

November 30, 2025



Welcome to worship at Christ Church!

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

This month we have a recess from Christ Kids Worship, our optional pullout program for 4- and 5-year olds during the sermon. We believe that children are a vibrant part of our community. The sound of children in the service is the sound of God keeping his covenant promises. Today we have a recess from Christ Kids Worship, our optional pullout program for 4- and 5-year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during sermon are available on the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Prelude *Sing Noel* from Piaie Cantiones, 1582

Sing noel for the birth; God has come down to earth.
Praise we bring Christ the King, giving us salvation,
Peace to every nation.

Ideo, gloria, in excelsis Deo! (For that reason we give glory to God in the highest!)

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth; lambs and beasts beside him
from the cold would hide him.

Ideo, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Advent Wreath The Candle of Hope

Brian & Mary Van Stee, candle lighters (8:30)

Congregation, please read **bold** portions.

Dick & Maryann Townley, candle lighters (11:15)

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming. We are preparing for the full coming of God's kingdom:

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. -from Isaiah 2:4

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.



Prepare the Way

text, Isa 40:3; 52:10; music, Jacques Berthier

Pre - pare the way of the Lord;

pre - pare the way of the Lord.

And all peo - ple will see the sal -

va - tion of our God.

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Call to Worship

Elder David deJong

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:1-5



* *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

text, Charles Wesley
music Psalmodia Sacra

1. Come, thou long - ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy
2. Is - rae'l's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and
4. By thine own e ter nal Spi - rit rule in all our

peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;
earth thou art; dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
yet a king, born to reign in us for - ev - er,
hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

let us find our rest in thee.
joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
raise us to thy glo - rious throne. A - men.



Invocation responsively, using the song *Dona Nobis Pacem (Grant Us Peace)*

Elder Prince of Peace, as we wait for your coming, we pray fervently: *Refrain*



Refrain congregation, sing any of the three sections

1
Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem.

2
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3
Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

For all who live with violence and war, we pray: *Refrain*

For all who live with worry and fear, we pray: *Refrain*

For all who live in loneliness and despair, we pray: *Refrain*

For all of us, your children, who long for peace, we pray: *Refrain*

Maranatha: Come, Lord Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

John 14:23-24

Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.”



Prayer of confession *followed by a time of silent confession*

Declaration of Forgiveness

I Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Today is a 5th Sunday, which means it's a Family Sunday for our Christ Kids Worship children! They will stay with their families through the entire service and are welcome to use church bags, which are available in the foyer.



* I Saw the King

congregation



1. I saw the arm - ies of an - gels a - ris - ing, the
 2. I heard the tongues of the ho - ly ones sing - ing, ~



ban - ners of hea - ven ap - peared on the clouds.
 an - thems of che - ru - bim thun - d'ring on high,



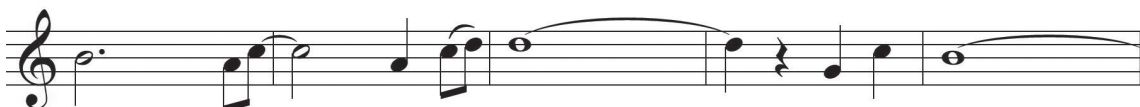
I saw the King in his glo - ry ar - riv - ing, the
 voic - es on voic - es in har - mon - y ring - ing. ~



cry goes _____ up, "Our sal - va - tion is near!" to Vs 2
 All God's re - deemed join the heav - en - ly choir. to Chorus



See the King _____ up-on his throne; _____ see the



vic - tory _____ he has won! _____ See his love _____



_____ and mercy sav - ing. Je - sus reigns for - ev - er - more.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



* Scripture reading

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:5-17

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

²⁵ When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷ then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



* Prayer



Sermon

Adam: The Paradise King

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Place

People

Purpose

Plight

Promise

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD



* *The God We Love (Nicene Creed)*

by Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson
& Matt Redman



1. We be-lieve in one God, the
2. For the world and for our sal -



Fa - ther, the Al - might - y, the Mak - er of
va - tion, he came down from the heav - ens a -



all, the One who rules the seen and un - seen. We be -
bove, born of a vir - gin and the Spir - it, tru - ly



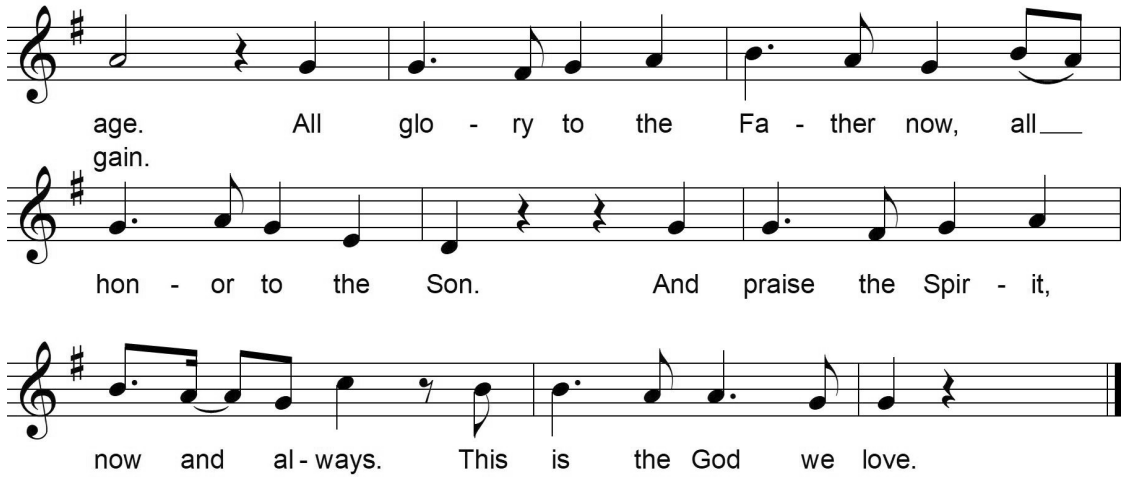
lieve and we a - dore. Je - sus Christ, one Lord of cre -
man and tru - ly God. He was cru - ci - fied un - der



a - tion, from the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not made. He is the
Pi - late, suf - fered death and was laid in the grave. And in ac -



Light from Light e - ter - nal and the God of ev - 'ry
cor dance with the scrip - tures, on the third, He rose a -



age. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all gain.
 hon - or to the Son. And praise the Spir - it,
 now and al - ways. This is the God we love.

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Advent Offering Highlight

Geneva Relief Fund

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church



Prayers of the People

Deacon Jake Nienhuis (8:30 AM)
 Deacon Mike Herrema (11:15 AM)

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.
 Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (888) 793-1604



Offertory: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arranged by Phillip Keveren



* Benediction



* **Advent Sending Song** *The King Shall Come*

text, Greek, tr. John Brownlie
music, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music

The King shall come when morn - ing__dawns and
light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ the__ Lord! Your
peo - ple__ pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings.

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and ring the bells as we sing our closing Amen song.



* **Amen Alleluia**

A - men. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

* **Postlude**

Worship musicians

Youth Ensemble
Susan Guerra and Rebecca Klamer, directors
Lulu Churchwell, chimes
Tessa Faber, flute
Lucy Harley, ukulele
Mirs Harley, ukulele
Katrielle Hutchison, chimes
Quinn Klamer, trumpet & bass
Leo La Fleur, saxophone

Jonas Lahmann, drum
Hope Lorenz, sleigh bells
Nathan Oliver, drum
Josie Ratajeski, cello
Timothy Ratajeski, chimes
Danielle Vanderput, chimes
Isaiah Vanderput, drum

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