Advent 1, November 29, 2026

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Notes

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us as it becomes our longing cry as well. In Advent we join our hearts with those who have longed for God's promises to be fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah.

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.

Gathering

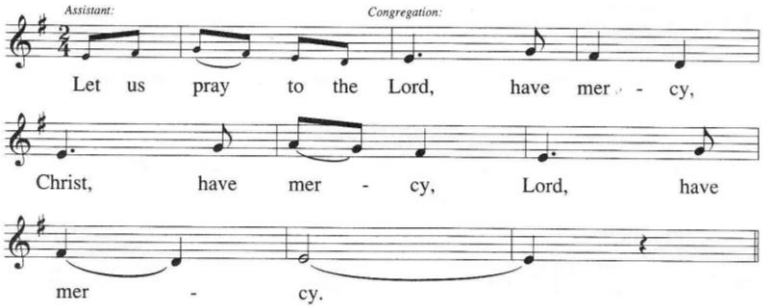
PRELUDE: *Worship and prayer announcements, time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.*

Please stand, as you are able, at pastor's invitation.

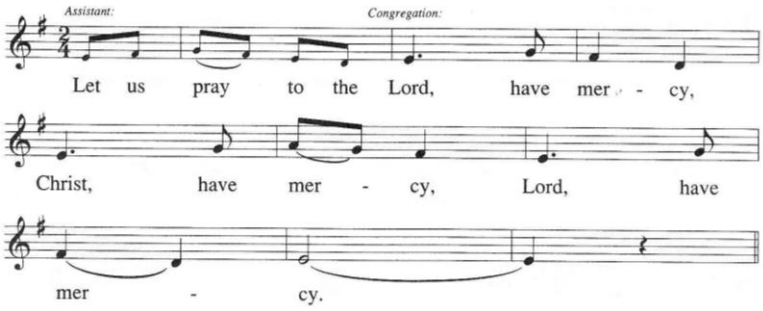
PROCESSION OF LIGHT / CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

KYRIE, #157 ELW

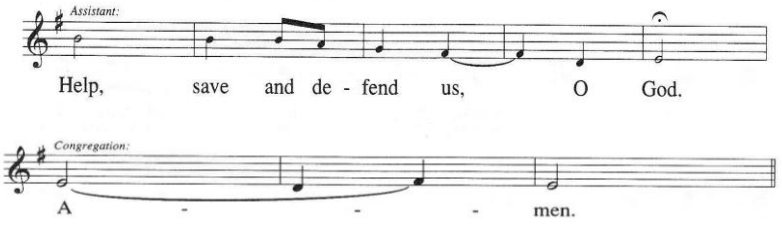
(chanted) In peace, in peace…



For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all … *REFRAIN*



For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word…*REFRAIN*



The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.
who lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with good things.
And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever!

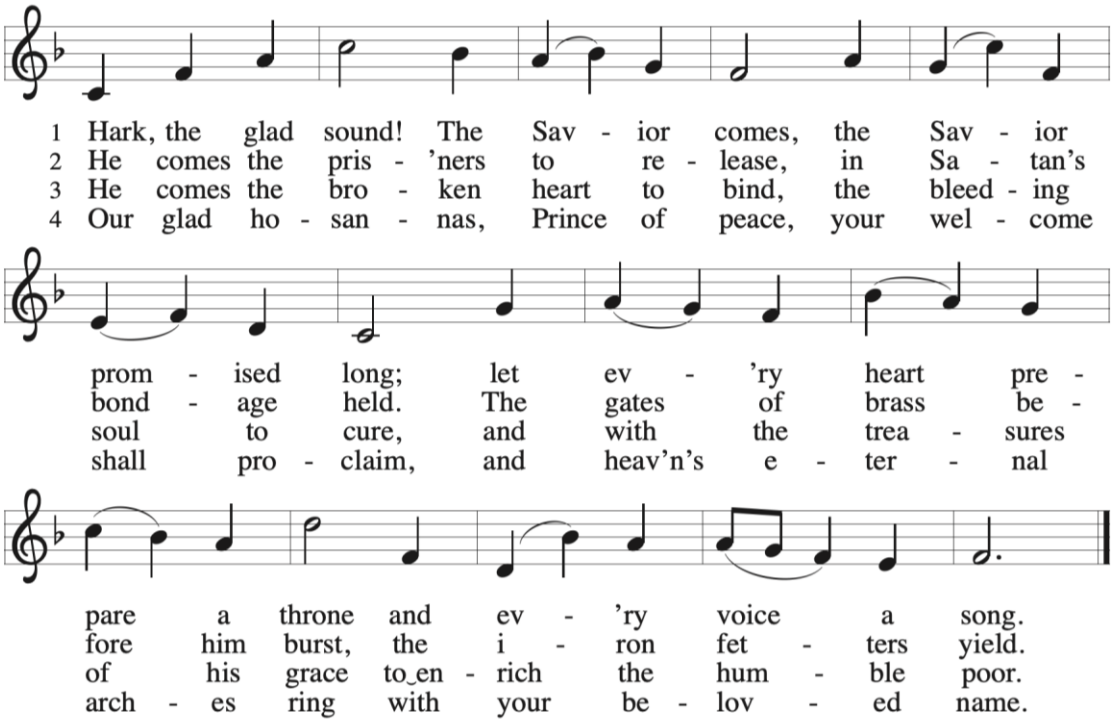
A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" Heeding the Gospel's call, let us confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of steadfast love,
we confess that we love darkness more than your light.
We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings
through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator.
We are quick to judge others, but so slow to see our own failings.
We ignore the cries of the poor and grow weary working for justice.
Restore us, O God; let your face shine on us in saving grace, Amen.

