

Christ Church, Presbyterian

The Lord's Day, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



Gathering in Worship • Growing in Walk • Going in Witness

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of life.

—1 John 1:1

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 talk with an elder standing by the piano after the service.

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This Week at Christ Church

Week of December 6, 2020 – December 12, 2020

SUNDAY, December 6

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

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (Masks Required).....Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Morning WorshipSanctuary

Children's Church for K4 through Grade 3.

4:15 p.m. AYC Recording..... Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Evening WorshipSanctuary

Children's Choir for K4 through Grade 6.

MONDAY, December 7

7:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls2nd Floor of Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Trail Life.....Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, December 9

6:00 p.m. Brass Ensemble RehearsalSanctuary

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir RehearsalSanctuary

THURSDAY, December 10

6:30 p.m. Session Prayer & MeetingFellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Ladies Bible Study..... online

FRIDAY, December 11

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer.....Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, December 12

10:00 a.m. Choir RehearsalSanctuary

Assisting in the Services

Elders greeting at the doors before this morning's service are:

Billy Hatcher & Ken Moody.

Ushers are Bridger Bond, Dan Campbell, Stephen Dyer, Derrick Smits & Brent Steed.

The Deacon on Duty is Derrick Smits (wearing a red carnation).

Elders greeting at the doors next Lord's Day will be:

Mike Boyd & Don Townsend.

Ushers next Lord's Day will be:

Jim Avery, Ryan Griffin, William Jewett & Chris Sniffen.

The Deacon on Duty next Lord's Day will be Richard Turner.

Current Officers with Class Year

Elders

Charles McClure (2020)

Ken Moody (2020)

John Norkus (2020)

Billy Hatcher (2021)

Mel Jewett (2021)

Don Townsend (2021)

Mike Boyd (2022)

Glynn Dyer (2022)

Deacons

Jim Avery (2020)

Derrick Smits (2020)

Ryan Griffin (2021)

Richard Turner (2021)

Marion Butler (2022)

Staff

Rev. Robert Hendrick, *Pastor*

Dr. Stan Pylant, *Director of Music*

Mr. John Psomas, *Dir. of Youth Ministries*

Mrs. Tammy Hendrick, *Int. Dir. of Children's Min.*

Mrs. Laura Doss, *Organist*

Mrs. Shirley McBride, *Admin. Assistant*

Mrs. Lindsay Hall, *Admin. Assist.-Acct.*

Mr. Scott Doss, *AV & Digital Media Dir.*

Mr. Charles Caruso, *Lawn Maintenance*

The Morning Service, eleven o'clock

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To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. Revelation 1:5

† indicates the congregation standing; • 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 & Announcements The Rev. Robert L. Hendrick, Pastor

The Prelude – Good Christian Men, Rejoicearr. Kristin Campbell
Desiree Wiggill, *flute*; Stan Pylant, *violin*; and Laura Doss, *piano*

The Choral Call to Worship – Arise, Your Light Is Come .. Walter, arr. Pylant
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.
Sanctuary Choir

The Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 107:1–2
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble.

The Invocation

•† **The Hymn of Adoration** – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 194) VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

The Lighting of the Peace Advent Candle Pursell Family

The Pastoral Prayer

The Anthem – The First Noel Andrew Huish
The First Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay akeeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light;
So it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. *Refrain*
Sanctuary Choir, Flute, and Piano
Children in K4 through Grade 3 may exit for the Children's Program.

The New Testament Lesson *selected texts*

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon – COMING TO OUR SENSES The Rev. Hendrick

I. See
A.) wise men-star (Mt. 2:1-2, 9-11)
B.) shepherds-angels (Luke 2:7-12)
C.) anyone and everyone else-Jesus Himself
John 1:14-*the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

II. Hear
Ex. 19:9; Num. 12:6; Deut. 4:10
A.) proclamation (Luke 2:10-11)
B.) praise (Luke 2:13-14)

III. Touch
1 John 1:1

IV. Smell
Psalm 141:2; Revelation 5:8
A.) thank offerings (Gen. 8)
B.) frankincense
C.) Myrrh
Prov. 7:17; Ps. 45:8; Es. 2:12; S. of S. 3:6, John 19:39
2 Cor. 2:15-*for we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, ...v. 16-to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.*

V. Taste
Psalm 119:103; Ps. 34:8; Mt. 26:26

The Confession of Sin

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 Profession 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 Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration
The Distribution of the Elements – *Please partake as you are served.*
The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

† **The Parting Hymn** – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 465) MOODY
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

† **The Benediction** The Rev. Hendrick

The Postlude – How Brightly Shines the Morning Star.... Johann Pachelbel

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 Mrs. Catharine McClure

The Words of Welcome Ken Moody, Ruling Elder

The Call to Worship Psalm 47:1–2
Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.

The Prayer of Invocation

•† **The Hymn of Praise** – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 165) LYONS
Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

The Evening Prayer Ken Moody

The Hymn of Preparation – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 368) VISION
The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear
At the end of music, children in K4 through Grade 6 may exit for the Children's Choir.

The New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:3–6 (*page 976*)

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Mr. Bridger Bond, *guest*
THE COVENANT & THE INCARNATION

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. Eph. 1:3–6, NKJV.

I. Introduction
A.) brief history/ orientation to Ephesians.
1.) prison epistle.
B.) glimpse to the purpose of the incarnation.

II. Covenant of Redemption
A.) v4: chose us before the foundation of the world.
B.) v3-5: God is active.
C.) v5: predestined in Christ.
1.) for adoption as Sons.

III. The Fruit in the Covenant
A.) v3: spiritual blessings.
1.) in Christ
B.) v4: to be holy and blameless in love (before Him).

IV. The Praise
A.) v1: blessed be God
1.) to bless God.
B.) v6: Doxology.
1.) God's grace drives us to praise.
2.) when we think of the incarnation, we must think of God's condescending grace.
3.) for His glory.
a.) the highest good for God is His own Glory.

† **The Hymn of Response** – (*Trinity Hymnal*, No. 55) TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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† **The Benediction** Bridger Bond
The Postlude