

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 Rosearr. 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 CandleJeremiah 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 Anthemarr. 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 rever-
ence 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 ReadingMatthew 6:19–24 (Page 811)
Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades,
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The Prayer for Illumination

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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 BenedictionRev. Hendrick

The Postlude

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.

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 myccpf.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.

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.

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.

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

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Gary Cowart.

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