

The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

The Second 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 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Shackley
Laura Doss, Organ

The Introit 17th Century Carol
While By My Sheep

While by my sheep I watched at night,
Glad tidings brought an angel bright. How great our joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
There shall be born, so he did say,
In Bethlehem a Child today. How great our joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 118:28, 29

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You. ²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

The Invocation

• † The Carol of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 196) HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

† 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 Doxology – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 731) OLD HUNDRETH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise
Him above, ye heav'ly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle Dr. John Norkus, Ruling Elder
Psalm 29:11; Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26–38; John 14:27; Romans 5:1

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. Holst

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.
King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful, His own Self for heavenly food.
Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
At His feet the six winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Lord most High! Amen.

Laura Doss, Organ & Erick Hendricks, Piano

(Please record your attendance in the green Friendship Register.)

• † The Carol of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 226) DIX
As With Gladness Men of Old

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

The New Testament Reading Matthew 1:18–23 (Page 807)

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

IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US

- I. In Person
John 1:14; 1 John 4:2; 1 Tim. 3:16; Phil. 2:5–8; Col. 2:9
- II. In Power
John 10:17; Psalm 2:7; Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:3
- III. In Perfection
1 Peter 2:22; Heb. 4:15; 1 John 3:5
- IV. In Proclamation
John 6:63, 7:16; 8:23; Matt. 24:35
- V. In His Provision
John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 2:24; Eph. 1:7; John 11:25
- VI. In Peace
Isaiah 9:6, 52:7; Luke 2:14; Romans 5:1

† The Carol of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 207) IN DULCI JUBILO
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

The Presentation of New Members

Cindy Bufford	Tim Bufford	Clay Burckhalter
Katie Burckhalter	Greg Green	Kim Green
Aspen Hendricks	Erick Hendricks	Martha Lyons
Robert Lyons	Audrey Sparks	Joshua Sparks

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing arr. McDonald

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 – Gentle Carols of Bethlehem arr. Martin
Cathie McClure, Piano

The Welcome Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 86:11–13

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. ¹²I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Your name forever. ¹³For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

The Prayer of Invocation

• † The Carol of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 214) GLORIA
Angels We Have Heard on High

The Evening Prayer Rev. Hendrick

The Offering & The Offertory arr. Bock
The First Noel

• † The Hymn of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 699) WYE VALLEY
Like a River Glorious

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

The New Testament Reading Matthew 6:29–34 (Page 812)
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

ANXIETY RELIEF

- I. Reasons to Worry
 - A.) Reputation (Matt. 6:1)
 - B.) Wealth (Matt. 6:19–24)
 - C.) Security (Matt. 6:25)
 1. Fear of the unknown future
 2. Ignorance in the present
- II. Reasons NOT to Worry
 - A.) Whole is greater than the parts (v. 25b)
 - B.) Greater is greater than the lesser (v. 26)
 - C.) Bears no fruit (v. 27)
 - D.) Eternal is greater than the Temporal (v. 28–30)
John 3:16; Rom. 6:23; John 3:36
 - E.) Sovereign Care (v. 32)
 - F.) Sovereign Blessing (v. 32)
- III. Remedy for Worry (v. 30)
- IV. Reliance – Trust
 - A.) Continue to work (2 Thess. 3:10; Psalm 90:17)
 - B.) Continue to plan
 - C.) Continue to save (Prov. 6:31)

† The Hymn of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 691) VILLE DU HAVRE
It Is Well with My Soul

† The Benediction Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude

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

Children's 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).

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, guest instrumentalist Matthew Dickerson (hammered dulcimer) and congregational carol singing on Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dessert drop-in at Robbie and Tammy's house.

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.

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.

Men's Bible Study Opportunities: Join us on Saturday, January 4th, 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.



Christmas Season Worship Opportunities

- ◊ **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. 87. What is repentance that leads to life?

A. Repentance that leads to life is a saving grace by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and awareness of the mercy of God in Christ, turns from it to God with grief and hatred of his sin, purposing and working constantly for a new obedience.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week

Eliseo & Paula Guadagno, ACO & ACCI, Turin, Italy

Please pray for the different discipleship groups and the evangelistic summer camps. May His word expand through Italy and Europe!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God by Joanne Pierce in memory of her daughter Kimberly Anne Pierce.

This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 8 – December 14

SUNDAY, December 8	
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 & CoffeeCovenant Hall
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 6-12Youth Building
	Adult.....Covenant Hall
11:00 a.m.	Morning WorshipSanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Ladies Online Prayer Group
	Diane Dunsmore (ddunsmore777@gmail.com ; 706-401-4146)
	Maria Russell (edmaman@gmail.com ; 706-726-1703)
6:00 p.m.	Evening WorshipSanctuary
MONDAY, December 9	
7:00 p.m.	AHGChildren's Building
7:00 p.m.	Trail LifeCovenant Hall
TUESDAY, December 10	
6:30 p.m.	Admin MeetingChurch Office
7:00 p.m.	Evans Bible StudySanctuary
WEDNESDAY, December 11	
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir RehearsalSanctuary
THURSDAY, December 12	
7:30 p.m.	Ladies Online Prayer Group
FRIDAY, December 13	
7:00 a.m.	Men's PrayerChurch Office
6:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas PartyCovenant Hall
SATURDAY, December 14	
10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir Dress RehearsalSanctuary

Assisting in the Services

The elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are Charles Bowen & Ora Parish.

Ushers are Ed Russell, Hank Gautreaux & Joe Beasley.

The Deacon on Duty is Gary Cowart (wearing a red rose).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be Mike Boyd & Rick Rezzelle.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Eddie Zamora, Rich Fishel & Marion Butler.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Marino De Rienzo.

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)

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 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel"

Matthew 1:23

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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