

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.*

preparing our hearts

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him[.]

– Isaiah 11:1-2a ESV

choral anthem

Joy to the World – K-5th grade choir

** 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, which means “God with us.”

All: Come, let us worship and adore him.

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

** Please stand if you are able

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!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
“Glory to God all 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, late in flesh appearing; *

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**prayer of invocation

Leader: Because of your tender mercy, O Lord our God, the sunrise has visited 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. It is your Son's Advent that we celebrate and for which we are thankful O God. Therefore, Holy Father, give us great joy because you have drawn near and made your dwelling among your people. This morning as we worship, lead us to renew our earnestness to follow you Father. Lead our hearts to say with the Psalmist "Your face, Lord, do I seek". We lift our prayer to you, O God, in the gracious name of your Blessed Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

advent reading & candle lighting

THE ANCMON FAMILY

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.**

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL



1. Sing we the song of Em - man - u - el; this, the Christ, who was long fore - told.
 2. Come we to wel - come Em - man - u - el, King who came with no crown or throne.
 3. Go spread the news of Em - man - u - el. Joy and peace for the wea - ry heart.



Lo, in the shad - ows of Beth - le - hem, prom - ise of dawn now our eyes be - hold.
 Help - less, he lay, the In - vin - ci - ble. Mak - er of Mar - y, now Mar - y's son.
 Lift up your heads for your King has come. Sing, for the Light o - ver - whelms the dark.



God, Most High, in a man - ger laid. Lift your voic - es and now pro - claim,
 O, what wis - dom to save us all. Shep - herds sag - es be - fore him fall.
 Glo - ry shin - ing for all to see. Hope a - live, let the gos - pel ring.



"Great and glo - ri - ous, Love has come to us." Join now with the hosts of heav - en.
 Grace and maj - es - ty, what hu - mil - i - ty. Come on bend - ed knee, a - dore him.
 God has made a way. He will have the praise. Tell the world his name is Je - sus.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

– Isaiah 55:6-7_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Stir up your great mercy, O God,
And with your power come among us;
We are sorely hindered by our manifold sin, and are in great need.
We confess our brokenness to you, and would, with your help,
Live our lives in Christ, who visited us in great humility,
To redeem us from our sin and shame,
That when he comes again in his glorious majesty,
To judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal.
May your bountiful grace and mercy help and deliver us, O Father,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Through [our Lord Jesus Christ] we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

All: **For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.**

– Romans 5:2, 10_{ESV}

AMAZING GRACE

Chords: G, D7, Em, C, G, G7, D7, G

1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re - lieved;
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my hope se - cures;

Chords: C, G, G, Em, G, D7, G, G7

- I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 he will my shield and por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
 and mortal life shall cease,
 I shall possess within the veil
 a life of joy and peace.
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we've first begun.

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Leader: Matthew 1:18-23
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

about our guest speaker | **Rick Box**

Preaching and serving Communion today with us again is Rick Box. Rick has preached for CPC and served Communion several times in the recent past. He was born and raised in Texas, and he and his family served as Mission to the World church planting missionaries in Bogota, Colombia for 29 years. Rick retired from MTW in 2020 and recently married Na-Shuang Freeburg. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick, and express our thanks for his gracious and faithful service to us these last few months.

Sermon | “Immanuel – God with Us”

December 8, 2024

John 1:14^{ESV} | 11 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: It is a trustworthy statement deserving of full acceptance,

All: **Have nothing to do with worldly fables.**

Leader: On the other hand,

All: **Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;**

Leader: Bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things

All: **Since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.**

– Adapted from 1 Timothy 4:7-9 NASB

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.

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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And he [Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

– Luke 22:19-20_{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

Minister: Let us pray.

All: O merciful Lord, we do not presume to come to this your table 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 share in the table of your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful hearts may be made clean by his sacrifice, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.

Minister: Take these symbols of Christ’s sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

As the elements are distributed and the instrumentals are played, please use the opportunity to contemplate Christ's giving himself for you and consider how you might respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the King of Kings through his selfless sacrifice.

**** 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 we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

** Chorus:*

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. *

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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.

sunday school

Sunday School is on break until January 19. Look for details about the spring session in the coming weeks.

BACKYARD CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT | DECEMBER 20

CPC's kids along with their friends and family are invited to a backyard Christmas movie night! Join us **Friday, December 20, 630p**, at the Horralls' place, as we watch *The Star*. Bring blankets and your favorite comfortable chairs. We will serve popcorn, cookies, and hot cocoa while we all enjoy a Christmas classic movie together. For more information or if you have any questions feel free to **reach out to Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

cpc kids checkout

Just a reminder, that when it's time for child pick-up, please stay outside the classroom and allow volunteers to bring your child to the door. Teens and siblings please remain outside of the classroom with parents during checkout time. Thank you for helping us maintain an orderly and safe dismissal!

year-end giving

In order to be deductible on your 2024 tax return, contributions must be received or postmarked no later than **Tuesday, December 31**. If you have questions about year-end giving or any other giving-related question, **please contact Russ Newcombe** (treasurer@cpcgeorgetown.org).

advent and christmas eve services

Join us and invite others for Advent and Christmas Eve at CPC! Advent services are **December 8, 15, and 22**. Our Christmas Eve service will be **Tuesday, December 24, 530p**.

thank you

Thank you to Suzanne Joffrion and the hospitality team for organizing the advent breakfast last Sunday! It was a wonderful time of fellowship!