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Announcements

Year-End Giving — Always being thankful for how the Lord has provided for each of us throughout 2024, please consider sharing His generosity with Christ Church through an end-of-the-year blessing. All gifts should be turned in to the office by Monday, December 30. Year-end gifts that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31. You may also give online.

December 29 Worship Schedule — Please note next Sunday we will have Morning Worship only at 11:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday Night Fellowship — We will resume Wednesday Night Fellowship on Wednesday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

- ◇ Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — December 24 at 5:00 p.m.
- ◇ Men's Bible Study — January 4
- ◇ Communion — January 5
- ◇ Wednesday Night Fellowship — January 8
- ◇ Fellowship Luncheon — January 12

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to invite a friend and 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.

Missionary Prayer Focus This Week

Steve & Sherri Letchford, SIM

Pray for a lawyer and nurse joining the Banda Health team in Nairobi to facilitate Banda's growing number of partnerships with other ministries in slums and villages.

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are John Clark & Derrick Smits.

Ushers are Tommy Samuels & Dan Campbell.

The Deacon on Duty is Gene Gojda (wearing a red rose).

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

Ushers next Lord's Day will be Joe Beasley, Dan Campbell & Lee Carter.

The Deacon on Duty next week will be Hank Gautreaux.

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*
Rev. Ryan Bigham, *Assistant Pastor*
Ms. Laura Doss, *Interim Director of Music/Organist*
Mrs. Frances Gojda, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Mr. Johan Hubenthal, *Interim Director of Youth Ministries*
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The Lord’s Day, December 22, 2024 • The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Morning Service, eleven o’clock

† indicates the congregation standing

The Prelude – Good Christian Men, Rejoice!..... arr. Shackley
Laura Doss, Organ

The Welcome..... Rev. Robbie Hendrick

The Introit – Alleluia! Christ Is Born!.....arr. Nabholz
Alleluia! Christ is born!

The Scriptural Call to Worship..... Nehemiah 9:5b, 6
^{5b}Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶You are the LORD, You alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships You.

The Invocation

† The Carol of Praise – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 208)ADESTE FIDELES
O Come, All Ye Faithful

† The Confession of FaithThe 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 Gloria Patri – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 735).....GREATOREX
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.

The Lighting of the Love Advent CandleMr. Derrick Smits, Ruling Elder
Psalm 86:15; Isaiah 61:1, 2; Psalm 86:5; Matthew 2:1–12; John 3:16; 1 John 4:16; Romans 5:8

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 Offertory – And the Glory of the Lord Handel
And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

† The Carol of Preparation – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 204)..... MUELLER
Away in a Manger

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

The New Testament Reading.....Selected Texts

The Sermon Rev. Hendrick
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT YOUR SON

- I. Gabriel – A Year Before the Birth (Luke 1:26–38)
 - A.) Great (v. 32)
 - B.) King (v. 32)
 - C.) The Most High (v. 32; Heb. 1:3)
 - D.) Eternal (v. 33)
 - E.) Savior (v. 31)
- II. Shepherds – The Night of the Birth (Luke 2:8–20)
 - A.) God delivered (v. 7, 11, 12)
 - B.) “Savior”
 - C.) “Christ”
 - D.) “Lord”
- III. Magi – 1 to 2 Years After the Birth (Matt. 2:1–12)
 - A.) Gold – King
 - B.) Frankincense – Priest (Col 2:9)
 - C.) Myrrh – Sacrifice
- IV. Mary’s Understanding
 - A.) Healing (John 9; Matt. 8:3; Luke 22:51)
 - B.) Rescue (Matt. 14)
 - C.) Blessing (Matt. 19)
 - D.) Truth (John 2:15; Matt. 26; Luke 24:39)
 - E.) Comfort (John 8:7; Rev. 1:17)
 - F.) Service (John 13)
 - G.) Miracles (John 6)
 - H.) Salvation (John 19:17)

† The Carol of Response – (Trinity Hymnal, No. 230) QUELLE EST CETTE ODEUR AGRABLE
Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

† The Benediction

The Postlude – Postlude on Gloria arr. Payne