

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

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

— Psalm 8:1 ESV

** call to worship

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Leader: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

All: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

All: The LORD is gracious and merciful.

Leader: They will call his name Immanuel.

All: Come, let us adore him.

— Based on Psalm 111:1-4 and Matthew 1:23 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend: Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Because of your tender mercy, O Lord our God, the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death to guide our feet into the way of peace. Therefore, Holy Father, give us great joy because you have drawn near and made your dwelling among your people; all by the gracious name of your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

— Based on Luke 1:78-79

advent reading & candle lighting

JACOB & SAM WEAVER

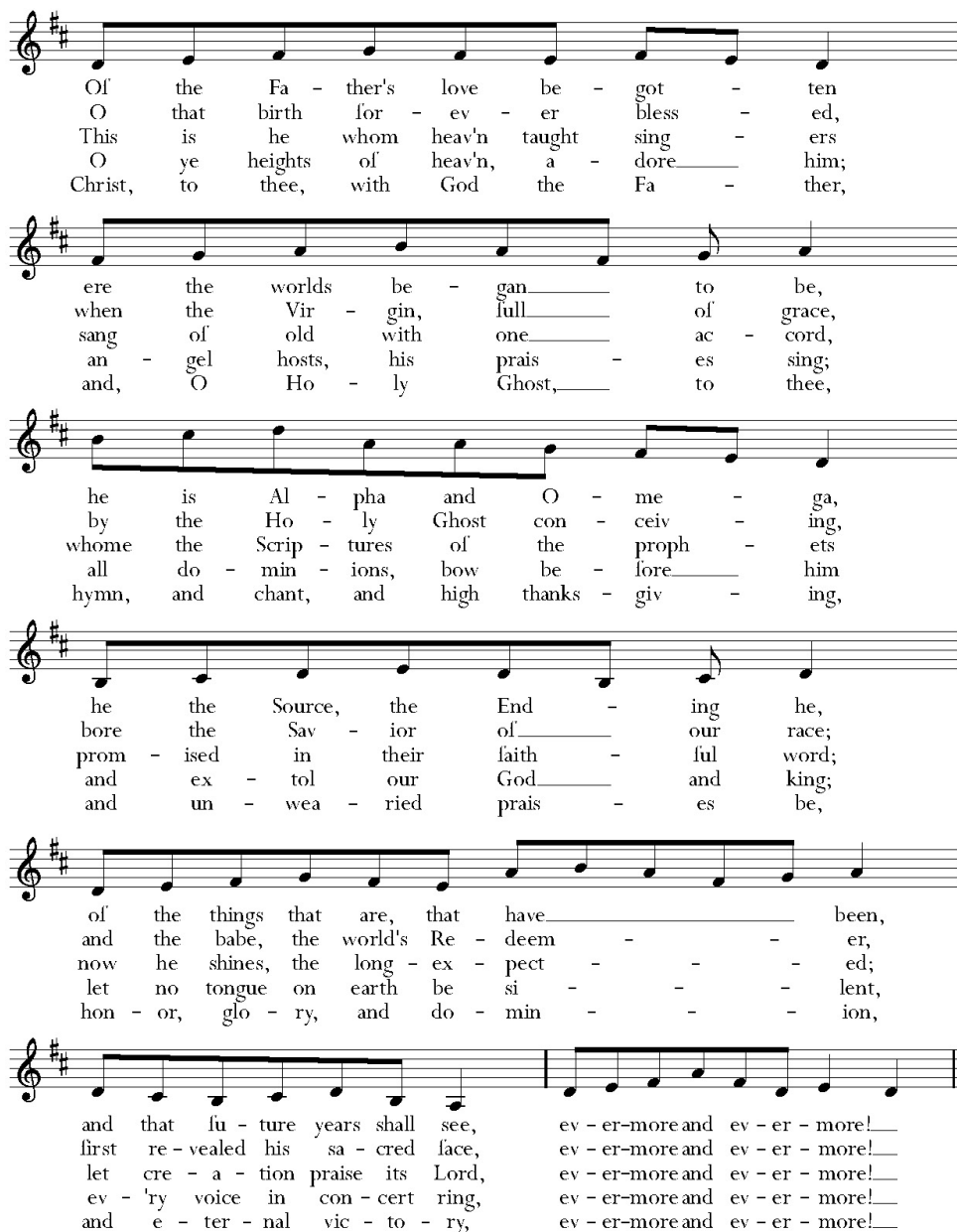
The candle color for the second week of Advent is purple, symbolizing royalty and the sovereignty of Christ. This week's candle is called the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation. It demonstrates the anticipation of the coming King that is celebrated during Advent.

