

## Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you!

If you are new, please complete the Connect Card in the pew rack and give the card to Pastor Andrew. Visit the Welcome Table in the foyer or our website, christchurcheastbay.org, to learn more about our church.

### Worship Arts Opportunities

Do you sing or play an instrument? Are you interested in participating on our Sunday worship teams? Please contact our Worship Arts director Eric Gilbert (eric@christchurcheastbay.org) for more information.

### Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids and youth on Sundays, and more!

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Gospels Reading Plan: New Year's Day to Easter

Let's begin the year by reading through the four Gospels, the ancient biographical pictures of one and the same man, Jesus of Nazareth. How do these narrative portraits of the historical Jesus tell us the ultimate and universal meaning He has for the Christian faith? Let's read and find out together! Full schedule and resources can be found at the Welcome Table and at christchurcheastbay.org/worship.

#### Week 1 - January 1

- Sunday - Matthew 1
- Monday - Matthew 2
- Tuesday - Matthew 3
- Wednesday - Matthew 4
- Thursday - Matthew 5
- Friday - Matthew 6
- Saturday - Matthew 7

### Year-End Giving Campaign — Would you make a gift?

Please consider making a special gift to Christ Church this month to help us reach our \$330,000 giving goal for December. Here is a snapshot of how are we doing so far:

December Giving Goal	\$330,000
<u>Given through Dec. 22</u>	<u>\$193,410</u>
Remaining Balance	\$136,590

God loves and provides for us abundantly, and Scripture teaches that giving is a way to respond to Him in thanksgiving and a way to serve and care for those in, among, and around us. You can create a recurring donation to Christ Church, donate shares of stock, set up employer-matched donations, or text 84321 with a dollar amount to give. To learn more, scan the QR code below and tap on "Give," or go to christchurcheastbay.org/ways-to-give.

### \* Wonderful Wednesdays Begin on January 4

#### 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (Jan. 4, 18): Philippians with Jonathan

#### 2nd Wednesday (Jan. 11): Evensong & Prayer

#### 6:00 pm dinner, 7:00 pm program for all ages

Come study the Apostle Paul's epistle to the church in Philippi. This short letter that Paul wrote from prison goes beyond simply teaching the right moves — go to church, pray, read the Bible, share the gospel — and focuses on the music which drives discipleship: the love of Christ, the greatest love anyone can ever know. We will be using the videos, handbook, and reading plan from Discipleship Explored. Please join the Philippians community group on the website under the Connect tab, and don't forget to \* register for dinner and childcare by Monday each week.

### \* Loaves and Fishes: Serving Our Unhoused Neighbors

#### Saturday, January 7, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Meet in the church kitchen with Bill Barnes to make and serve lunches to our unhoused neighbors.

### "Un-Deck" the Halls

#### Sunday, January 8, after the service

Join us after the worship service to put away the garlands, wreathes, and lights that have made our church so beautiful for Advent and Christmas!

### \* Women Reading Women Book Group

#### Monday, January 9, 7:00 pm

If "make new friends" or "read more" is a New Year's Resolution, please join us for a monthly fellowship and book discussion of female-authored books, hosted by Maria Francis. This month we're reading *The Inheritors: An Intimate Portrait of South Africa's Racial Reckoning* by Eve Fairbanks. See details on the \* Events page or email maria@christchurcheastbay.org.

### \* High School Retreat

#### January 14-16, Lake Tahoe

Registration is now open for our CC high schoolers to sign up for our winter retreat in Tahoe. The theme this year is The Way of Jesus. More details can be found on the \* Events page.

\* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:



## Gathering

Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in Heav'n above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

"Once in Royal David's City"  
Words: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; Music: Henry J. Gaunt, 1849

## Call to Worship - Luke 2

Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.

Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy  
which will come to all the people;  
for to you is born this day in the city of David,  
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!

For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
which You have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and the glory of Your people Israel.

## We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Refrain  
O star of wonder, star of light,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold we bring to crown Him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.

Glorious now behold Him arise;  
King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Words & Music (KINGS OF ORIENT): John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1857

## Hymn Shout-out

Call out your favorite hymns from our Christmas Hymnal

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Word

## The Gospel Lesson

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

MT 2:1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

\*Please be seated

## Teaching

**Series:** The King and the Kingdom

**Title:** Magi From the East

**Preacher:** Amy Hao

# The Lord’s Supper

*Let us confess our faith from the Apostle’s Creed.*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts!*

**We lift them up to the Lord!**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

**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!**

## He Took, Blessed, and Broke

Words of Institution

*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.*

**Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray:*

**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 forever. Amen.**

## He Gave

Invitation

*The gifts of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Thou Who Wast Rich

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,

All for love’s sake becamest poor;

Thrones for a manger didst surrender,

Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,

All for love’s sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,

All for love’s sake becamest man;

Stooping so low, but sinners raising

Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,

All for love’s sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,

Savior and King, we worship Thee.

Emmanuel, within us dwelling,

Make us what Thou wouldst have us be.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,

Savior and King, we worship Thee.

Words: Frank Houghton, 1934; Music: Traditional French Carol  
ARR. Eric Gilbert ©2009 Christ Church East Bay Music

## Prayers of the People

Prayers offered for the Church, our city, and our world

## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service.*

**Loving God, we are mindful of the supreme gift that You**

**gave us in a manger at Bethlehem. Humbly we offer our**

**gifts of service and possessions in joyful thanksgiving for**

**the love You have shown us. We bring as well the concerns**

**of our hearts for ourselves and for others. Hear our**

**prayers and accept these gifts for the sake of Your Son**

**who was born this day, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Good Christians All Rejoice

Good Christians all, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Give ye to what we say,

Jesus Christ is born today:

Earth and heav’n before Him bow

And He is in the manger now!

Christ is born today;

Christ is born today.

Good Christians all, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss,

Jesus Christ was born for this:

He hath opened heaven's door

And all are blessed for evermore!

Christ was born for this;

Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice

With heart and soul and voice!

Now ye need not fear the grave;

Jesus Christ was born to save:

Calls you one and calls you all

To gain His everlasting hall!

Christ was born to save;

Christ was born to save.

Text: from *“In Dulci Jubilo”* (14th c.); tr. John Mason Neale, 1855  
Music: Traditional German melody

## Blessing and Sending

*Let us go in the name of Christ to love and serve the world.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ

and His Church, through community, for the city.