

December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
9:15 am

THIRD SUNDAY OF
advent



WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH DEER PARK

We are glad to have you worship with us!

We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to join us.

Prelude Wie Schön Leuchtet der Morgenstern BWV 739

Bach

The Welcome

Opening Hymn #109

(please stand)

When the King Shall Come Again

Ave Virgo Virginum

When the King shall come again,
all his power revealing;
splendour shall announce his reign,
life and joy and healing:
earth no longer in decay,
hope no more frustrated;
this is God's redemption day
longingly awaited.

In the desert, trees take root,
fresh from God's creation;
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
join the celebration;
rivers spring up from the earth,
barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth;
mountains, greet the morning!

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;
fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these,
seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
sing away their weeping;
blind eyes see the lifeless ones
walking, running, leaping!

There God's highway shall be seen
where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean
walks the road to Zion:
ransomed people, homeward bound
all your praises voicing,

see your Lord with glory crowned,
share in his rejoicing!

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We join with writers of the bible in shouting for joy that when Jesus comes he will bring healing to the world. When Jesus comes, the blind will see, the lame will walk and the poor will have good news told to them. When Jesus comes there will be singing, gladness and everlasting joy. Come Lord Jesus. Come soon.

Reader Let us pray.
God of gladness, you are joy to the world. As we participate in the excitement of this Advent season, may we not forget that all true pleasure comes from you. And may we share your joy with all whom we meet, that through us your goodness and mercy may extend to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.

All Lord Jesus, Light of the world, we rejoice at your coming. May we welcome you joyfully in our lives, and be your faithful people now and forever. This we pray in your name. Amen.

Music: Christ, Be our Light

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

The Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray.

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen

Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Down To The River To Pray

Traditional

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to

them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. *Luke 3:7-18*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Message

Musical Interlude

What Love Have I

Croft

What We Believe

(please stand)

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Presider: This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for the needs of our world, the Church, and ourselves.

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of our Messiah, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world. In response to “The Lord is coming” please say,

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

The Confession

As we approach God’s Table, we confess the ways we have not loved God and others.

**All: Almighty God,
We need your healing and forgiveness:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us, some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us, set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you,
in all that we do, say and think.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Prayer of Pardon

Presider: Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

The Peace

Presider: In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: And also with you.

Sharing What We Have

(please be seated)

We rejoice that God has blessed our community and we have the opportunity to give back to God and serve others in the name of Christ. Your generous support helps anchor our mission and ministry as together we navigate these turbulent times. Many of us give with weekly donation or by pre-authorized giving. And there is a place on our website to make a donation. We are grateful for all gifts however if this is your first time here today please know that you are very welcome, we are glad you are here, and there is no obligation to contribute financially.

Offertory Hymn # 89 (verses 1, 2, 6, 7)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, O Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our sad divisions cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

Prayer over the Gifts

(please stand)

Presider: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is indeed right and good, it is our duty and our joy, to give you thanks and praise, almighty and eternal God, everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Accept our praises, gracious God, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: Therefore, loving God, we now remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

Presider: Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Presider: Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Presider: These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Motet

(please be seated)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Friedell

Prayer after Communion

(please stand)

Presider: Let us pray.

Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever.

All: Amen.

All: Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn #108

Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

Merton

Hark, a herald voice is sounding:

"Christ is nigh," it seems to say.

"Cast away the dreams of darkness,

O ye children of the day!"

Wakened by the solemn warning,

let the earth-bound soul arise;

Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,

shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,

comes with pardon down from heaven;

let us all, with deep repentance,

pray that we may be forgiven,

that when next he comes with glory,

and the world is wrapped in fear,

with his mercy he may shield us,

and with words of love draw near.

Honour, glory, might, and blessing

to the Father and the Son,

with the everlasting Spirit,

while eternal ages run.

Postlude Komm Gott Heiliger Geist, BWV 631

Bach



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George Vargas-Lujan

— Announcements —

Christmas
is coming!

Worship with Us!

