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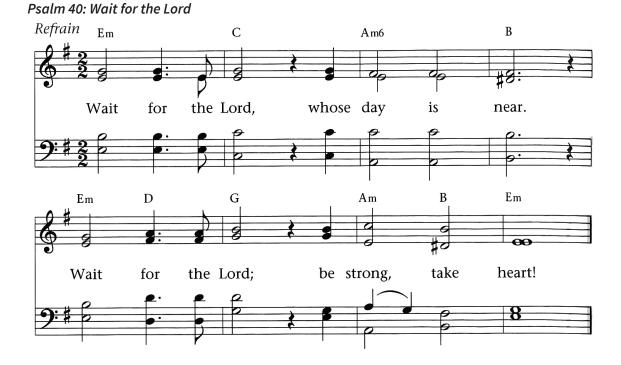
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The Candle of Bethlehem

Randy and Lindsey Bosma Lukas, Ana, and Lydia (8:30 service)

Molly Guillaume and Nella Kreuzer (11:15 service)



GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship

Psalm 26:12

Elder Jerry Stutzman

My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

December 4, 2022

* O Come O Come Emmanuel Trinity Hymnal 194

* **Invocation** concluding with the following responsive prayer, based on Psalm 126

Elder	If our lives are dry and parched,
People	Lord, send the living waters of your Spirit to revive us, to enliven us, to bring forth new life. Immanuel, come quickly.
Elder	If our times are empty and barren,
People	Lord, grant us a rich harvest, send us home with sheaves of blessing, fill us with your abundance, and teach us to share the harvest with others. Immanuel, come quickly.
Elder	If our bodies are weary and heavy laden,
People	Lord, fill us with laughter; give us shouts of joy; envelop us with your gladness. Immanuel, come quickly.
Elder	If our lives are small and trivial,
People	Lord, make us see great things; enlarge our vision; widen our borders. Immanuel, come quickly. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Psalm 26:8-10

O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells. Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men, in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

Declaration of Forgiveness Galatians 4:3-7

In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

8:30 service: During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer.

* Come Light Our Hearts



2014 Drink Your Tea

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading Jo

Jonah 3:1 - 4:4

^{3:1}Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. ² And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. ³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the Lord said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon A Weary World

Nineveh

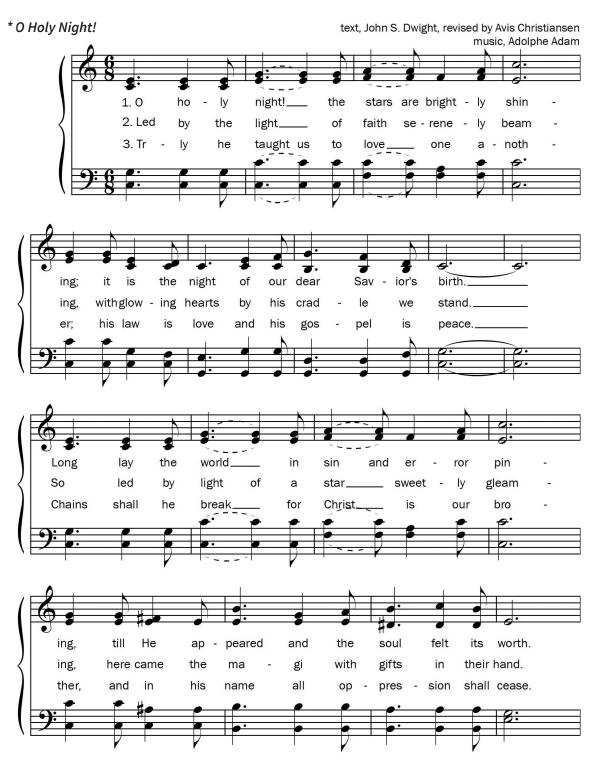
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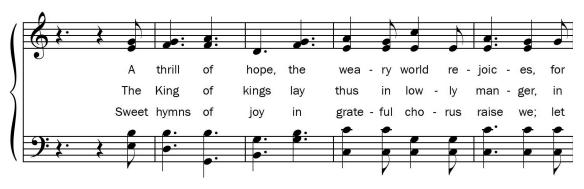
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Further discussion/questions? and rewvander maas@christchurchgr.org Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

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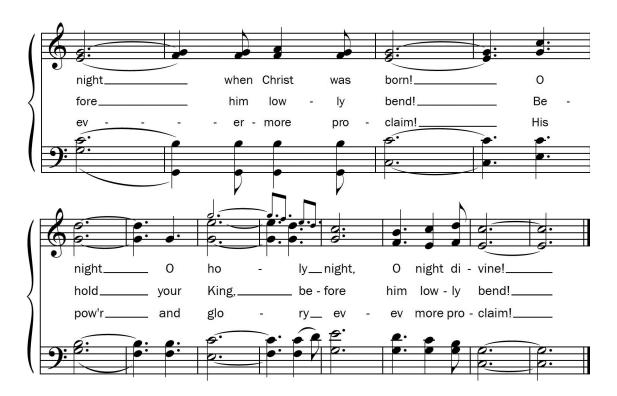












Invitation to the Lord's Table

Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.

During the passing of the bread Zephaniah 3:14-20

Ariston Churchwell, reader (8:30) Ruthie Bray, reader (11:15)

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

During the passing of the cup

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

violin & piano

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood; Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood, he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food. arr. David Thacker & Roger Hooper

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Advent Offering Highlight Sending warmth to Ukraine, MTW Crisis Fund

Designated envelopes are available in the red friendship pads.

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows. Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820 To support the deacons' fund, place your labeled offering in the plate, or donate online.

Elders will pass baskets to collect communion cups.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Offertory

violin & organ

J.S. Bach, arr. arr. Arthur Campbell

Through the way where hope is guiding,

Hark, what peaceful music rings.

Where the flock in Thee confiding,

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure,

Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.

Thou dost ever lead Thine own,

In the love of joys unknown.

Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring Holy wisdom, love most bright Drawn by Thee our souls aspiring Soar to uncreated light Word of God, our flesh that fashioned. With the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to truth unknown Soaring, dying round Thy throne

* Gloria Patri Trin

Trinity Hymnal 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* Benediction

Sarah Ingram



Worship musicians Sarah Griffioen, violin and song leader David Bading, organ Susan Guerra, piano **Cover art** Rebekah Hanisch Reader Beth Kusserow

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