

Celebration of Holy Eucharist
First Sunday of Advent



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
November 30, 2025
10:00 AM

A Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All

Whether at home or in-person, we are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning, especially if you are new or visiting!

Children of all ages are welcome in the service! There is also childcare available in the nursery downstairs throughout the morning, and a wonderful Children's Chapel for children ages 3-10 downstairs in the Parish Hall during the first half of the 10:00 a.m. service. They will return to the service in time for communion. Parents/guardians are welcome! There are also child-friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary. Just ask an usher.

Children's Faith Formation, 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School)

PreK – 5th Grade meet on the lower level. The classes flow into Children's Chapel and then they will return to the service in time for communion. Junior Youth Group (Grades 6-8/9) meet in the Children's and Youth Library on the main level. Interested in more info on children's ministry or to receive the weekly Kids Connect email? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri sundayschool@ccpk.org

All are welcome to receive communion. Instructions for communion are in the bulletin just after the invitation. ("The gifts of God for the people of God...")

Offerings. You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or you may also give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



All-gender restrooms and water are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

Participating online? Please know that you are as much a part of our worship today as those in the church! We hope you participate fully. If you have questions or comments, let the Tech Minister who is running the livestream know in the chat.

Welcome to all our visitors! We are better for your presence here today.

Please introduce yourself to the clergy and/or the vestry person who makes the welcome announcement today. If you fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, or email Parish Administrator Jen Luna administrator@ccpk.org or 301-942-4673, we'd welcome the opportunity to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter the Christ Church Connection. If you would like more info about Christ Church, please visit our website at www.ChristChurchKensington.org.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Prelude Solennel (Veni Emmanuel) (An American Organ Mass)*

Richard Purvis

*** Hymns are in the blue or red "Hymnal 1982", or where indicated, in the red, black & white "Lift Every Voice & Sing" (LEVAS) Hymnal. Both can be found in the pew racks! ***

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Led by the West family, Lindsay and William, and children Evelyn and Charlotte

Leader In Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ, the true light, into the world.

People **Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

Leader Christ is coming. Christ is among us already: entering a troubled world, a wounded heart, a broken spirit.

People **Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

Leader And so we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of hope, expressing our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

One candle is lit

Leader Giver of Life, let your healing light shine in our darkness.

People **Bring us hope, Lord Christ.**

Leader Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season. Show us how to live in hope. Teach us that true peace is only possible with justice and mercy.

All **Transform us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn #56 (vv 1-4) *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Kyrie

S-96

Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, — Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Presider Let us pray.

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

Psalm Tone S-411

Kennedy

The slash / indicates a change in tone. The verse begins on one note, then the word (or syllable) after the slash is sung on a different note. Each verse has two changes.



- 1 I was glad when they said to / me, *
"Let us go to the house of the / LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are / standing *
within your gates, O Je/rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city *
that is at unity with it/self;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the / LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the / LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment, *
the thrones of the house of / David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je/rusalem: *
"May they prosper who / love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness within your / towers.
- 8 For my kindred and companions' / sake, *
I pray for your pros/perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our / God, *
I will seek to do you / good."

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans *Romans 13:11-14*

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn LEVAS #5 *Great Day*

Spiritual

The Gospel *Matthew 24:36-44*

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Sara Thorne, Deacon

a moment of silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We are called to watch and pray, therefore let us pray together saying:

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Gracious God, we thank you for coming to us in Jesus, and for coming to us whenever we gather in your name. Keep us alert and watchful through the dark night of this world, and give us confidence as we await your coming in glory.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for your church—its people and its leaders. Keep us alert and watchful in support of one another, guard us from everything false and untrue, and shine on us with the light of your holy word.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

We pray for our country and all nations. Lift the hearts of those in authority that they may govern wisely and well, for the good of all. Bring your peace to all communities torn by division, violence and war, especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti and everywhere there is violent conflict. Keep us alert and watchful that we might serve you by serving our neighbors and all creation.

Christ, in your mercy, **come to your people.**

Loving Christ, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle. We lift up the sick of our parish including Helen-Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul,

John Rowan, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; and all those who need our prayers:

You are invited to add your own intercessions, silently or aloud.

Christ, in your mercy, come to your people.

We pray for all who have died and all who mourn. We remember especially Paul Scheer; Debbie Kramer; all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war; and those we now name:

You are invited to add your own prayers for the departed, silently or aloud.