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24

4:00 pm – Online: Christmas Service with Pageant, for young families

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sf-CqqzkoGdKrLo1OYhyxSWJM9EAjnR_G

7:00 pm - In-Person and Live Streamed: A contemporary, relaxed Christmas celebration with classic carols, choir, creche procession, candles and communion. Great for young families and newcomers.

9:00 pm - In-Person: A traditional Christmas Eve Liturgy with Choir, Carols and Communion

Vaccine certification with identification required

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25

9:00 am - In-Person: A quiet, reflective, and traditional Christmas Day liturgy with Choir, Carols and Communion.

Christmas 1 - Sunday, December 26, (Boxing Day)

9:15 am - In Person and Live Streamed: Christmas Carol Service

Have Fun with Us!

Advent 3 – Sunday, December 12

2:00 pm – Glad Tidings – an afternoon of carols and readings

Tickets \$35

Vaccine certification with identification required

Advent 4 – Sunday, December 19

4:30 pm – Jazz Vespers – A Charlie Brown Christmas

Vaccine certification with identification required

GLAD TIDINGS

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY * DECEMBER 12 * 2 PM

Featuring
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conducted by
MATTHEW OTTO

and Readings by
JUDY MADDREN
and Soulepper Actor
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Christ Church
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Tickets
starting at
\$35

\$35 per person or \$65 per couple
Tickets available in advance at church office
or at the door on day of concert.
Vaccination certificate required.



The **December issue** of *Spiritus* is now available. Please enjoy our newsletter [online](#) or if you are attending the service in person, please pick up a copy when you leave.

The 10:30 Service is Back!

On January 9th we will re-launch our 10:30am service, in addition to the existing 9:15am. At the 10:30am liturgy, proof of double vaccination will be required. Bishop Asbil is allowing us to institute such a liturgy in order to include and encourage everyone to attend worship, including the immune-compromised. Masks and contact tracing will still be in effect. However, in order to launch this service, we will need volunteers to help check vaccine verifications each Sunday. If you are able to help with this, please contact the office (info@christchurchdeerpark.org) or any of our wardens. No proof of vaccination is needed to attend church at 9:15am.

With a “vaccine verification service” at 10:30am, we look forward to seeing many more of you in attendance each Sunday. An added feature of the first rebooted service will be the introduction of our new interim Director of Music. Come out to meet and welcome him.

**JAZZ
VESPERS
IS BACK!**



JAZZ VESPERS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
4:30 PM**

'A Charlie Brown Christmas'

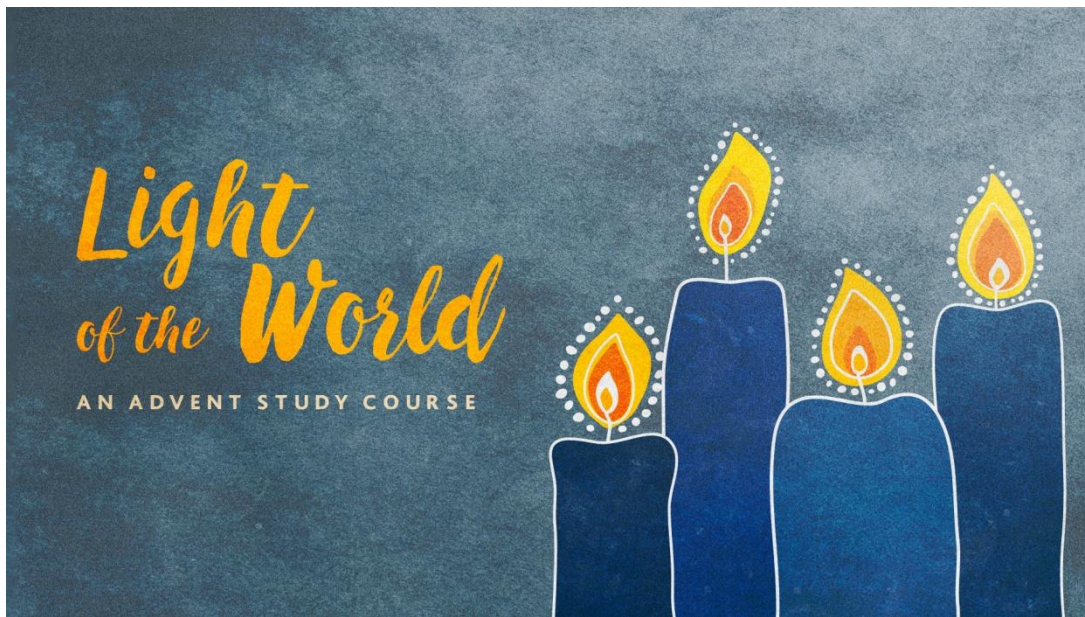
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John Sherwood (piano),
Brian Barlow (drums)
& Scott Alexander (bass)*