The Readings | John 1:1-5 and Revelation 21:22-26 ESV

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN



Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten
O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed,
This is he whom heav'n taught sing - ers
O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him;
Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther,

ere the worlds be - gan to be,
when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
sang of old with one ac - cord,
an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,

he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
whome the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing,

he the Source, the End - ing he,
bore the Sav - ior of our race;
prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
and ex - tol our God and king;
and un - wea - ried prais - es be,

of the things that are, that have been,
and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed;
let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion,

and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
first re - vealed his sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
let cre - a - tion praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: [Thus says the LORD,] “I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

— Jeremiah 33:8 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Merciful God, who sent your messengers, the prophets,
To preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
That we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. 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 victory o’er the grave.***

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ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: “And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

— Jeremiah 31:34 ESV

All: Thanks be to God!

A DEBTOR TO MERCY ALONE

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of
The work which your good - ness be - gan, the
My name from the palms of your hands, e -

cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing, I come with your right - eous - ness
arm of your strength will com - plete, Your prom - ise is yes and a -
ter - ni - ty will not e - rase, Im - pressed on your heart it re -

on, my hum - ble of - f'ring to bring The
men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet, The
mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace, Yes

judg - ments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to
fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a -
I, to the end, will en - dure, un - til I bow down at your

do. My Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans -
bove, can make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my
throne. For - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

gres - sions from view,
soul from your love,
mer - cy a lone.

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Leader: Psalm 15
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

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.**

reception of new members

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

Charlie and JoAnne Dieterich
Albert and Cristine Joe with Vivian

VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and 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.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

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.

sermon

Series | “Jesus Our King

WHIT ANDERSON

Sermon | “Welcoming the King”

December 4, 2022

Psalm 24 ^{ESV} | 1 The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,

the world and those who dwell therein,

2 for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

5 He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates!

And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates!

And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

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, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the deacons will retrieve them.

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, examine your heart and reflect on the meaning of this supper, that you would take it in a worthy manner.

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

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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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.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | DECEMBER 4

The Session of CPC is calling a congregational meeting **today** immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing a new elder. We are pleased to announce that Jonathan Wells was nominated by the congregation, has been trained and examined by the Session, and is eligible for election by the congregation.

SESSION MEETING | DECEMBER 6

The Session (CPC's elders) will meet on **Tuesday, December 6, 5-7p**. If you would like to attend either in person or via zoom, please let us know to expect you by **emailing Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you have questions or concerns to be addressed but are unable to attend the meeting, please e-mail those to Adrienne or one of the elders.

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@cpcgeorgetown.org).

youth group outreach

CPC Youth are doing a Christmas outreach on **Saturday, December 10, 10a**, at The Delaney. We will be caroling, spending time with the residents and decorating the doors of their rooms for the holidays. We are in need of supplies for the Christmas door decorating. If you would like to contribute wrapping paper, ribbon, bows and/or tape, please **contact Ryan Slabach** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org) to work out logistics.

all that glitters

Parents, please be mindful of your kids after the end of worship services in the Advent season, as there will be lots of pretty (yet fragile) things that tempt little hands. For the safety of all our children and our beautiful decorations, please keep the stage area clear and all decor off limits and undisturbed. Thank you for your help.

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**.

sunday school

Sunday school is on break until **Sunday, January 15**. We hope to see you all back in class in the new year!