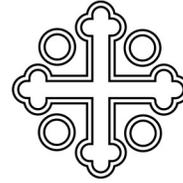


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CHRIST COMMUNITY  
CHURCH

**NO YOUTH GROUP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

There will be no Youth Group or Sunday School classes **December 21st and & 28th** due to Christmas break. Plan to join us in January!

**NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHOIR AND BELLS**

We will not have Children's Ministry Choir and Bells or 9:30 Sunday School classes **December 21st & 28th** due to Christmas break. Classes will **resume January 4th**.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The church office will be closed **December 22nd through January 2nd** for Christmas and New Year. We will resume normal office hours on **Monday, January 5th**

**REFORMED SINGLES SUMMIT, JANUARY 16-18**

Christ Covenant Church, OPC is hosting the annual Reformed Singles Summit the weekend of **January 16th-18th**. This year's theme is Wisdom and the cost is \$65. Matt will serve as one of the speakers. **You can go to [reformedingles.org](http://reformedingles.org) to learn more and to register!**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO VOTE ON DEACON CANDIDATES**

We will hold a congregational meeting on **Sunday, 1/18**, after worship to vote on our current deacon candidates Kenny Joseph, Jared McLeroy, and Scott Searcy. We will send an email out with more information in the next week.

*O Come. O Come Immanuel:*  
**ISAIAH**  
*Prayers for Salvation. Judgment. & Renewal*

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TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY  
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND  
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OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION  
December 21, 2025

**Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship - Isaiah 40:1-5**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

**\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

**\*Song of Preparation and Praise - *Comfort, Comfort Now My People***

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

**\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 1:1-8**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

**\*Song of Comfort - *O Come, O Come Emmanuel***

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

**Pastoral Prayer - Jim And Shari Whittle, ELI India and**

**Midway Presbyterian Church, Powder Springs**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

**Sermon - Immanuel, Rend the Heavens and Come Down in Jesus the Christ**

**Isaiah 64:1-12**

**\*Song of Response - *O Come All Ye Faithful***

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

**\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

**\*Benediction - 2 Peter 3:14, 18**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

**\*Congregational Response: Amen!**

*\*Stand*

*Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.*

*Response*  
SONG OF

***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;

*O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

“IMMANUEL, REND THE HEAVENS AND  
COME DOWN IN JESUS THE CHRIST”

ISAIAH 64:1-12  
CAMERON BARHAM

**Key Truth: God rent the heavens and came down in Jesus the Christ to save His people who had failed Him.**

**Introduction:**

**Q: *How do you respond when you or others in your spheres of influence sin against God?***

**Isaiah 64:1-12: Isaiah’s Prayer for God to Draw Near:**

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Luke 2:8–20 ESV**

**Application Questions:**

- 1. *What effort did God make to draw near to you, His enemy who failed Him?***
- 2. *How does this affect how you respond when you or others in your spheres of influence sin?***

**Application:**

**Isaiah 64:1-12** teaches us that God rent the heavens and came down in Jesus the Christ to save His people who had failed Him.

**Benediction: 2 Peter 3:14, 18**

CALL TO Worship

- <sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
- <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

**Isaiah 40:1-5**

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heav'n's all gracious King;"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav'nly music floats  
O'er all the weary world:  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hov'ring wing,  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
Whose forms are bending low,  
Who toil along the climbing way  
With painful steps and slow,  
Look now! for glad and golden hours  
Come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophet bards foretold,  
When with the ever circling years  
Comes round the age of gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world give back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

**SONG OF**  
*Comfort*

***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

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!*

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here  
And chase away the shades of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
(Refrain)

O come, Desire of Nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease  
And be Thyself our King of Peace  
(Refrain)

**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

Comfort, comfort  
Now my people  
Tell of his peace with no end  
Comfort, comfort  
Those in darkness  
Tell them that God's pardon  
Waits for them

*The Glory of the Lord  
Now on earth is shed  
In deserts far and near  
He will raise what's dead  
His peace has now  
Been spoken  
His word is never broken  
The Kingdom of our God  
Is now here*

*Praise*  
**SONG OF**

Straight shall, straight shall  
Be what's crooked  
Making all the rougher  
Places plain  
Let your, let your  
Hearts be humble  
Befitting our God's glory  
And his reign  
(Chorus)

Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills all will bow down  
Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills bow down  
In Praise  
Let the valleys  
Rise to meet him  
The hills bow down  
In Praise...  
(Chorus)

# Confession OF SIN

Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

*(Take a moment to silently confess.)*

We confess that we often struggle to run to Your throne of grace when we or someone in our spheres of influence sins against You. **(Isaiah 64:1-12)**

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.

Amen.

# Assurance OF PARDON

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

**Mark 1:1-8**

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

**(Congregation) - Amen!**