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An Advent Study

Explore Advent through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi. Written and presented by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School, the internationally renowned scholar and teacher breaks open the birth narratives for us to engage in rich Advent discussions. Through videos and conversations, we will explore the relationship of the Gospel stories to the Old Testament, the role of women in first-century Jewish culture, the importance of Mary's visitation and the revolutionary implications of Mary's Magnificat, the census and the stable, the star of Bethlehem and the flight to Egypt. In *Light of the World*, Levine's focus is to understand Jesus in his historical context and within his own religious tradition, Judaism. Please join us for an exciting journey of faith this Advent.

Dates: Tuesdays; November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Time: 7:00-8:30

Place: Zoom

Registration: please email Cathy Gibbs (adultministries@christchurchdeerpark.org)



The Reimagine Rummage sale team has been meeting virtually since early 2021. However, as things have slowly begun to reopen we got a chance to meet in person this Fall and we have an exciting announcement: the Rummage Sale will be returning! It's going to

look a little bit different from previous years as we adapt to the pandemic context, but we promise the same great selection and prices. The sale will occur in April of 2022, which is exciting because April is Earth Month and this event is a chance to reuse & recycle, and celebrate CCDP's commitment to the environment. Please start bringing your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories to the church on the advertised dates starting in the new year.

Key Dates:

Saturday January 8th: First Saturday to bring your rummage to CCDP between the hours of 12-4 (there will be more Saturdays to follow)

Saturday April 23rd: Rummage Sale



Avoid two-stroke gas-powered leaf blowers. A half hour's work with one produces greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to driving a pick-up truck from Texas to Alaska. And it causes insect armageddon, killing spiders and insects.



Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

Looking to catch up on your reading over the Christmas holiday? The following books by Indigenous authors provide an introduction to various Indigenous issues:

- a) Non-fiction: 21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act by Bob Joseph
Seven Fallen Feathers by Tanya Talaga
- b) Children: Amik Loves School by Katherena Vermette
The Orange Shirt Story by Phyllis Webstad
- c) Adult Fiction: Five Little Indians by Michelle Good
Indians on Vacation by Thomas King

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (*ho-den-oh-show-nee*), and Anishinabek (*ah-nish-nah-bek*) Nations, and most recently, the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit. This territory is part of the *Dish with One Spoon Treaty*, an agreement between the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, Toronto is still home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (*North America*) and we seek to live in respect, peace, and right relations with them as we meet and worship on this territory. We are grateful for the resources we are using, and honour all the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people who have been living on this land since time immemorial.

! VISITOR INFORMATION



Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.

Large Print Orders of Service are available.

Happening this week at Christ Church Deer Park:

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 pm Advent Study - Zoom

Wednesday, December 15

7:30 am Holy Eucharist – In Person

6:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal on Zoom. Contact Vivia at vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org for the link.

Friday, December 17

7:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal on Zoom. Contact Vivia at vkay@christchurchdeerpark.org for the link.

Saturday, December 18

11:30 am Community Breakfast

Sunday, December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:15 am Children and Youth meet in the Arthur Smith room for C/Y Ministry--also available online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/545018894?pwd=TIhuRVBram51b2ZtQkg1SDdBN1IKQT09#success>

9:15 am Holy Eucharist – In Person & Live Stream

4:30 pm Jazz Vespers



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