We thank you, O God, for the blessings in our lives. We give thanks for those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially Ethan Clausen, Prescott Bullard, Andrew Moore and Aime Keith. Keep us alert and watchful for moments of joy, and move us to give generously out of our abundance.

You are invited to add your prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

Christ, in your mercy, come to your people.

The Presider offers a concluding prayer.

Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of silence

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider offers Absolution.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements & Blessing of the Pledges

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence



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Offertory Antiphon *Behold a Star from Jacob Shining (Christus, Op. 97)* Felix Mendelssohn

Presentation Hymn #76 (v.5) *sung as the offerings are being presented at the altar.*

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with our Maker we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B *Book of Common Prayer*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance, and as your power to renew the world in love and justice. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

S-130

Schubert

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Elest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the bread, all respond with the Fraction Anthem:

Agnus Dei S-164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation and Communion of the People

Presider The holy gifts of God for the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell your server. You may either drink from a silver chalice or intinct (dip the bread) in the clear glass chalice. Note that consuming the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving communion, indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. We'd be happy to bring communion to you wherever you are sitting, simply tell an usher!

Healing prayer for yourself, or on behalf of others, is offered during the distribution of Communion in the chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

Communion Voluntary *Wachet auf! ruft uns die Stimme* (S. 645)

J. S. Bach

Communion Hymn #61 "Sleepers, wake!" *A voice astounds us*

Wachet auf

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we who have been fed with your love and grace, follow you out in the world as ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Blessing of the People

Recessional Hymn #58 *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

St. Thomas

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude *Ricercare on "St. Thomas"*

Charles Callahan

**Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following the service
for Advent Wreath Making, Coffee & Conversation**

Advent Wreath Making - TODAY Sunday, November 30

Advent begins today...time to make a beautiful Advent wreath for your home! Enjoy this fun annual event downstairs in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service. All supplies provided - Alternative advent activities will be available for children of all ages.

Announcements

Love in Action: Reaching Our Neighbors

Be an Angel to a local child this Christmas! Help us bring joy to 60 children at Arcola and Rock View Elementary Schools this season. **Ways to Give:**

- **Shop for a Child** - Take a Mitten from the Outreach board (back hallway). It contains a child's age and wish list. Sign the clipboard with your Mitten Number, grab an instruction sheet, and return your UNwrapped gifts by December 14. Can't make it to church? Watch for our SignUp Genius link on Monday.
- **Donate - Want to help but not able to shop this year?** You can make a donation of \$25 gift cards (Target is the most often requested) or funds in any amount to help purchase gifts. Drop your check or gift cards in the box on the Outreach table, or make a donation through [Realm](#) (choose Outreach-Arcola as the fund).

Questions? Contact Claudia Deane at deanetravel@yahoo.com.

Monthly Food Packing We meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am to carpool to San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD to pack groceries to be delivered to

neighbors in Mont. & PG Counties through Food Justice DMV. We usually go the second Wed. of the month. Next visit will be *December 10*. Interested? Please let Deacon Sara know if you are coming! (sara@ccpk.org)

Hablas Espanol? Many of our outreach ministries serve Spanish-speaking communities. We would love to know who in our Christ Church community speaks Spanish. There are opportunities to use your language skills in ways that are needed and meaningful. Contact Deacon Sara (sara@ccpk.org) or Thea Kayne (theakayne@gmail.com).

Food Justice DMV assists our immigrant neighbors with essential food and supplies. Please donate infant formula and diapers to help. You can leave them in the hallway across from the Outreach board. Want to know more about Food Justice DMV? Contact volunteer Thea Kayne theakayne@gmail.com or Deacon Sara. (sara@ccpk.org).

Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice

Volunteer Opportunity: Care Pod An increasing number of families in the region are experiencing the detention of a family member, often a breadwinner, putting a huge strain on families as they struggle to cope. Watch for upcoming details of ways you can put your faith into action by joining a "Care Pod" to support a local family in need. Spanish speakers are especially welcome.