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says our God, who has clothed us with salvation like a garment, and given us a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. By the mercy of almighty God, and by his authority, I tell you your sins are forgiven. May you know joy in the Savior's coming, and hope for the days to come,
in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

WE SING THE GATHERING SONG ELW #239, HARK THE GLAD SOUND



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751
Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. *Silence. Pastor offers the Prayer of the Day – we join our hearts in prayer.* Stir up your power O God and come! Renew our hope as we await the coming of the One who comes to brighten the world. Bless this wreath, the sign of our waiting. May its candles, lit one after another, remind us that your light grows in the darkness. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Emmanuel, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

The First Candle is lit. Please be seated.

Word

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading.

THE FIRST READING is from Isaiah, the 64th chapter. (Isa. 64:1-9)

[1]O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
[2]as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
[4]From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
[8]Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people. The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80 is read responsively.

[1]Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
[2]**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and come to help us.
[3]Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[4]**O LORD God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
[5]You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

[6]**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
[7]Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
[17]**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
[18]And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
[19]**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. Amen.

THE SECOND READING is from 1 Corinthains, the 1st chapter. (1 Cor. 1:3-9)

[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, [5]for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—[6]just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. [8]He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL SONG: ELW #290, "Go Tell it On the Mountain"
Go! Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go! Tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

From old the prophets promised the Savior Christ would come
The Word made flesh, Emmanuel, to make with us a home

Go! Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go! Tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

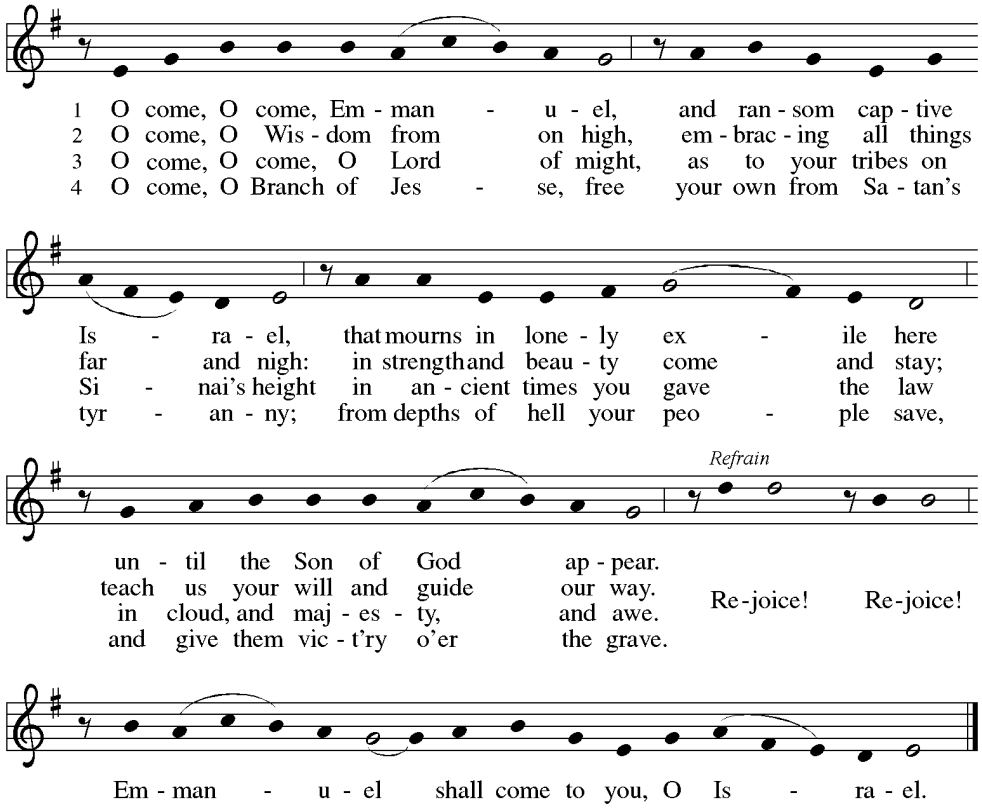
[Jesus said:] [24]"In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
[25]and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
[26]Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. [27]Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
[28]"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. [29]So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. [30]Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. [31]Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
[32]"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. [33]Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. [34]It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. [35]Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, [36]or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. [37]And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." The Gospel of our Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ!** (Mark 13:24-37)

