

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.

Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshipping 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? Or would you like to participate in our Lessons & Carols choir on Sunday evening, December 11? Please contact our Worship Arts director Eric Gilbert (eric@christchurcheastbay.org) for either of these opportunities.

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 9 - November 27

Sunday - Isaiah 40:1-11	Thursday - Isaiah 42:18-43:21
Monday - Isaiah 40:12-31	Friday - Isaiah 43:22-44:23
Tuesday - Isaiah 41:1-20	Saturday - Catch-up day
Wednesday - Isaiah 41:21-42:17	

Giving to Christ Church

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 support the work that God is doing in and through Christ Church by giving. You can set up a recurring donation, text 84321 with a dollar amount to give, ask your employer about employer matching for donations to charities, donate shares of stock, or scan the QR code below and tap on "Give" to learn more.

Advent Has Begun!

To help each other prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, please be part of the gatherings listed below and make use of our **Advent Prayer Guide** — you can find the guide on our website's Advent page or by scanning the QR code below and tapping on "Advent Resources."

Harbor House Christmas Store

Share joy with Oakland families this week only!

Harbor House is a community development organization in Oakland that many Christ Churchers have volunteered with over the years, serving children, teens, and families with a variety of resources and programs.

- SHOP our Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/4EWNiIS>. Gifts must be received by December 5, 2022.
- DONATE new, unwrapped toys and gifts such as balls, games, dolls, books, art sets, etc. for babies, kids, & teens. Drop off at Christ Church by Sunday, December 4.
- VOLUNTEER at the Store on December 9th or 10th. Contact nicole@hhministries.org.

* "Journey to the Cradle" Midweek Advent Supper & Service Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7

2nd Wednesday Evensong & Prayer Service, Dec. 14

Join us for three weeks of preparation leading up to Christmas Eve as we remember — through Scripture, prayer, reflections, special music, and good deeds — the true meaning of Jesus' birth. Dinner at 6:00 pm will be followed by a service at 7:00 pm, with childcare and programs for infants through youth. Please * register for childcare and dinner by the Monday of that week.

Service of Lessons & Carols

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

This special evening service is a wonderful occasion for inviting friends and family to experience the beauty of Christ and His Gospel in word and song. Childcare will be provided for infants, toddlers, and preschool. We will have a reception following the service, and we are asking folks to bring something bite-size, savory or sweet, on a disposable tray. (Please * register to help with the reception.)

Youth Christmas Party

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

More details will be sent out via email to parents.

Other Happenings in December

Dec. 4: Special music from youth in morning worship service
 Dec. 10, 9 am-1 pm: Loaves & Fishes
 Dec. 11, 8-10am: Oakland Breakfast for Young Families
 Dec. 11: Special music and nativity from CCKids in morning worship
 Dec. 24, 5 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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



Gathering

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
Ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.
Lord, save us from the dark of our striving.
Faithless and troubled hearts weighed down.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

"Come, O Redeemer, Come"
Words & Music: Fernando Ortega ©1996 Izzy Sol Songs

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

God of Abraham and Sarah and all the patriarchs of old, You are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. In preparing to celebrate His birth, help us ready our hearts for Your Holy Spirit to make His home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. Amen.

The first candle is brightened.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like Him to be a King: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. 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
Our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, Thou Root of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny.
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave.

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 – who bid all to come to Your light, and all people and rulers to the brightness of Your dawn. May we know the power of Your radiance and Your glory, as You draw the ransomed from every people, and make them a kingdom of peace.

Come, Emmanuel.

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!

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

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:

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws."
(Ezekiel 36:26-27)

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 59:1 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. **2** But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. **3** For your hands are stained with blood, your fingers with guilt. Your lips have spoken falsely, and your tongue mutters wicked things. **4** No one calls for justice; no one pleads a case with integrity. They rely on empty arguments, they utter lies; they conceive trouble and give birth to evil. **5** They hatch the eggs of vipers and spin a spider’s web. Whoever eats their eggs will die, and when one is broken, an adder is hatched. **6** Their cobwebs are useless for clothing; they cannot cover themselves with what they make. Their deeds are evil deeds, and acts of violence are in their hands. **7** Their feet rush into sin; they are swift to shed innocent blood. They pursue evil schemes; acts of violence mark their ways. **8** The way of peace they do not know; there is no justice in their paths. They have turned them into crooked roads; no one who walks along them will know peace. **9** So justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We look for light, but all is darkness; for brightness, but we walk in deep shadows. **10** Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. **11** We all growl like bears; we moan mournfully like doves. We look for justice, but find none; for deliverance, but it is far away. **12** For our offenses are many in Your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities: **13** rebellion and treachery against the Lord, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have conceived. **14** So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. **15** Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The Lord looked and was displeased that there was no justice. **16** He

saw that there was no one, He was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so His own arm achieved salvation for Him, and His own righteousness sustained Him. **17** He put on righteousness as His breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak. **18** According to what they have done, so will He repay wrath to His enemies and retribution to His foes; He will repay the islands their due. **19** From the west, people will fear the name of the Lord, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere His glory. For He will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along. **20** “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the Lord. **21** “As for Me, this is My covenant with them,” says the Lord. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and My words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

*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 Redeemer Will Come
Preacher: Rev. Andrew Ong

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

We Are Waiting

We are waiting on You, Lord,
For Your promised Holy One.
Come and set Your people free from this.
We are waiting on You, Lord.

We are longing for You, Lord,
For Your promised kingdom come.
Jesus, come deliver us from this.
We are longing for You, Lord,

Chorus 1

To turn our darkness into light,
And wipe away our tears.
Come and set our wrongs to right, O Lord.
We are waiting on You.

We are hoping in You, Lord,
For Your promised peace and rest.
Yet while we wait, You are still God of this.
We are hoping in You, Lord.

Chorus 2

No more pain, and no more loss,
No more sadness, no more tears.
Send Your Holy Light to us, O Lord.
We are waiting on You. We are waiting on You.

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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.

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, Thou Great and Royal Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth;
Before Him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

Words: James Montgomery, 1821

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Prayer and Thanksgiving

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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