



July 19, 2026 Christmas in July

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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.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Angels We Have Heard on High* French Carol

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."

All: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among all people!

*WE ALL SING *O Come, All Ye Faithful* **#182**

*OPENING PRAYER

All: Glorious God, in Jesus your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder Christ's words and deeds of love by the light of your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome in our world. Amen.

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*RESPONSE *O Come, Let us Adore Him* (vs. 1 & 2) **#114**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 1-7 NIV

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

WE ALL SING

Away in a Manger (vs. 1 & 2)

#203

A WORD OF GRACE

"Rock 'em, Sock 'em Robots"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1 & 2)

#186

*STATEMENT OF FAITH

based on John 1:1-5, 14

One: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was present to God, and the Word was God."

All: The Word is love, and it is love we honor and love we live.

One: "In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people."

All: Love has blessed us; love has birthed us and brought us to this day.

One: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen the glory of the Word, the delight and attention given an only child, full of grace, full of truth."

All: In Jesus we have seen God's love. It is that love we give ourselves to, to receive from, to learn from, and to practice.

One: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it."

All: As shepherds returned to their fields telling of the good news, we go into the fields of our daily lives, proclaiming in words and deeds, in devotion and in justice, the new birth of God's love among us. Alleluia!

WE ALL SING *Silent Night, Holy Night* (vs. 1 & 2)

#131

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- From the **Prayer Box**: Please pray for **Adullam Outreach** and their ministry leaders
- For **Jill U's friend, Nichola**
- from the **Prayer Box**: for the **Ramirez/Olson family** who are grieving a loss
- Continued prayers for **Joan A's grandson, Blair**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: For the sake of those in need, for the care of the church in proclaiming Christ's birth, and for all God calls us to do, we gather our tithes, offerings, and commitment to serve in Christ's name.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Redner

*WE ALL SING

Doxology

tune: Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray.

All: These gifts, O God, are first from you, signs of your bounty meant for all your children. We joyously give you thanks for all that we have and are and ask your blessings on our offerings. Turn our lives to your will as we receive and as we give, for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*WE ALL SING

Joy to the World

#179

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

German Mel.

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Today

Christmas in July
Coffee Hour

Greeters: Andy Oren

Counters: Danette Volz, Renolle Volz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas in July | Christmas doesn't have to be only once a year. During worship today, and we'll be celebrating Christmas in July! We will sing familiar carols and hear the story of Jesus' birth. Christmas is also a time of giving. Will you make a gift to our "Christmas in July Offering"? Please plan on attending this special service. One lucky person will receive a beautiful Christmas gift basket on July 19th, and it just might be YOU!

This summer, we are making some much-needed repairs to our boiler and having the east side of our building repaired and repainted. Stewardship has set a fundraising goal of \$5000 to offset these capital expenditures. They hope to have that in **by July 31st**. Please consider making a \$250 gift in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the US. Of course, a gift of any size is greatly appreciated. Look for the Christmas tree in the chapel as it tracks our progress toward our \$5,000 goal!

Please note: When offering your Christmas gift, please place it in its own envelope, marked "My Christmas In July Offering", separate from your weekly offering envelope.

Join us for Christmas in July. Bring your generous gifts. Invite a friend to come along as well. The more the merrier! May the spirit of Christmas inspire generous hearts and joyful giving.

Merry Christmas! *Pam Kothrade*

Christ Church T-Shirts | If you'd like to order a church t-shirt, please pick an order form from the media racks or from Randene. Turn in your order form and payment to Randene. Orders are due by **August 9**. Thanks, *The Membership Committee*

Bay View Community Center Fundraiser | The annual Bay View Community Center fundraiser at the South Shore Yacht Club is on **Thursday, September 3**. We have 6 members who plan to attend. Adding two more people to our table would provide a complete table for the reservation. The cost is about \$70 each. Contact *Pastor Bob or Randene* soon if you're interested in attending.

Sunday School | There will be no Sunday School class in July or August. Watch for information about Homecoming Sunday in September. For more information, contact *Michael Key or Pastor Bob*.

Thank You! | A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated food, quarters and their time for Divine Intervention's Laundry Ministry this past Sunday!!! We were welcomed warmly and helped a very worthy cause. Not only did we provide 20 bag lunches, we gave Tippe \$135.30 for another time to offer this important laundry service. Way to Go Everyone!!! Christ Church has the best members who really care! *Social Concerns Committee*



Monthly Activity	June	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$7,035	\$97,658
Expenses	\$17,570	\$119,182
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$108,310
<i>Last week's offering: \$3,354</i>		

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