RESPONSE:
Go! Tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere
Go! Tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

Please join Pastor in silent prayer as we prepare for:

TEACHING THE WORD (SERMON)

WE SING HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #257:1-4, 8 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



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

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Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.
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Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.

Let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Looking forward to Christ's coming with hope, we pray for church and community and for all awaiting justice, wholeness and peace.

A brief silence.

We pray for the world, our community, and our church. Each petition concludes with: … Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

We entrust these and the prayers of our hearts to you, made in the name of Emmanuel, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Meal

THE PEACE

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

We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.
Feel free to step out of your pew! Following the peace, please be seated.

OFFERTORY/ANTHEM

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.

At Pastor's invitation we stand and sing the OFFERTORY, #296.

1 **What child is this, who, laid to rest,**
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 **So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;**
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. –*Silence*- God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our hope and our peace. Amen.

The Table is prepared as we pray and prepare our hearts.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, it is our duty and our great joy to praise You, O God, for Jesus the Word made flesh, the One who is the Alpha and Omega, our light in the darkness, who restores our hope and renews our joy.

For in the night in which He was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

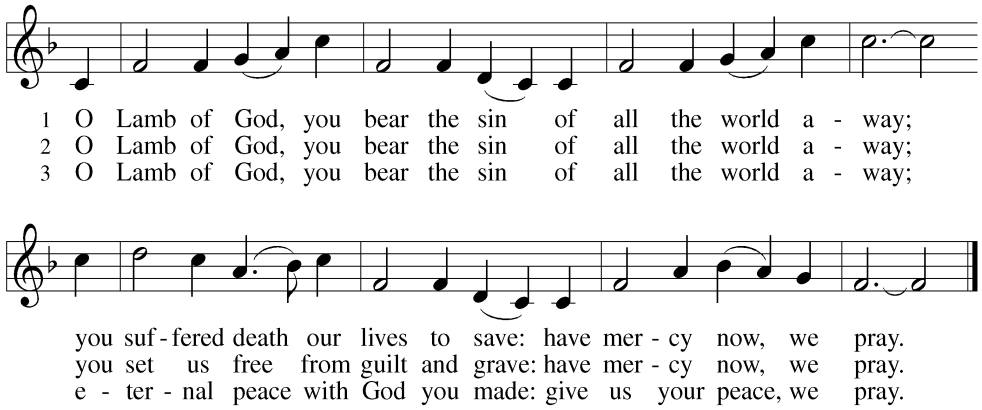
Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As we reach out for these gifts of Bread and Wine we trust his promise to come again, waiting in hope for that day when all creation will rejoice in His holy and life-giving light: **Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

Come, Lord Jesus! Bless us and this meal, that we may be light for the world. Hear us as we join our voices in obedience and hope to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Emmanuel calls us! These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Come to the table, for all is now ready.
We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen.

