

Announcements:

Nursery available - For children 0-3, at the 9 AM service.

Small Groups are concluded for 2020 and will resume in January.

Become a Member of Christ Church of Wiesbaden- To become a member, one must be a Christian and give a credible profession of faith. Contact Phil or Jody to set up an interview!



Song of Response *I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)*

I pray my soul waits for the Lord, My hope is in His word
More than the watchman waits for dawn, My soul waits for the Lord

Out of the depths I cry to You, In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew, And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways, How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus: I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your word, I will rely
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You, Till my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone, Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won, By Christ emerging from the grave

Now He has come to make a way, And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today, Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2: I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You, Surely wait for You
For your love is my delight

Benediction

Giving Tithes and Offerings to Christ Church of Wiesbaden:

(All financial gifts are tax deductible for those filing in the US or Germany.)

- 1. The Old-Fashioned Way:** Give in worship during the offertory with cash or check.
- 2. US Dollars Online:** go to ccwiesbaden.com, click the 'GIVE' tab and then click the link 'HERE' under point 1. Christ Church of Wiesbaden is in the drop-down menu. Our US treasurer's address is: **PO Box 3133, Auburn, AL 36831-3133.**
- 3. German Konto Information:** Commerzbank- Christ Church Wiesbaden e. V.
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Committed to Christ and His Word

December 20, 2020

Advent Reading

Luke 2:8-14

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Lighting the Advent Candle

Worshipping God in Song *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

- 1.** 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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.
- 2.** Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring 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.
- 3.** 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 everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all
- 4.** 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.

Prayer of Invocation & Greeting

Responsive Reading Christ's Second Advent 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-14

Scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Prayers of Repentance

Offertory & Singing *On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand*

1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath, Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.

4. When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

Doxology *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Petition

Sermon: _____ The Case for Hope _____ Isaiah 40

I. Is God Willing to Save Us? (1-11)

II. Is God Able to Save Us? (12-26)

III. What Should We Do Now? (27-31)