

ADVENT | *The season of Advent, a season of waiting, is designed to cultivate our awareness of God's actions — past, present, and future. In Advent we hear the prophecies of the Messiah's coming as addressed to us — people who wait for the second coming. In Advent we heighten our anticipation for the ultimate fulfillment of all Old Testament promises, when the wolf will lie down with the lamb, death will be swallowed up, and every tear will be wiped away.*

prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

— Revelation 22:17, 20^{ESV}

children's presentation

Please remain seated while the children sing, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."[†]

[†] Words: Charles Wesley; Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn. Public Domain.

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

All: **He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

All: **They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;**

Leader: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

All: **They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: They shall call his name Immanuel.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus! God, be with us!**

— From Isaiah 40:28-31 and Matthew 1:23_{ESV}

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold him, born the King of angels; *

** Chorus:*

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light;

Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb:

Very God, begotten, not created; *

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

“Glory to God all glory in the highest!” *

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Send out your light and your truth; let them lead us; let them bring us to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then we will go to the altar of God, to God our exceeding joy, and we will praise you, O God, our God. This we pray by the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent as the Light of the World. Amen.

— Based on Psalm 43:3-4

advent reading & candle lighting

ALLEN & LYNNE UTZIG

The fourth Advent Candle color is purple, standing for the sovereignty of Christ, and demonstrating the reception of the coming King. It is called the Angel Candle or the Candle of Love.

The Readings | Zephaniah 3:14-17 and James 5:7-9,11 ESV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

** Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
To take away transgression and rule in equity. *

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight. *

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing. *

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love. *

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," Words: James Montgomery; Music (alt lyrics): Sandra McCracken.
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renewing our hearts

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin.
May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways.

— From *The Worship Sourcebook*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL **

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.*

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.*

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Words: Latin hymn, trans. by John Mason Neale; Music: Thomas Helmore. Public Domain.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

– Galatians 4:4-5 NRSV

All: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



All: From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lam-en-ta-tion;
To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-eth;
There-fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own mer-it;
Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more a-boun-deth;



Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me and hear my sup-ple-ca-tion;
Our works, a-las! Are all in vain; in much the best life fail-eth;
On him my soul shall rest, his word up-holds my fain-ting spi-rit;
His hel-ping love no li-mit knows, our up-most need it soun-deth.



If thou in-i-qui-ties dost mark, our se-cret sins and mis-deeds dark,
No man can glo-ry in thy sight, all must a-like con-fess thy might,
His pro-mised mer-cy is my fort, my com-fort and my sweet sup-port;
Our Shep-herd good and true is he, who will at last his Is-rael free



Men: O who shall stand be-fore thee? O who shall
And live a-lone by mer-cy. And live a-
I wait for it with pa-tience. I wait for
From all their sin and sor-row. From all their



Women: O who shall stand be-fore thee?
And live a-lone by mer-cy.
I wait for it with pa-tience.
From all their sin and sor-row.



stand be-fore thee?
live a-lone by mer-cy.
it with pa-tience.
sin and sor-row.



Who shall stand be-fore thee?
Live a-lone by mer-cy.
Wait for it with pa-tience.
All their sin and sor-row.

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An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,

All: **Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

children's message

DANIEL MCDOWELL

“He’s Here”- From The Jesus Storybook Bible

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Series | “Jesus Our King”

Sermon | “Longing for the Coming King”

December 18, 2022

- Psalm 72** ^{ESV} | 1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- 5 May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
9 May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
14 From oppression and violence he redeems
their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
16 May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities
like the grass of the field!
17 May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
- 18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!
- 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are
ended.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, who because of his great love did send his only begotten Son to take on flesh in union with mankind?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who graciously represented mankind before the Father in perfect obedience and in perfect atonement, reconciling us to God?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who mercifully breathes life into those dead in sin, that they might know the Father and believe the Son unto salvation?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

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

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

All: (*singing Gloria Patri*)

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Let us pray.

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

COME, OH REDEEMER, COME

Fa - ther en - throned on high ho - ly, ho - ly,
Lord, save us from the dark of our striv - ing,
Look now up - on our need. Lord be with us.

an - cient en - dur - ing light: Hear our prayers.
faith - less and troubl - ed heart weigh - ed down.
Heal us and make us free from our sin.

Come, oh Re - deem - er come. Grant us mer - cy. —

Come, oh Re - deem - er come. Grant us peace. —

“Come, Oh Redeemer, Come,” Words and Music: Fernando Ortega.

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**** offering & song of thanksgiving**

The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall.
With the poor and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable – with the oxen standing by –
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned, all in white shall be around.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett. Public Domain.

announcements

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

**All: 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.**

for first-time visitors

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the welcome pad when it comes to you.

FUN OPPORTUNITY AT SEDRO TODAY!

The flooring is about to be installed at Sedro crossing and everyone is invited **today, 230p**, to come to the building to write verses and prayers on the concrete floors, as a way of dedicating the space to the Lord. Parents, please work with your kids to find appropriate verses for each room in accordance with what it will be used for. Sharpies will be provided. We are excited to have this opportunity!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Children's worship is on break until **January 1**. We look forward to seeing the children in class in the new year!

prayer meeting

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting via Zoom, **Tuesday December 20, 12p**. Prayer and Zoom meeting link requests can be **sent to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgerogetown.org). All are welcome to join!

christmas eve service

Join us and invite others for Christmas Eve at CPC! Our Christmas Eve service will be held at Dell Pickett Elementary on **Saturday, December 24, 530p**.

pregnancy help center bbq fundraiser

Please plan to attend a barbecue fundraiser benefiting the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County after the worship service **Sunday, January 15**, until **2p** at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park (445 E. Morrow St.), serving Pok-e-Jo's and all the fixings! You are invited to come & go, dine-in or take it home!

delaney-thank you

Jane Russ and the Delaney residents want to thank everyone that organized and came out to the Children's and Youth outreach events this month. She said that it was such a special time for them and they all enjoyed it so much! Jane said it was very exciting to hear the children sing, see the beautifully decorated doors, and to have such a sweet time of fellowship!

giving statements

Your CPC giving statement showing contributions made through November 30, 2022 was emailed to you on Tuesday, December 13 along with a letter from Pastor Whit.

year-end giving

In order to be deductible on your 2022 tax return, contributions must be received or postmarked no later than **Saturday, December 31**. If you have questions about year-end giving or any other giving-related question, please **contact Sonya Dewitt** (finance@cpcgerogetown.org).

congratulations

Anna & Brandon Flynn welcomed new baby, Peter Oran - 7 lbs 5 oz, 19.75 inches - Sunday afternoon December 4. Mom and baby are doing well!