THE COMMUNION

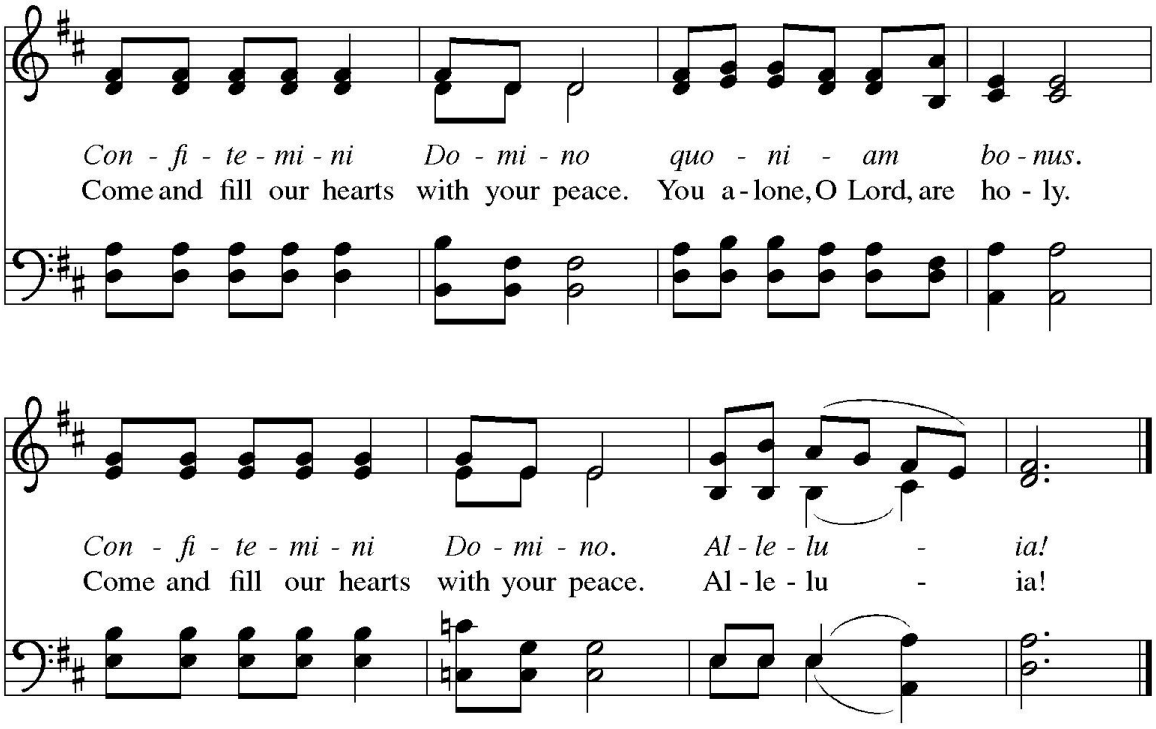
We share in the Lord's Body and Blood.

*We believe Jesus Christ is truly present in the forms of bread and wine. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation. The elements are offered with the words: 'The Body of Christ given for you" and "The Blood of Christ shed for you". The recipient may respond "**Amen**".*

Those online are communed, followed by the musicians. The congregation then comes forward by the center aisle, the organ side first, and then the pulpit side. Do not feel rushed or hurried as you come forward. Receive the Host (bread) from Pastor, with the words, 'The body of Christ, given for you.' The assistant offers the chalice of wine for intinction,

(dipping the bread into the wine) with the words: 'The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Please return to your pew by the side aisle. Anyone, child or adult, who does not wish to take communion is invited to come forward, hands folded, to receive a blessing, or remain seated and commune by prayer. Following communion please stand at Pastor's invitation.

The hymn during communion is #528, Come and Fill Our Hearts



Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Sending

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. -*Silence*- Lord of light, God of eternity:
We thank you for this Holy Meal,
and for the Word which has come to shine in us.
As we go out into the world you love,
make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Emmanuel. Amen.

