



Christ Church
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First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2013

Worship at 9:30 & 11:15 am

***No matter who you are, or where you are on
life's journey, you're welcome here!***

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. – First Sunday of Advent

Prelude *Piece Heroique* Cesar Franck

Introit *Louez le Seigneur* Trad. Cameroon
Combined Choirs

Ringing of the Church Bell

Hymn #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

Call to Worship The Speer Family

Leader: On unknown paths we wait for birth.

**People: Filled with fear and wonder,
Our excitement and imagination can barely be
contained.**

Leader: This first candle of Advent illuminates our expectant waiting,
Shining the light of Hope on all trepidation and chaos.

**All: We light this candle as a sign of God's hope in a hope-
famished world.**

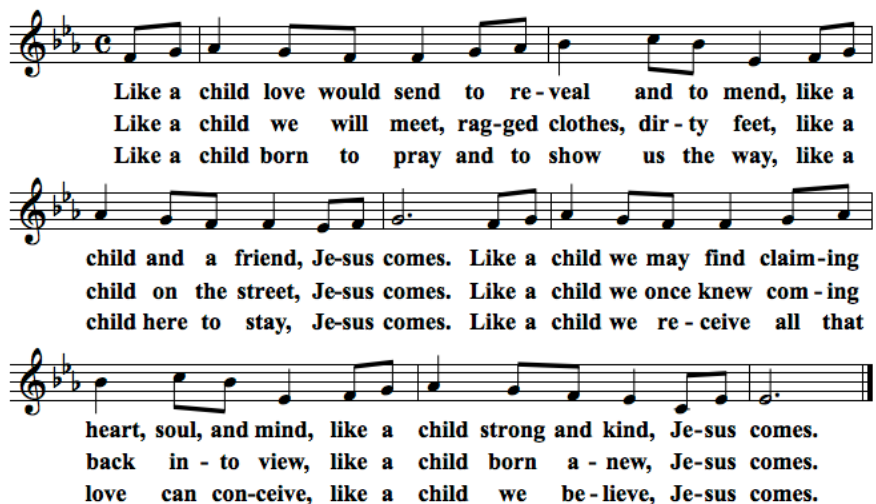
Prayer of Invocation The Speer Family

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 6:4, 5, 10-13 Charlene Wetterstrand

Anthem *Wade in the Water* Spiritual
Genesis and Canticle Choirs arr. Roger Emerson.

A Story for Children Rev. Caroline Dean
(The 2 and 3-year-olds may leave for Sunday school at this time.
Church Mice Choir for children pre-K through 1st grade
may leave at this time.)

Hymn *Like a Child* Words & music by Dan Damon



Like a child love would send to re-veal and to mend, like a
Like a child we will meet, rag-ged clothes, dir-ty feet, like a
Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a
child and a friend, Je-sus comes. Like a child we may find claim-ing
child on the street, Je-sus comes. Like a child we once knew com-ing
child here to stay, Je-sus comes. Like a child we re-ceive all that
heart, soul, and mind, like a child strong and kind, Je-sus comes.
back in-to view, like a child born a-new, Je-sus comes.
love can con-ceive, like a child we be-lieve, Je-sus comes.

Passing of the Peace
Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Julie Yarborough

Silence & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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 debts
As we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever.**

Amen

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem ***Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*** William Mathias

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Sing praise, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children Pre-K through 7th grade may leave for Sunday school at this time.)

Stewardship Moment

Jim Carson

Hymn #2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:24

Rev. Charles Rush

Sermon

“Gratitude, Memory and Honor”

Rev. Rush

Ritual of Remembrance

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!

Benediction

Rev. Rush

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Keith Miller-Murden

Greeters: Matt Ellison and family

Ushers for 9:30 am: Chuck Mixon and the Briber-Gillow family

Welcome! Visiting today? Please complete a Visitor Card and drop into the offering plate and join us for fellowship after today's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **Sunday school** schedule:

Infants - 3 year olds	Nursery (Room B-109)
Pre-K & K	Room B-205
1st – 5 th graders	Assembly – Advent Wreaths- Art Room (*B-206)
6th and 7th graders	Basement
8th thru 12th graders	Stay in Worship



Our 2014 Stewardship Campaign is underway:

Investing in Our Mission To Inspire, Welcome and Serve

Pledge online at: <http://christchurchsummit.org/pledge.html>

In this season where we count our blessings and remember the many things we have to be grateful for, let's all of us give back to God through our church. The spiritual community and the people around us are foundational in our lives and deserve our support. **The stewardship committee will be asking your family to pledge a financial contribution to the church for 2014.** We would ask that you would be in prayer about what your family can do to make our community a vital and thriving place. In the next several weeks, we will explain some of our financial goals and needs and we will remind you of why giving here is really a joy because this community is meaningful. We need every single one of us to pull their weight in order for us to stay healthy. **Thank you for what you do to make our church robust.**

Holiday Schedule:

Dec 1: 9:30 and 11:15 am worship. We will remember those who are no longer with us as we approach the holiday season.

