

God with Us

ADVENT 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 29, 2020
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9

Minister: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

**People: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined!**

❖ CHRIST IS COMING

NEANDER, John Ross Macduff and Joachim Neander

Christ is coming!
Let creation from her groans and travail cease;
Let the glorious proclamation
Hope restore and faith increase;
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Thou blessed Prince of Peace.

We can now but tell the story
Of your bitter cross and pain;
We shall yet behold your glory,
In your coming back to reign:
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Let each heart repeat the strain.

With that blessed hope before us,
Let no harp remain unstrung;
Let the mighty advent chorus
Onward roll from tongue to tongue:
“Christ is coming! Christ is coming!
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!”

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, #21

Minister: What is true faith?

**People: True faith is not only a knowledge and conviction
that everything God reveals in his Word is true;
it is also a deep-rooted assurance,
created in me by the Holy Spirit through the gospel,
that, out of sheer grace earned for me by Christ,
my sins are forgiven,
I have been made forever right with God,
and have been granted salvation.**

The Brian Fox Family

Lighting the Advent wreath originated in Germany, based on a Roman custom of the ceremonial entrance of a ruler to a province or city as his 'advent' (from the Latin adventus, meaning 'arrival'). One candle is lit the first Sunday of Advent, two are lit the second Sunday, etc. Each of the candles has special significance. The final candle, the Christ candle, is lit at Christmas.

Minister: The Advent wreath helps us remember the miracle of God's becoming human for our sake. The wreath is a circle, causing us to remember the eternity of God's love for us and for all humanity. It is decked with green boughs, causing us to remember the newness of life we have in Christ Jesus.

People: **The first candle reminds us of the prophets' hope for God's salvation to come, as Isaiah prophesied: "The Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."**

Minister: So let us stand and sing as we celebrate the coming of God into the world.

❖ GOD WITH US

David Ingram and Leslie Jordan

You've come to bring peace, to be love,
 To be nearer to us,
 And you've come to bring life, to be Light,
 To shine brighter in us.
 O Emmanuel, God with us!

*Chorus:
 Our Deliverer, you are Savior;
 In your presence we find our strength.
 Over everything our Redemption – God with us.
 You are God with us.*

You've come to be hope to this world
 For your honor and name,
 And you've come to take sin, to bear shame,
 And to conquer the grave.
 O Emmanuel, God with us! (*Chorus*)

You are here; you are holy.
 We are standing in your glory. (3x)
 You are here, you are holy.
 We are standing in your glory, Lord.

*Our Deliverer, you are Savior;
 In your presence we find our strength.
 Over everything our Redemption – God with us. (Repeat)
 You are God with us. (3x)*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

COME, O REDEEMER, COME

Fernando Ortega

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy!
Ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer:
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
Faithless, and troubled hearts weighed down.
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us peace.

Look now upon our need. Lord, be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin.
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come! Grant us peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ: we are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.

We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.

We are full of good intentions
but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will
is that you should come and help us do it.

Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon, and for your grace.
Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

❖ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ephesians 2:8-9

Minister: By grace you have been saved through faith,
and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYFRODOL, Rowland Hugh Pritchard, Charles Wesley and Mark E. Hunt

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art.
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation; joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
This the ever-lasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

❖ **THE PEACE OF GOD**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:25-34

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“From the Inside Out”
God With Us

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, belong to (and are in good standing with) a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to partake. If you are not a Christian, please consider spending this time in prayer.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

❖ SING OVER US

Joe Deegan

There will be no sun for he will be our light.
Out of the tomb these broken bones shall mend and rise.
The former things will pass away.
Death will never see the light of day;
But we will see our Jesus face to face.