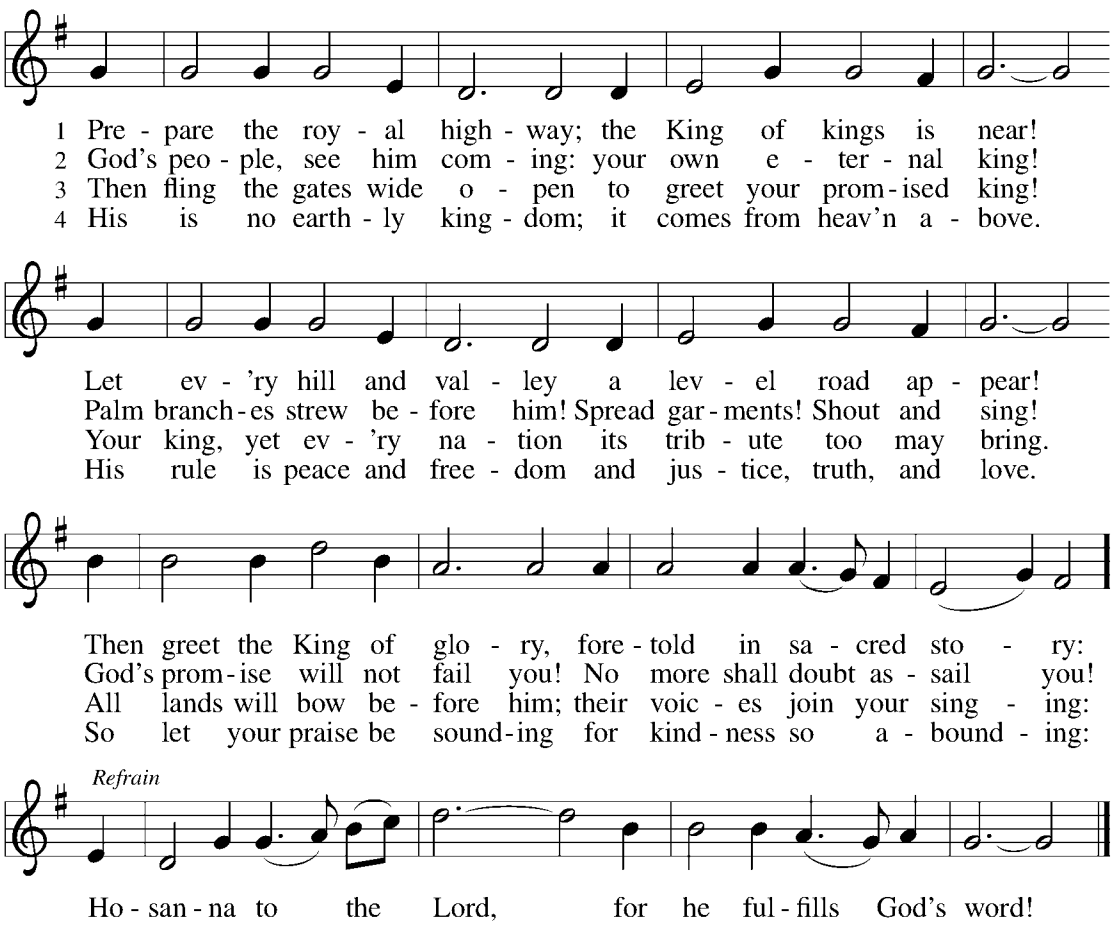
MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

WE SING THE SENDING HYMN, ELW #264, PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY (NEXT PAGE)



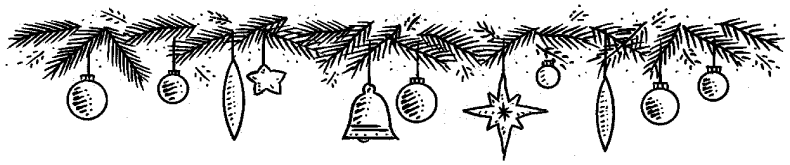
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Please join us in the parlor for refreshments after worship.



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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVE-STREAMED WORSHIP can be seen on Facebook Live and Zoom. Watch your email for links to the live-streamed service and the recorded service to be posted to YouTube and our website (www.christpipersville.org).

THE NOVEMBER WEB SITE AND BULLETINS are sponsored by Jeff and Sandra Cron in loving honor of our daughter, Ava Grace. She is a gift to us and those around her.

GREETER: Delana Woodward
LECTOR:
FELLOWSHIP:

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – The prayer list is printed in the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, please remember Rita (H), Giovanni T (H,St,R), Jeni S (H,St,R), Jill H (H,R) and the family and friends of Vince Battaglia and Michael Fargnoli as they mourn their deaths. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

POINSETTIAS/SPECIAL DONATIONS: If you would like to help decorate for the Advent and Christmas seasons by purchasing poinsettias for the worship area display, order forms are located on the table with the bulletins or you may contact the church office. The cost is $8.00 each and the deadline for placing your order is December 1st. You may also make a donation to one of the special church funds. Checks should be made payable to *Christ Lutheran Church*.