All are welcome to join the Mercy Team! Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis and put your faith into action. To join the Mercy Team distribution list, contact Cynthia Mitchell at justice@ccpk.org or Thea Kayne at theakayne@gmail.com. *This is the best way to find out about emerging needs and a variety of ways to get involved.*

Love in Action: Faith & Spiritual Growth

Wednesday Evening Prayer in December Each week will feature meditation with an Advent hymn. Come join us for midweek grounding; 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

Blue Christmas Service Sunday evening, Dec. 14 at 5:00 p.m. A service for those for whom the holidays are difficult, or would enjoy a candlelit service with readings and music.

Save the Date: Advent Morning Reflection All adults are invited to an Advent Reflection on Our Lady of Guadeloupe, led by John Ward. *Sat., December 20 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with conversation over lunch (provided) at 12:00 pm.* RSVP to grow@ccpk.org. Please note that Advent Parents Morning Out (9 am – 1pm) is offered that day as a celebration of Las Pasados – a beautiful Advent tradition in Mexico. RSVP to sundayschool@ccpk.org.

Winter Wonderland Coffee Hour Join us on December 14, 2025, as we celebrate our children following the annual Christmas Pageant. We will have a fun and festive coffee hour. Please bring sweet and/or savory treats to share with our beautiful community. There will be a tree covered in Christmas cookies. Children can replace a cookie with an ornament that will be available for decoration. We will also have a hot cocoa bar for children of all ages. Let us celebrate this joyous season together!

We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

Friends and Family of our Community

All who ask for prayers through our website
Anthony
Bob (friend of Nachin Bone)
Santo Borruso (father of Sarah Burruso)
Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)
Betty
Charles
Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)
Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)
Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)
Moises Carera and the Carera family
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)
Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle)
Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)
Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)
John Godfrey (brother of Rena Godfrey)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)
Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)
Doug Hanscom (friend of Emily Guthrie)
Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)
Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)
Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)
Amanda Hoey (daughter of Anne Witt)
Bob Hoffman and his son Cornell
Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)
John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)
Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother-in-law of Joan Centrella)
Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)
Chris Lloyd (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Martha (prayers for healing)
Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Bob McCarthy (friend of Bob Quinn)
Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)
Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)

Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)
Miriam
Nicole
Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)
Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)
Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)
Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)
Ray Salomon (nephew of Jen Luna)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Margarita Serrano
Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)
Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)
Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)
Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)
Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers:

Helen Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, John Rowan, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; all federal civil servants and those impacted by funding cuts.

Those in need of continued prayer: Dorothy Clarke, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins.

We remember those in our community serving our country.

Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

We remember those who have died: especially Debbie Kramer (friend of Ed Burck); Paul Scheer (father of Karen Garner); Susan Browning (friend of Bob & Liz Quinn); victims of natural disasters; and those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

We give thanks: for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Ethan Clausen (12/1), Prescott Bullard (12/4), Andrew Moore (12/4), and Aime Keith (12/5). Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

Send your prayer requests to emily@ccpk.org

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This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent!

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, lower-level classrooms
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Children's & Youth Library
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Advent Wreath Making, Parish Hall
11:30 AM Choir rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

Monday, December 1 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, December 2

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Library

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, December 4

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom
6:30 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, lower-level classrooms
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Children's & Youth Library
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Choir rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

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Hymns for November 30, 2025, in the order they occur in the service.

Processional Hymn #56 (vv 1-4) *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



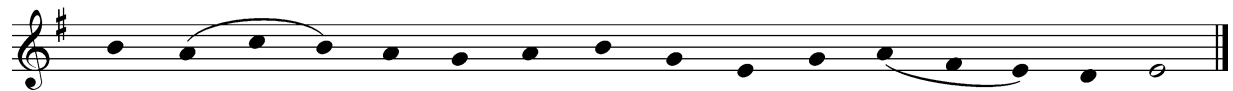
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
(Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Great day! Great day, the righ-teous march-ing. Great day.

1. Char - iot rode on the
 2. This is the day of
 3. We want no cow - ards
 4. Going to take my breast - plate,

God's going to build up Zi-on's walls. Zi-on's walls.

1. moun-tain - top, My God spoke and the
 2. ju - bi - lee, The Lord has set His
 3. in our band, We call for val - iant
 4. sword, and shield, And march out bold - ly

God's going to build up Zi-on's walls!

D.C.
 1. char - iot did stop,
 2. peo - ple free,
 3. heart - ed men,
 4. in the field,

D.C.
 God's going to build up Zi - on's walls!

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Recessional Hymn #58 *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

St. Thomas

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.