Chorus:

*And he will sing over us. He will sing over us.
We will see the face of our first love
And he will sing over us.*

With his own hands he'll wipe the tears
That stained our cheeks.
And when we lift our gaze, our eyes at last shall see.
The former things shall pass away.
Every bitter sorrow, every pain
Will come undone when we behold his face. *(Chorus)*

The Lord our God is in our midst; the Lord has come.
He will quiet us with his steadfast love. *(Repeat)*
With his steadfast love. *(Chorus 2x)*

❖ BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Minister: May the God of peace himself
sanctify you entirely;
and may your spirit and soul and body
be kept sound and blameless at the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will do this.

People: Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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In your presence we find our strength.
Over everything our Redemption – God with us.
You are God with us. (3x)*

Worship Leaders

Joe Beam	drums
Daniel Campbell	keyboard & vocals
Joe Deegan	guitar & vocals
Micaela Dougan	vocals
Conrad Guthrie	bass
Jaime Jimenez	liturgy
Taylor Leachman	sermon
Frank Matta	electric guitar
Steven Wiggs	cello

Audio/Visual Team

Namath Naif	audio
Abigail Cunningham	projections
Arjan Voogt	switcher
Natalie Voogt	camera

Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today. Here are a few things going on within the life of the church that we don't want you to miss. For a full list of upcoming events, please visit christtheking.com.

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Advent Mission Project

WITH SMALL STEPS NURTURING CENTER

November 15- December 5

Fill a basket with home goods for Small Steps to distribute to families in need.

Baskets and lists of items are available at Student Ministry events and by the main staircase.



THE PRESCHOOL
AT CHRIST THE KING

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US. 1 JOHN 4:19

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9:00 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care

(Infant - 4 years)

Children's Worship

Kingdom Kids (K-2nd grade)

Children will be dismissed from the worship service.

10:30 am

Worship Service

Nursery Care

(Infant - 1 years)

Sunday School

2 - 4 years old (1st floor)

K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)

Code 45 - 4th & 5th graders

(past the playground, and up the stairs)

Student Ministry (3rd floor)

Adult Sunday

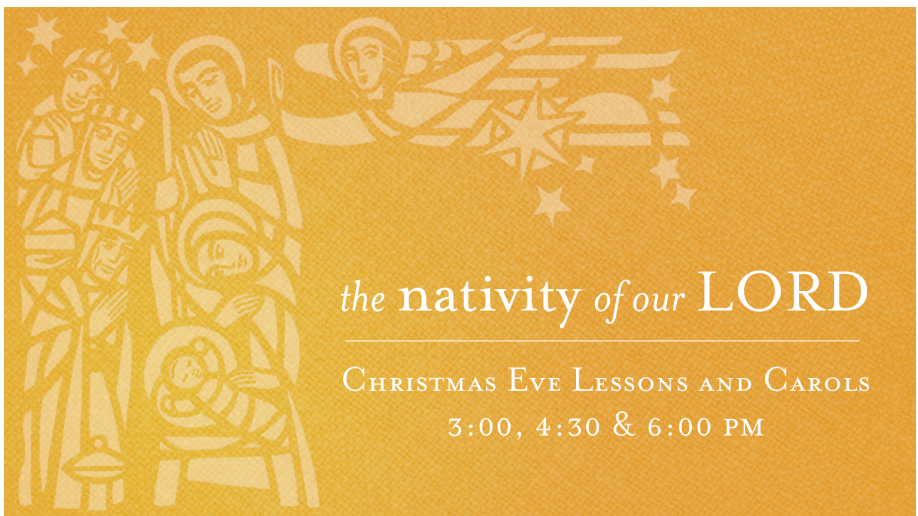
Morning Class

(3rd Floor)

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

10:30 am, The Great Hall & Zoom

Join us as we look into how God's plan of redemption culminated in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the promised Rescuer - God himself - to realize that God's plan of redemption culminates not in an ending, but a new beginning - a new creation where God will live forever with his people.



MINISTRY BUDGET UPDATE

If you have any questions please contact John Allison at 713-892-5464.

2020 Ministry Budget Goal	\$ 4,615,000
Expected Giving through 11/22/20	\$ 4,171,250
Received as of 11/22/20	\$ 2,890,766
Variance	\$ (1,280,484)