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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Christmas Evening Service - Friday, December 22 at 7pm

### SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS

December

### DEACON

Christopher Diamond

### PARTNER FAMILY

K. Diamond, Walsh, Wallick

January

Daniel Ferrill

Machamer, Josh Phillips, McCoy

February

Alan Marsh

T. Phillips, Jim Hope, Joe Phillips

March

Christopher Diamond

K. Diamond, Reese, Joseph Hope

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# CHRIST CHURCH

Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people  
to extend His Lordship  
down through our generations  
and out into the world.



COVENANT RENEWAL WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 17, 2017

9:30 AM

*A member of the*  
Communion of Reformed & Evangelical Churches (CREC)

MEDITATION

“Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world.” – From *The Last Battle*, by C.S. Lewis

MEMORY VERSE

“He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.”  
*Psalm 72:8*

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. In the sixth petition, which is, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

SCRIPTURE READING

**Wednesday, December 20**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 119:49–72  
Evening: Psalm 49; Psalm 53  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 20  
*OT:* Zechariah 3  
*NT:* Revelation 4:1–8  
*Gospel:* Matthew 24:45–51

**Thursday, December 21**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 50  
Evening: Psalm 33; Psalms 59–60  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 21  
*OT:* Zechariah 4  
*NT:* Revelation 4:9–5:5  
*Gospel:* Matthew 25:1–13

**Friday, December 22**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 40; Psalm 54  
Evening: Psalm 51  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 22  
*OT:* Zechariah 7:8–8:8  
*NT:* Revelation 5:6–14  
*Gospel:* Matthew 25:14–30

**Saturday, December 23**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 55  
Evening: Psalms 138–139:23  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 23  
*OT:* Zechariah 8:9–17  
*NT:* Revelation 6  
*Gospel:* Matthew 25:31–46

**Sunday, December 17**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 63; Psalm 98  
Evening: Psalms 103  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 17  
*OT:* Amos 9:11–15  
*NT:* 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3; 2:13–17  
*Gospel:* John 5:30–47

**Monday, December 18**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 41; Psalm 52  
Evening: Psalm 44  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 18  
*OT:* Zechariah 1:7–17  
*NT:* Revelation 3:7–13  
*Gospel:* Matthew 24:15–31

**Tuesday, December 19**

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 45  
Evening: Psalms 47–48  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 19  
*OT:* Zechariah 2  
*NT:* Revelation 3:14–22  
*Gospel:* Matthew 24:32–44

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## GOD COMMISSIONS US

“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.”  
**AMEN** *Luke 2:29-32*

### BENEDICTION

#### CHRIST, WE DO ALL ADORE THEE

#### TRINITY HYMNAL 737

Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever;  
Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou  
the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee,  
and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee. **AMEN**

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

“On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the Gentiles who are called by My name,” says the Lord who does this thing. **AMEN** *Amos 9:11-12*

### PSALM 2

### BOOK OF PSALMS FOR SINGING

1 Why do heathen nations rage?  
Why do peoples folly mind?  
Kings of earth in plots engage,  
Rulers are in league combined;  
Then against Jehovah high,  
And against Messiah's sway,  
“Let us break their bands”, they cry,  
“Let us cast their cords away.”

2 But the Lord will scorn them all;  
He will laugh Who sits on high.  
Then His wrath will on them fall;  
Sore displeased He will reply:  
“Yet according to My will  
I have set My King to reign,  
And on Zion's holy hill  
My Anointed I'll maintain.”

3 His decree I will make known:  
Unto me the Lord did say,  
“Thou art My beloved Son;  
I've begotten Thee this day.  
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make  
Heir to earth and nations all;  
Them with iron Thou shalt break,  
Dashing them in pieces small.”

