

CYPRESS WOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

– Revelation 22:2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2011

10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rich Summers

*Greet One Another

GIVING TO GOD OUR HEART'S PRAISE

Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9

Rev. Jonathan Loerop

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Prayer of Adoration

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NAS)

"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

*Hymns

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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COMING BEFORE GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE

Confession of Sin

Romans 14:5-8

"One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and

gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord."

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Confession of Faith

1 Timothy 3:16

"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

*Hymns

"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"

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New Testament Reading

Luke 2:25-38

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Prayers of Intercession

GIVING TO GOD OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

*Doxology

HEARING GOD'S LIVING WORD

Sermon

"Why the Christmas Tree?"

Rev. Jonathan Loerop

Genesis 2:9,16-17;

Revelation 22:1-3;

1 Peter 2:24

*Hymn

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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*Benediction

Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."