ANNUAL ADOPT-A-CHILD/FAMILY for Christmas: We are once again collecting gift cards rather than adopting a specific person. We are collecting gift cards from any place and amount of your choosing (i.e. Wal-Mart, Target, Giant, Weis) to be donated to the Adopt-A-Child program to be used where needed and diapers for the children/families of Tabor Services. Gift cards should be placed in a marked envelope and put in the offering plate, Kim Szymanowski's mailbox or dropped off at the church office. All gift cards are needed by December 6th so that they may be delivered to Tabor in time for Christmas.

GREENING THE CHURCH will take place following worship next Sunday, December 6th. Many helping hands would be appreciated. A light lunch of sandwiches will be provided. Please bring some goodies to share if you are able.

FAITH MATCH: An anonymous donor has offered to match up to $1,000.00 in extra giving to help end the year on a positive financial note. You may place your gift in one of the specially marked envelopes on the table by the sanctuary doors or use any envelope noting it's for the faith challenge. Thank you for your support!

REHEARSALS begin next Sunday during the Sunday School time for the Celebrate the Child service on December 20th.

GREETERS: We need volunteers to welcome everyone to worship on Sunday mornings and distribute bulletins. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to select a week that's convenient for you.

FELLOWSHIP PERIOD hosts are needed. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: There will be a short ceremony at our Lower Tinicum Union Cemetery on December 19th at 2 p.m.

BRACELET SALE by Allie Cron - $3.00 to $4.00 each and 25% of proceeds to Christ Lutheran for Project Linus, our 2027 Lenten recipient. These make great gifts for anyone. Favorite colors and team colors can be custom made! Please contact Sandra Cron at 215-262-3735 or email sancron42@gmail.com with questions.

LECTORS: Volunteers would be appreciated to read the lessons each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board & copies of the lessons are available at least a week in advance.

BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS: You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is $20/week for the bulletin and $25/month for the website. Sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet are posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A volunteer is needed each week to collect the trash and place it in the trash cart after worship. Instructions are posted on the bulletin board. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to fill the candles, turn off fans/lights and change the hymn board…see Pastor Caron or Kim Campbell with any questions or to volunteer.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Drivers are needed for the Tinicum area on a regular basis as well as substitute drivers. Please call 215-345-6065 if you are able to deliver meals one or more times a month at lunch time.

DID YOU KNOW…Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received $1,337.00 through this program in 2025 and $1,890.00 to date in 2026.

GIANT GIFT CARDS can be purchased after worship (see Cindy Carper or Kim Szymanowski) or during the week from the church office. Gift cards are available in $5, $10, $25, $50 & $100 denominations. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. *(Gift cards may not be used to purchase other gift cards.)* Giant gives 5% back to the church for every card purchased. We raised $2,600 in 2025 and $2,800 to date in 2026.

TABOR HOME SUPPORT – We have an ongoing collection of diapers (any size, except newborn, but sizes 4, 5 & 6 are preferred) for Tabor Home. Diapers may be placed under the coat rack and will be delivered periodically to Tabor Home.

THE LORD'S PANTRY has a continuing need for donations. During the month of November we are collecting canned vegetables and paper towels, but all types of canned/dry goods are welcome (pasta & sauces, juices, tuna, cereal, soup, condiments, etc.). Donations may be placed in the pantry cabinet by the parking lot doors or contact the church office to make drop off arrangements. You may also purchase Giant gift cards to be provided to The Lord's Pantry.

SIMPLY GIVING is a program that enables you to financially support our ministry easily, securely and faithfully. You choose the amount and the schedule: weekly, bimonthly, or monthly. You can easily change the amount or timing. You can be a blessing! Contact the church office with any questions.

The Week of November 29th at a Glance

Sun. 11/29 The 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship
10:30AM Fellowship Period
Wed. 12/02 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal
Happy Birthday, Stacey Shiiba!
Thur. 12/03 7AM Morning Prayer; 9AM Bible Study
Happy Birthday, Jaclyn Paul!
Fri. 12/04 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Happy Birthday, Dot Kallenbach!
Sat. 12/05 Happy Birthday, Bev Maddux!
Sun. 12/06 The 2nd Sunday in Advent
9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship, Sunday School
10:30AM Greening the Church, Fellowship Period