4 Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear;  
Hearken, judges of the earth;  
Serve the Lord with godly fear;  
Mingle trembling with your mirth.  
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn,  
Lest ye perish in the way,  
For His anger soon will burn.  
Blessed are all that on Him stay. **AMEN**

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**RESPONSIVE READING****ISAIAH 9:2-7**

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

**Congregation: You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.**

Leader: For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

**Congregation: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,

**Congregation: To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. AMEN**

**HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING****TRINITY HYMNAL 203**

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King:  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain:*  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King."

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail th'incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel. *Refrain*

3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth. *Refrain*  
**AMEN**

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**GOD COMMUNES WITH US**

Elder: God is good!

**Congregation: All the time!**

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

**Congregation: O Lord our God,  
thank you for lifting our heads,  
raising us up,  
and seating us at this your table  
as royal sons and daughters of your kingdom.  
Thank you for the grace that is given here.  
Thank you for this reminder of our redemption,  
this food for our faith,  
and this hope for our future.  
Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here  
and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him.  
May we eat this bread with joy  
and drink this wine with a merry heart  
knowing that God has already accepted our works.  
May we taste and see that the Lord is good. AMEN**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!****TRINITY HYMNAL 198**

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near,  
the Savior of the world is here.

2 A helper just he comes to thee,  
his chariot is humility,  
his kingly crown is holiness,  
his scepter, pity in distress.

3 O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the Ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King in triumph comes!

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

5 Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel;  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won. **AMEN**

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## GOD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

### THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

REVELATION 12:1-17

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM  
*Justin Wallick*

### GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN

TRINITY HYMNAL 211

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay,  
remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas day,  
to save us all from Satan's pow'r  
when we were gone astray;

*Refrain:*  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and  
joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2 From God our heav'nly Father,  
a blessed angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same:  
how that in Bethlehem was born  
the son of God by name. *Refrain*

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,  
"let nothing you affright;  
this day is born a Savior  
of a pure virgin bright,  
to free all those who trust in him  
from Satan's pow'r and might." *Refrain*

4 The shepherds at those tidings  
rejoiced much in mind,  
and left their flocks a-feeding,  
in tempest, storm, and wind:  
and went to Bethlehem straightway,  
the Son of God to find. *Refrain*  
**AMEN**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. **AMEN**  
*Isaiah 59:1-2*

### SILENT CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: **O almighty God,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus;  
we acknowledge that we are unworthy of Your redeeming grace.  
We have not believed Your promises; nor trusted in our living Lord.  
Through worldliness of spirit,  
our eyes have been kept from discerning His presence with us.  
Through disappointment of mind and dejection of spirit,  
our hearts have not burned within us as we have heard His Word.  
We have not trusted in His redeeming power,  
and have been overcome of evil.  
We have forgotten the glad tidings of His peace.  
But now in penitence we come to you, beseeching Your forgiveness.  
Mercifully grant us absolution from all our sins,  
and restore unto us the joy of Your salvation;  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **AMEN****

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," says the Lord. **AMEN**  
*Isaiah 59:19b-20*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

**TRINITY HYMNAL 200**

1 It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold;  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heav'n's all-gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

3 And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow,  
look now! for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road,  
and hear the angels sing.

2 Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heav'nly music floats  
o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hov'ring wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

4 For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
by prophet bards foretold,  
when with the ever-circling years  
comes round the age of gold;  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song  
which now the angels sing. **AMEN**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**SELECTIONS FROM THE WESTMINSTER CREED**

**Congregation:** I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,  
in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;  
I believe there is but one true and living God;  
that there are three persons in the Godhead:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
and that these three are one God,  
the same in substance, equal in power and glory;  
I believe God has foreordained whatever comes to pass;  
that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power,  
in the space of six days, and all very good;  
and that God preserves and governs all His creatures  
and all their actions. **AMEN**

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**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Be anxious for nothing, 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 minds through Christ Jesus. **AMEN**  
*Philippians 4:6-7*

**LEADER PRAYS**

**Congregation:** **Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
AMEN**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**DOXOLOGY**