

## Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, through community, for the city.

## Connect to Christ Church

**We are so happy you are worshiping with us** and would love to connect with you! We invite you to the side yard immediately after the service for coffee hour.

**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

### Let's Read Isaiah! - Fall 2022 Reading Plan

Join us in a a reading plan that will walk us through the book of Isaiah until Christmas. Check the Worship page of the website for a link to the full plan and recommended resources, or find copies at the Welcome Table.

#### Week 10 - December 4

Sunday - Isaiah 49:14-50:3

Monday - Isaiah 50:4-11

Tuesday - Isaiah 51:1-16

Wednesday - Isaiah 51:17-52:12

Thursday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Friday - Isaiah 54:1-17

Saturday - Catch-up day

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

Please consider a special gift this Advent to help us reach our \$330,000 giving goal for December. Reaching this goal puts us on sure financial footing for 2023 and enables us to continue serving faithfully in our community. For more information, scan the QR code below and tap "Give," or go to christchurcheastbay.org/ways-to-give.

### \* "Journey to the Cradle" Midweek Advent Supper & Service Wednesday, Dec. 7

#### Correction for Dec. 14: Prayer (no dinner or childcare)

Join us on Wednesday evenings in preparing our hearts for Christmas. **This week (12/7):** Dinner at 6:00 pm, service at 7:00 pm, with childcare and programs for infants through youth. Please \* register for childcare and dinner by the Monday.

**Next week (12/14):** Prayer with Jonathan: no dinner or childcare.

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

#### Next Saturday, December 10, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

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

### Service of Lessons & Carols

#### Next Sunday, December 11, 5:00 pm, reception following

This special evening service is a wonderful occasion for inviting friends and coworkers to experience the beauty of Christ and His Gospel in word and song. Childcare offered for infants, toddlers, and preschool.

#### Lessons & Carols Reception - Can you help?

We will have a reception following the service next Sunday evening, and we are asking folks to bring something bite-size, savory or sweet, on a disposable tray. We're also seeking setter-uppers and cleaner-uppers. Please \* register to let us know how you can help.

### Youth Christmas Party

#### Friday, December 16, 6:00-9:00 pm, Community Hall

More details will be sent out via email to parents. Questions? Contact Amy Hao (amy@christchurcheastbay.org).

### Christmas Eve Worship Service

#### Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm

On this night we stand in awe that "the Word became flesh," that Almighty God became a powerless baby to be our Savior. Let's begin our Christmas celebrations by worshiping together with classic carols, a nativity lesson for kids, prayers, Scripture readings, a brief message, and candle-lighting. Infant/toddler care only with quiet-fun Christmas packets for 3 year-olds to grade 5 to use in the service if they want. Bring your friends and family!

### Other Happenings in December

Dec. 11, 8-10 am: Oakland Breakfast for Young Families (contact jocelene.kwan@gmail.com)

Dec. 11: Special music and nativity from CCKids in morning worship

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



## Gathering

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

Let earth receive her King!

Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,

And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns.

Let all their songs employ.

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground.

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found

Far as, far as the curse is found.

"Joy to the World"

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: Lowell Mason, 1836  
ARR. Sufjan Stevens ©2006 Asthmatic Kitty Music

## Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

*God our Father, You spoke to the prophets of old of a Savior who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of His coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate His birth, to share with those around us the good news of Your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.*

The second candle is brightened.

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said You would come—that You would bring peace and save Your people in trouble. Give us Your peace now in our hearts, and may all the world know the Father's love. Amen.**

## 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 appear.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come Thou Dayspring come and cheer

Thy people by Thine advent here.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come Desire of Nations bind

All peoples in one heart and mind.

Bid envy strife and quarrels cease

And fill the world with heaven's peace

Words & Music: Latin Antiphons, c. 12th century

## Confession and Petition

*Come, Emmanuel.*

**Come to be God With Us.**

*Come and cheer us in Your drawing near.*

**Come and bring light to darkness, gladness for mourning, hope for despair.**

*Come to us, our Dayspring – the dawning of God's kingdom, the light of the world. Banish the hopelessness of darkness. Reorient our lives to Your Presence, to the beauty and majesty of Your Incarnation, to our deliverance from sin and death, to the warming of our hearts by Your advent.*

**Come, Emmanuel.**

*Come to us, Desire of Nations – freeing Your people, by death and resurrection, from Satan's hold. May we mourn deeply the tragedy of our sin, and all the while rejoice at Your victory over it.*

**Come, Emmanuel.**

## Assurance of Pardon

*Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:*

*Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.*

(Isaiah 55:6-7)

**Thanks be to God.**

## Passing of the Peace

*The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**And also with you.**

\*Children are dismissed at this time

## Advent Doxology

Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to His people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Goodwill to all people on earth.

**Refrain**

Gloria, gloria, in Excelsis Deo.  
Sing gloria, gloria; amen, amen, amen!  
Amen, amen, amen!

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## The Lord’s Word

### Old Testament Lesson

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

**Is 61:1** The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, 3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor. 4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. 5 Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. 6 And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast. 7 Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. 8 “For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery and wrongdoing. In My faithfulness I will reward My people and make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed.” 10 I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

*The grass withers, and the flowers fade,*  
**but the word of our God stands forever.**

\*Please be seated

## Teaching

**Series:** Come Down, O Lord!

**Title:** The Spirit–Anointed Conqueror

**Preacher:** Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

## 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  
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## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

*Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service.*  
**Lord of Advent, accept the offerings we bring this day, the work of our hands, the gifts of our labor, our lives to serve you. Gladden our hearts as we watch for your coming and help us to share that gladness with all. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

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

## Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Word of God in human likeness,  
Thou did’st leave Thy heav’nly throne.  
Come to bring Thy light to darkness,  
Son of God, here make Thy home.

All creation sings in wonder  
That the Lord chose such a birth;  
Leaving riches without number,  
Christ our God has come to earth!

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King.  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744; Music: HYFRODOL, Rowland H. Pritchard, 1855

## Advent Prayer

Shine Your Light on us. Shine Your Light on us.  
Shine Your Light on us, that we may be saved.

**Chorus 1**

Come to Your people, Lord,  
To Your people, Lord.  
O, hear Your people, Lord;  
Come to us, Emmanuel. Come to us, Emmanuel.

Bring Your Peace to us. Bring Your Peace to us.  
Bring Your Peace to us, that we may be saved.

**Chorus 2**

Come to Your people, Lord,  
To Your people, Lord.  
O, hear Your people, Lord;  
Come to us, Emmanuel. Come to us, Emmanuel.  
God With Us, Emmanuel.

Come and dwell with us. Come and dwell with us.  
Jesus, abide with us, that we may be saved,  
That we may be saved.

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## Blessing and Sending

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