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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 8, Friday, 6pm - Adult Christmas Dinner

### SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS

November

### DEACON

Alan Marsh

### PARTNER FAMILY

Crawford, T. Phillips

December

Christopher Diamond

K. Diamond, Walsh, Wallick

January

Daniel Ferrill

Machamer, Josh Phillips, McCoy

February

Alan Marsh

T. Phillips, Jim Hope, Joe Phillips

### ELDERS

Keith Diamond, Ted Phillips

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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 3, 2017

9:30 AM

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

MEDITATION

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;  
Ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning.  
This Child, now born in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, The power of  
Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

MEMORY VERSE

He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Psalm 98:3

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q. 104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. In the fourth petition, which is, Give us this day our daily bread, we pray that of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

SCRIPTURE READING

Wednesday, December 6

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 119:1–24  
Evening: Psalms 12–14  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 6  
*OT:* Amos 3:12–4:5  
*NT:* 2 Peter 3:1–10  
*Gospel:* Matthew 21:23–32

Thursday, December 7

*Worship:* Morning: Psalm 18:1–20  
Evening: Psalm 18:21–50  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 7  
*OT:* Amos 4:6–13  
*NT:* 2 Peter 3:11–18  
*Gospel:* Matthew 21:33–46

Friday, December 8

*Worship:* Morning: Psalms 16–17  
Evening: Psalm 22  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 8  
*OT:* Amos 5:1–17  
*NT:* Jude 1–16  
*Gospel:* Matthew 22:1–14

Saturday, December 9

*Worship:* Morning: Psalms 20–21  
Evening: Psalm 110; 116–117  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 9  
*OT:* Amos 5:18–27  
*NT:* Jude 17–25  
*Gospel:* Matthew 22:15–22

Sunday, December 3

*Worship:* Morning: Psalms 146–147  
Evening: Psalms 111–113  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 3  
*OT:* Amos 1:1–5; Amos 1:13–2:8  
*NT:* 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11  
*Gospel:* Luke 21:5–19

Monday, December 4

*Worship:* Morning: Psalms 1–3  
Evening: Psalm 4; Psalm 7  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 4  
*OT:* Amos 2:6–16  
*NT:* 2 Peter 1:1–11  
*Gospel:* Matthew 21:1–11

Tuesday, December 5

*Worship:* Morning: Psalms 5–6  
Evening: Psalms 10–11  
*Wisdom:* Proverbs 5  
*OT:* Amos 3:1–11  
*NT:* 2 Peter 1:12–21  
*Gospel:* Matthew 21:12–22

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## GOD COMMISSIONS US

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **AMEN**  
*1 John 4:9-11*

## BENEDICTION

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen. **AMEN**

## TRINITY HYMNAL 735

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## GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.” **AMEN**  
*Micah 5:2*

## CHRIST IS COMING

## TRINITY HYMNAL 324

1 Christ is coming! Let creation  
from her groans and travail cease;  
the glorious proclamation  
hope restore and faith increase;  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Thou blessed Prince of Peace.

2 Earth can now but tell the story  
of thy bitter cross and pain;  
she shall yet behold thy glory,  
when thou comest back to reign:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Let each heart repeat the strain.

3 Long thine exiles have been pining,  
far from rest, and home, and thee;  
but, in heav'nly vestures shining,  
they their loving Lord shall see:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Haste the joyous jubilee.

4 With that blessed hope before us,  
let no harp remain unstrung;  
let the mighty advent chorus  
onward roll from tongue to tongue:  
Christ is coming! Christ is coming!  
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come! **AMEN**

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**RESPONSIVE READING****ZECHARIAH 2:10-13**

Leader: Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

**Congregation: For behold, I am coming and I will dwell in your midst, says the LORD.**

Leader: Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and they shall become My people.

**Congregation: And I will dwell in your midst.  
Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.**

Leader: And the LORD will take possession of Judah as His inheritance in the Holy Land, and will again choose Jerusalem.

**Congregation: Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,  
for He is aroused from His holy habitation! AMEN**

**LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE****TRINITY HYMNAL 193**

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood;  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood.  
He will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish,  
as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord Most High!" **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: We do not presume to come to this Your table,  
O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in Your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under Your table.  
But You are the same Lord;  
You ever love to show mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
So to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink His cup,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body,  
and our souls washed through His most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. AMEN**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER****JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME****TRINITY HYMNAL 195**

1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every 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.

2 Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:  
let men their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 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.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.  
**AMEN**

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## GOD CONSECRATES US WITH HIS WORD

### THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

### PSALM 98

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

**JOY TO THE WORLD!**  
*Jimmy Gill*

### PSALMS 98A

1 O sing a new song to the LORD  
For wonders He has done;  
For wonders He has done;  
His right hand and His holy arm  
(parts) The victory have won.

2 The great salvation wrought by Him  
Jehovah has made known,  
Jehovah has made known.  
His justice in the nations' sight  
(parts) He openly has shown.

3 He mindful of His grace and truth  
To Isr'el's house has been,  
To Isr'el's house has been.  
The great salvation of our God  
(parts) All ends of earth have seen.

### BOOK OF PSALMS FOR SINGING

4 O all the earth, sing to the LORD  
And make a joyful sound,  
And make a joyful sound.  
Lift up your voice aloud to Him;  
(parts) Sing psalms! Let joy resound!

5 With harp make music to the LORD;  
With harp a psalm O sing,  
With harp a psalm O sing!  
With horn and trumpet raise a shout  
(parts) Before the LORD, the King.

6 Let seas in all their vastness roar,  
The world, its living horde,  
The world, its living horde.  
Let rivers clap, let mountains sing  
(parts) Their joy before the LORD! **AMEN**

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## CONFESSION OF SIN

“Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall take an oath.” **AMEN**  
*Isaiah 45:22-23*

### SILENT CONFESSION FOLLOWED BY CORPORATE CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: **Lord Jesus, we sin.**  
**Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,**  
**Never be content with self,**  
**Never think we can reach a point of perfection.**  
**Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.**  
**Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,**  
**To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,**  
**To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You,**  
**To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN****

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **AMEN**  
*Isaiah 53:5-6*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

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**O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED****TRINITY HYMNAL 247**

1 O sacred Head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down;  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

2 What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
was all for sinners' gain:  
mine, mine was the transgression,  
but thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve thy place;  
look on me with thy favor,  
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

3 What language shall I borrow  
to thank thee, dearest Friend,  
for this, thy dying sorrow,  
thy pity without end?  
O make me thine forever;  
and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
outlive my love to thee. **AMEN**

**LUTHER'S COMMENTARY ON THE SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES CREED**

**Congregation:** We believe that Jesus Christ  
—true God, Son of the Father from eternity,  
and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord.  
He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons,  
saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil,  
not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood  
and His innocent suffering and death.  
All this He has done that we may be His own,  
live under Him in His kingdom,  
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and  
blessedness,  
just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.  
This is most certainly true. **AMEN**

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**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, ...I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. **AMEN**  
*1 Timothy 2:5-6, 8*

**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**