



November 30, 2025

Ministers: Every member of this congregation

Worship Leader: Rev. John Helt

Music Director: Terryl Dietert

Guitar | Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba

Video: Richard Tremarello

Liturgist: Julie Oren

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Pastorale on Advent Themes* - arr. Currie

We Light the Candle of Hope

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Isaiah 2:1-5 (NRSVUE)

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Call to Worship

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
permeating all creation, come now and teach us the way to salvation.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice, shine on
those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Come, Lord Jesus.

O Immanuel, Sovereign and Lawgiver, dear desire of the nations and
Savior of all, come and save us and the whole of creation.

Come, Lord Jesus.

*Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Hymn #153

*Opening Prayer

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming. Prepare our hearts to receive the Holy One Who Comes. We confess that we have not expected your reign on earth, accepting lies as truth, exploiting the earth and our neighbors, and ignoring your justice. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek only those things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. In the name of Immanuel. Amen.

*Words of Grace (to tune of *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*)

**Oh ye beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low;
Who toil along the climbing path with painful steps and slow.
Look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
Oh rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

*Response	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymn #240
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!		
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia! Alleluia!		

A Message for the Young at Heart

Gift of Music	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> – arr. Ryan	Bell Choir
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Psalms 122 (NRSVUE)

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there the thrones for judgment were set up,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers."
For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek your good.

Romans 13:11-14 (NRSVUE)

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSVUE)

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Sermon "The Thing About Coming Again" Rev. John Helt

Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* **Hymn #218**

Prayers of the People *(see Weekly Newsletter for details)*

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: *Judy B, Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Gloria H, Nicole, Bart, Tom, Dulce, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie*

Pastoral Prayer

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Something in us changes, when we live our lives with a spirit of giving and grace. Something in us changes when we share what we have and who we are. Something in us changes when we choose generosity as a way of life, without judging or questioning those who need us to be generous. That change is a gift of God, and we find God's love filling our hearts and our lives with every good gift we give freely and without question.

SCAN TO DONATE



Offertory *My Heart Songs Out with Joyful Praise* - Swedish melody

*Doxology

**This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the Son of Mary.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Coming God of all hope, for the ways you bless us, we offer these gifts today with thankful hearts. Bless and strengthen your church, that we might better reflect the light you shine into the dark corners of this world. Build us up in hope, we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn #182

*Benediction

*Benediction Song

Now it's Time to Say Goodbye

**Now it's time to say goodbye
To go on out from here
To live the visions and the dreams
To scatter hate and fear
So may the Peace be with you now
A peace that's filled with Grace
May it surround all your struggles**

**And everything you face.
And may you find your own way
To sing out love's own song
With courage, tears and laughter
And then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye.
May peace be with you now.**

Postlude

Hosanna Now through Advent - arr. Busarow

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today: Coffee Hour

Tuesday, Dec 2: Movie and Lunch, 11:30am/1:10pm

Wednesday, Dec 3: Choir, 7pm

Saturday, Dec 6: Paws for the Season, 11am-1pm

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent Brunch, 11am

Counters: Debbie Hansen, Doris Mayeshiba

Greeters: Peggy Carew, Janet Dietert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU | Thank you to **all those who volunteered** to deliver the Share and Care gift bags to our church members. Your time spent with our church members is appreciated. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Thank you to **Ken Klockow** for donating two diamond art pictures. The Nativity scene and the picture of Jesus can be found on display in the main hallway and chapel area. Your talents are appreciated.

December Movie and Lunch | Tuesday, **Dec 2** at 1:10pm | Movie: *Wicked for Good* (rated PG) at South Shore Cinema. | Lunch at 11:30am at Honey Butter Cafe in Franklin.

Paws for the Season | Saturday, **Dec 6 |** 11am–1pm | We will be hosting a **pet blessing and holiday photo op** for the community and church members. We would appreciate your donations to make this event a success. **Please sign-up for the items needed by Sunday, Nov 30.** Hot chocolate packets, hot apple cider packets, cookies, puppy chow mix (people snack). Volunteers to host and to help with set-up are also needed. *Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun event! The Membership Committee*

Endowment Grants applications are due by **Dec 7**. Please ask any member of the Endowment Committee if you have questions: *Tom D, Joan G, Mary Ann M, Jill U, Randene W*

Holiday Gift Program | We will be partnering with the Milwaukee Rescue Mission to provide holiday gifts to those in need in our community. Please get a list of requested donation items from Randene. Donations are due by Sunday, **Dec 7**. If you have any questions, please contact a Social Concerns member: *Debbie H, Mallorie L, Mary Ann M, Jan N, Sara R, Randene W*

Advent Lunch | Sunday, **Dec 7** at 11am in the Fellowship Hall |Join us for brunch and our guest speaker, Sheila Feay-Shaw. Sign-up sheets to attend and bring food items are on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Please sign up by Sunday, **Nov 30**. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Divine Intervention | On Thursday, **Dec 11**, Christ Church volunteers will be serving a meal at Divine Intervention for about 25 guests and staff. This site is located at Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church for those seeking shelter during the cold months of December through March. Each month we will serve a meal with a different theme. For the month of December, we will have tacos and all the fixings. The sign-up sheet is located at the Lenox Street bulletin board. Items needed: Taco meat, shredded cheese, diced tomatoes, salsa, tortillas, tortilla chips, salad and dressing, dessert, milk, and at least 2 people to serve the meal. Food must be delivered by 6pm on the Thursday we serve. Questions: Contact *Jim or Randene Wick* at 414-614-2622.

Christmas Eve Flyer Distribution | Sunday, **Dec 14** | Please consider taking about one hour of your time during the time from Dec 14 and Dec 22 to help distribute Christmas Flyers inviting our church neighbors to our Christmas Eve church service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the Lenox Street bulletin board. Thank you. *Joan Gaeth, Membership Committee*

All Church Caroling | **Dec 14** at 2pm | We'll meet briefly at the Lenox Street door and hand out our route maps and then go caroling to some of our Share and Care members.

All Church Christmas Dinner Gathering | Thurs, **Dec 18**, 5:30pm at Joe's K Ranch

Christmas Fund Offering | **Dec 21**

Hat and Mitten Collection | You may place your donations on the tree in the chapel by **Dec 21**. Thanks for helping to keep our local school children warm this winter. *The Social Concerns Committee*

Pulpit Supply Schedule

Dec 7	Rev. Dr. Sandy Graham
Dec 14	Rev. Debbie Payden
Dec 21	Rev. Dr. Tim Perkins
Christmas Eve	Rev. Dr. Sandy Graham & Rev. Dr. John Helt
Dec 28	Janet Key (Lessons & Carols)



**PLEASE pick up your 2026 offering envelopes
in the chapel. Thank you!**

You can also pick up a copy of
A Season of Peace, an Advent devotional,
to help you prepare for Christmas.

Monthly Activity	October	YTD
Contributions	\$7,977	\$104,544
Other Income	\$16,174	\$58,983
Total Income	\$24,151	\$163,307
Expenses	\$13,392	\$164,441
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$148,666

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