

The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

The First Sunday of Advent

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood – Revelation 1:5

† indicates the congregation standing if able • indicates seating for those detained

The prelude is a time set aside for quieting our hearts before God in preparation for worship. Please silence cell phones and other electronic devices, and respectfully refrain from unnecessary conversation.

The Welcome Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Prelude – Lo, How a Rose arr. Hayes
Laura Doss, Organ

The Introit arr. Nabholz
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessings in His hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 99:1–3

¹The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake ²The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. ³Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

The Invocation

• † The Carol of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 194) VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The Lighting of the Hope Advent Candle Jeremiah 33:14–16, Luke 2:1–7

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering and the Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem arr. Ferguson
Comfort, Comfort

"Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of Peace!" So says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people know proclaim that God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 233) AZMON

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

(On the final verse, children K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children's Church.)

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:1–17 (Page 571)

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Rev. Hendrick

A TRUE SIGN

I. Crucible

II. Call to Confidence (v. 4)

- A.) Be careful
- B.) Be Quiet
- C.) Do not fear
- D.) Do not let your heart be faint

III. Call to Faith (v. 9b)

- A.) Knowledge
- B.) Assent
- C.) Trust

IV. Rejection (v. 10, 11)

V. Sign (v. 14)

- A.) Full Deity
 - 1. Miraculous Conception
 - 2. Glorious Birthday
- B.) Full Humanity
 - 1. The food
 - 2. Humble parentage
- C.) Name (Immanuel) – God with us

† The Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen. (*universal)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Prayer of Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements – *please partake as you are served* *

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

*All bread is gluten free

† The Parting Hymn – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 307) PLAINFIELD

Nothing But the Blood

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – Now Thank We All Our God arr. Helman

The Evening Service, six o'clock

You also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit – Ephesians 2:22

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The Prelude Laura Doss

The Welcome Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Scriptural Call to Worship Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Hymn of Praise – (Family Songs, No. 119) MARGARET
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

The Evening Prayer Rev. Hendrick

The Offering & The Offertory

The AYC Choir Ryan Heritage, AYC Director
Gloria by Vivaldi

Gloria in excess Deo! (Glory to God in the Highest!)

Betelehemu (Nigerian Christmas Song) by Olatunji, arr. Whalum

We are glad that we have a Father to trust.

We are glad that we have a Father to rely upon.

Where was Jesus born? Bethlehem, the city of wonder.

That is where the Son was born. Praise be to Him.

We thank Thee for this day, gracious Father.

Praise be to Thee, merciful Father.

(Children in K4 through Grade 5 may exit for Children's Choir.)

The New Testament Reading Matthew 6:19–24 (Page 811)

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
Congregation: But the Word of our God shall stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Rev. Hendrick
UNLIMITED TRUST

I. Earthly Treasures

- A.) Do not last (v. 19, 20)
 - 1. Deterioration
 - 2. Defalcation (misappropriation of funds)
- B.) Binds us to this earth (v. 21)
- C.) Clouds our vision (v. 22, 23)

II. Heavenly Treasures

- A.) What are they?
- B.) How do I get them?

III. Handling Earthly Treasures

- A.) To provide for family
- B.) To help those who are in need
- C.) To expand the Kingdom of God

IV. ABC's of Earthly Treasures

- A.) Amounts of idolatry
- B.) Blurs vision
- C.) Confuses values
- D.) Defies all reason

† The Hymn of Response – (Family Songs, No. 97) ... HOLY, MIGHTY, WORTHY
Holy, Mighty, Worthy

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude

All of this and more can be found at myccp.faith
Announcements

Christmas Missionary Love Gift Dinner – December 6 is our annual Christmas Missionary Love Gift Dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall. This is a special time to worship our Savior as we celebrate His birth and to honor church-sponsored field missionaries by bringing monetary donations for a Christmas gift supporting the work of God's kingdom. Meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a generous dish according to the guidelines below. Please RSVP by completing the insert in the bulletin today or next Sunday. Feel free to also place your missionary love gift, marked "missionary love gift," in the offering plate by Sunday, December 1.

Last names beginning with:

AD: Salads

EN: Sides (rice, vegetables, starch, etc.)

