Notes

*Jesus suffered so that we would praise and worship the Lord,  
therefore, let us run to Him with joy*

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(vv.1-21)

**He Suffered Spiritually (vv.1-5)**

**He Suffered Emotionally (vv.6-11)**

**He Suffered Physically (vv.12-21)**

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(vv.22-31)

**Our Praise (vv.22-26)**

**Our Worship (vv.27-31)**

## *New Here?*

If you're a guest at Citizens,  
we would love if you filled out a Guest Form at  
[citizenschurch.net/guest](http://citizenschurch.net/guest)

When we receive it, we'll make a \$5 donation in your honor to  
*Out of Darkness*, a local ministry fighting against human trafficking.

# Silent Night

## VERSE 1

Silent night, Holy night,  
All is calm all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

## VERSE 2

Silent night, Holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Hallelujah  
Christ the Saviour is born,  
Christ the Saviour is born.

## VERSE 3

Silent night, Holy night,  
Son of God love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus lord at thy birth,  
Jesus lord at thy birth.

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## *Membership & Baptism*

AT CITIZENS CHURCH

Publicly proclaiming one's faith through church membership and baptism is what Christians have done throughout the centuries. If you're ready to be baptized and/or become a member, a pastor would love to talk with you about what that looks like.  
Email [info@citizenschurch.net](mailto:info@citizenschurch.net) for more information.

# *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

## **VERSE 1**

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 th'angelic hosts proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## **VERSE 2**

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## **VERSE 3**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n 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  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

## **VERSE 4**

Come Desire of nations come  
Fix in us Thy humble home  
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed  
Bruise in us the serpent's head  
Adam's likeness now efface  
Stamp Thine image in its place  
Second Adam from above  
Reinstate us in Thy love  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King

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# *Joy To The World*

## **VERSE 1**

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

## **VERSE 2**

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

## **VERSE 3**

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

## **VERSE 4**

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

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## *Becoming a Christian*

Christians are those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you're interested in becoming a Christian or have any questions about Christianity, a pastor or church member would love to talk with you about what that looks like. Learn more at [citizenschurch.net/gospel](http://citizenschurch.net/gospel)

## *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen