



# CHEROKEE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

December 2, 2018

Worship 10:30 AM

Miraculous Pregnancies



*Laughing*

AT THE PROMISE

GENESIS 18:1-15

# APPROACHING GOD

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Prelude *Pavane (Elmore)*

Dr. Rod Kirby

Welcome

Jimmy Friday

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 146:1–2, 7–8, 10 ESV

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

**Praise the LORD!**

## \*Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn #208 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

\*Song of Praise “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

## \*Confession of Sin

## \*Assurance of Pardon

1 John 4:10 ESV

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

## \*Gloria Patri

**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.**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

## “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee;  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angles singing news, glad tidings of a birth:  
“Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;  
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

# CONFESSING OUR FAITH

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## \*New Testament Reading

Pastor Ross Ritter

Hebrews 2:14–18 *ESV (p. 1002)*

## Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q 37. *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

- A. **Christ the Son of God became man,**  
**by taking to himself a true body,**  
**and a reasonable soul,**  
**being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost**  
**in the womb of the virgin Mary,**  
**of her substance, and born of her,**  
**yet without sin.**

## Prayer of Intercession

\*Hymn #457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

# G O D ' S W O R D

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## \*Sermon Text

Genesis 18:1–15 ESV (*p. 12*)

## Sermon

“Laughing at the Promise”

Pastor Ross Ritter

\*Hymn #162 “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

*Sermon Notes*

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

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## Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that 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.

## Distribution of the Elements

*The trays hold both wine (outer rings) and grape juice (center).*

*We eat the bread when we receive it, but hold the cup until all have been served.*

## Prayer

# BLESSING

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**\*Hymn #170** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**\*Benediction**

Jude 24–25

**\*Congregational Response**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Postlude *Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 174 (Buxtehude)*

Dr. Rod Kirby



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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### Today

- Fellowship Meal: 12:00 PM
- Ladies Spring Retreat Meeting: 1:00 PM
- Elderly Outreach Ministry: 2:00 PM  
(Tom Freeman, Mark 9:33-10)
- Children's Ministry: 5:00 PM, CPC
- Youth: 5:00 PM, CPC
- Christmas Choir rehearsal: 6:00 PM  
in the sanctuary

### December 9th

#### Community Groups:

- Holly Springs, 5:00 PM
- Woodstock, 5:30 PM  
Not meeting in December
- Canton, 6:00 PM, CPC

## THIS WEEK

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### Tuesday

- Men's Bible Study: 6:00 AM at Bojangles on Ball Ground Hwy  
*Contact:* Troy Snyder, 404-915-6231 or tbsnyder@gmail.com
- Senior High Bible Study: 7:00 PM, *Contact:* James Ensley, jimensley@gmail.com

### Wednesday

- Women's Bible Study: 10:30 AM at CPC on Dec. 5th; **NOT meeting the rest of December.** *Contact:* Ann Bailey, 404-402-1382, aachie@bellsouth.net
- Prayer & Study Group: 6:00 PM at CPC  
*Contact:* Jim Friday, 404-375-1197 or jimfriday1949@gmail.com

### Saturday

- Men's Bible Study: 8:00 AM at Bojangles, Hickory Flat, East Cherokee  
*Contact:* Ray Bobo, 770-213-8866

## OTHER EVENTS

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**Spring Retreat:** All ladies are invited to stay after the fellowship meal for an informational meeting about plans for an upcoming Spring Ladies Retreat.

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### Nursery

**Today:** Margaret Anne Ritter and Gretchen Arnold

**Dec. 9th:** Cindy McBrayer and Gena Houghton

### Greeters

**Today:** Jason Brewer and John Broomall

**Dec. 9th:** Casey and Jennifer Hudson



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## ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is a meal Jesus gives his church as a perpetual reminder that our salvation came at a great cost, but that he has paid that cost in full through his own body and blood. As we eat it by faith in Christ, this meal is also a tool he uses to strengthen our faith, to subdue our sin, and to give us a foretaste of the wedding banquet to come.

Jesus gives this meal to all who trust in him alone for salvation, who have professed faith in him to a gospel-proclaiming church, and who seek to submit their lives to him. As the plates are passed, please spend a moment in prayer to examine yourself and to meditate on the salvation Jesus has purchased with his body and his blood.

## OUR CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

At Cherokee, we believe that our children are just as much a part of the church body as the adults. This means that we encourage children to participate in the worship service as much as they reasonably can.

*For children up to age 4, a nursery is provided in the lobby.*



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