Dec 8: 9:30 am worship only - Family worship with communion and Advent Workshop. **NO 11:15 service** that day.

Dec 15: 9:30 and 11:15 am worship

Dec 22: 9:30 and 11:15 am worship - Special Music by the Chancel Choir. The 11:15 service will be much like the 9:30 service that day, with the choir singing at both services.

Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM - Rehearsal for Pageant - all children welcome!

5:00 PM - Children's Pageant & Family Service

10:30 PM - Service of Lessons and Carols

Dec 29: One service at 9:30 am, with Christmas Carol Singing. No Sunday school, but nursery care will be provided. **NO 11:15 service** that day.

LAST WEEK TO SIGN-UP FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP: NEXT Sunday, December 8th, we will make advent crafts after the 09:30 service (no 11:15 service), finish by noon to share a lunch of Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup then join together for a carol sing 'a' long!

Adults and children of all ages will find fellowship, fun, and great food. Join in a whirlwind of Christmas activities, making ornaments, miniature, gingerbread houses, keepsake decorations, and for the truly "crafty" and adults assembling boxwood trees or wreaths.

It's the best way to kick-off the Advent Season, as well as make new ornaments and Christmas decor for our homes! Not into crafts? Then just socialize and join in for lunch and caroling. (\$5 per person)

Please sign-up NOW so we can purchase supplies accordingly.

\$10 per person

\$40 per family (max)

Additional craft charges:

Gingerbread houses-mini \$5.00

Boxwood Trees \$20

Wreaths \$20

Questions? Sign-up? call Jocelyn Gueci 656-4505 or jocelyn.gueci@gmail.com

We will not have a second service on December 8th due to the Advent Workshop.

Morning Quest: We will meet on Monday, Dec 9th at 9:30am for an advent reflection and holiday brunch. For Monday, January 13th, we will read "Cry, the Beloved Country" the classic novel by Alan Paton, "Cry, the Beloved Country." Please mark your calendars and join us. Child care is always available.

Monday Night Yoga: Yoga class will be cancelled on the following dates- 12/9, 12/23 and 12/30.

Parsonages: If you were not able to attend one of the recent information meetings on the parsonages issue, or even if you were and want to refresh your memory, the presentation and accompanying documents that were used are now available on the Church's web site. You can access them at the link:

www.ccsnj.org/Parsonages

We will shortly be sending out a survey to all members of the congregation to assess people's views on this subject with the aim of then holding a formal vote on a course of action sometime in the next couple of months.

Age-ing and Sage-ing: Curious about what goes on in the end stages of your life? What are the challenges and opportunities? What are the “tasks” that come with the territory? What does brain research tell us? What do I want to do with your “one wild and precious life” now? Anyone who is or who will be 60 is welcome. For more information please contact Leigh Rosoff (rleigh95@aol.com)

DATE: Today, Sunday, December 1st, 10:45 am to 12:00 pm

Bridges Holiday Gift Bag Drive: On Sunday December 8th during worship we will collect gift bags for the homeless communities in New York City. Our confirmation class will deliver the gift bags on their bridges run on December 20th.

We need 200 gift bags and this is a great way to get the whole family involved in service during the holidays! We need each of these items already assembled in a gift bag on **Sunday December 8th.**

Each gift bag should include: (for each item think "travel sized")

- *One white or plain gift bag
- *One mini first aid kit
- *A hand or foot warmer
- *A packet of cough drops
- *Travel-sized tissues
- *A travel-sized hand sanitizer

New Prayer Concerns and Joys:

We celebrate that Heavenswill Church has joined the UCC.

Sunday December 1, 2013	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
	First Worship Service	9:30 am
	Church Mice – Barnwell Hall	9:45 am
	Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall	10:30 am
	Genesis Choir - Sanctuary	10:45 am
	Canticle Singers – Lile Hall	11:00 am
	High School Youth Choir	11:15 am
First Sunday of Advent	Second Worship Service	11:15 am
	Middle School Youth	5:30 pm

Christ Church is a community of faith where all are welcome.
Inspire. Welcome. Serve.

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