OZ: Desserts

Men's Bible Study Opportunities: Join us on Saturday, December 7th, at 7 a.m. as we continue our study in Proverbs. Breakfast will be provided. If you plan to join us, please RSVP online at myccp.faith or by contacting the church office. We are also pleased to announce a new study, which will meet on the third Friday evening of each month, beginning on January 17th. This will be a topical discussion, guided by J.C. Ryle's book, *Holiness*. If you are interested in learning more about these studies, please contact Pastor Ryan at rbigham@christchurchpres.org.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary – Today is the last day to sign up for a poinsettia. The cost of each plant is \$15.00. Additional forms may be obtained from the Welcome Table. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary through the Christmas Eve service, and you are encouraged to take your flower(s) home afterward to enjoy on Christmas day.

Children Christmas Party – All children, 4 year olds to 5th grade, are invited to a Christmas Celebration on Friday, December 13 (6:00 - 8:00P.M) in Covenant Hall. We will celebrate the season with a pizza dinner, games, crafts and more! If your child is able to join us please sign up in the Children's Building or email Frances Gojda (childrensministry@christchurchpres.org).

Church Staff Christmas Gift – Donations are being accepted to express love and appreciation for our church staff. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate (marked staff gift) by Sunday, December 15.

The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols – Join us for a time of worship and praise with our Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, instrumental ensemble, with guest instrumentalist Matthew Dickerson (hammered dulcimer), and congregational carol singing on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dessert dropin at Robbie and Tammy's house.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship – Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us on December 24, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a special Christmas Eve worship service. The service will include an extended prelude by the Church Strings and Piano, as well as congregational carol singing and Rev. Robbie Hendrick will share from the Word. We will conclude the service with singing Silent Night together by candlelight.

Mark Your Calendars

- ◊ **Missionary Love Gift Dinner** – December 6 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◊ **The Joy of Christmas: A Service of Lessons and Carols** – December 15 at 6:00 p.m.
- ◊ **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** – December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest on Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week

Glenn & Sharlene Grubb, MTW, Wycliffe Bible Translators/JAARS

Continue to pray for God's provision of their needs as they seek to share their work with others interested in partnering in the work of Bible translation.

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 1 – December 7

SUNDAY, December 1

6:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
7:00 a.m. WGAC, 580AM and 95.1FM Radio, and wgac.com Broadcasts
9:00 a.m. Donuts & Coffee Covenant Hall
9:45 a.m. Inquirer's Class Church Office
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Nursery I (Birth-23 mos.) Nursery I
Nursery II (24-47 mos.) Children's Building
K4 through Grade 5 Children's Building
Grades 6-12 Youth Building
Adult Covenant Hall

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Ladies Online Prayer Group
Diane Dunsmore (ddunsmore777@gmail.com; 706-401-4146)
Maria Russell (edmarman@gmail.com; 706-726-1703)

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 2

7:00 p.m. AHG Children's Building

7:00 p.m. Trail Life Covenant Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 5

7:30 p.m. Ladies Online Prayer Group

FRIDAY, December 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Church Office

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Covenant Hall

6:00 p.m. Missionary Love Gift Dinner Covenant Hall

SATURDAY, December 7

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Covenant Hall

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Derrick Smits & John Norkus.

Ushers are Allen Richardson, Stephen Dyer & Eddie Zamora.

The Deacon on Duty is Lee Carter (wearing a red rose).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Charles Bowen & Ora Parish.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux & Joe Beasley.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Gary Cowart.

Current Officers With Class Year

Elders

Mel Jewett (2024)

Charles McClure (2024)

Derrick Smits (2024)

Mike Boyd (2025)

Glynn Dyer (2025)

John Dunsmore (2026)

Johan Hubenthal (2026)

John Norkus (2026)

Deacons

Dan Campbell (2024)

Marino De Rienzo (2024)

Rich Fishel (2024)

Gene Gojda (2024)

Ed Russell (2024)

Joe Beasley (2025)

Marion Butler (2025)

John Norkus (2026)

Gary Cowart (2025)

Matt Linton (2025)

Eddie Zamora (2025)

Lee Carter (2026)

Hank Gautreaux (2026)

Davis Mellick (2026)

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Welcome

We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today. It is our desire that, as prayers are raised, hymns and anthems are sung, and God's Word is proclaimed, our worship will bring glory to God and gladness to His people. Indeed, we pray that you will personally be blessed by the corporate worship of the Triune God and return to worship with us next Lord's Day. If you would like to know more about Christ Church, how to become a member, or, most importantly, how to have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, please call the church office.

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, Pastor

Rev. Ryan Bigham, Assistant Pastor

Mr. Johan Hubenthal, Interim Director of Youth Ministries

Ms. Laura Doss, Interim Director of Music/Organist

Mrs. Frances Gojda, Director of Children's Ministries

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