

Welcome to Worship

The Fourth Sunday in Advent • Sunday, December 18, 2011
Morning Worship - 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. - *Holy Communion at all services*
Pastoral Ministers: Pastor Joe Campeau, Pastor Mike Matzek

M o r n i n g W o r s h i p

FOUR FOR **ADVENT** Love

Today's Message: "Love" - Pastor Joe Campeau

Today's Readings: Isaiah 9:6; John 3:16-17

W o r s h i p S o n g s 8 : 0 0 & 9 : 3 0

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - No. 315 LBW

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (verse 5) - No. 34 LBW

"Lo, How a Rose" (vs. 1,2,5) - No. 58 LBW

"Emmanuel" - On Screen (9:30 only)

"People, Look East" - No. 626 [blue book]

The Order of Service for 8:00 begins on page 77 in the green hymnal (LBW)

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"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

"Beautiful One"

"Forever Reign"

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (verse 5)

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

THANK YOU to the Chancel Choir and Sound and Spirit for providing our Special Music this morning

The flowers in the Narthex have been given to the glory of God and in celebration of Reagan and Scarlett's baptismal birthdays by the Fernandez family

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY PROMISE

We are pleased to share with you that we will once again be hosting the families in this program January 1 - January 8, 2012. This is a great program that helps low income and homeless families achieve lasting independence by partnering with congregations within a community to provide them with food and shelter. There are a variety of opportunities available and you can help by signing up to prepare and/or provide a meal, host the families in the evenings or overnight host. Sign ups will begin on the patio today. If you have any questions, or would like any additional information, please contact Debbie Price at: debbie@come2christ.com.

HANDS AND HEARTS

Hands and Hearts invites you to our last packing party of 2011. We'll gather in the Fellowship Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th, and again on Wednesday, December 21st, at 9:00 a.m. Please join us as we pack and send off our Care Packages to those who serve our country far from home and loved ones. This is a difficult time to be separated from family and all that "home" means to our troops. For more information please contact Karolle Blackson at 255-3222 or hands_n_hearts@yahoo.com.

SYLMAR WINTER SHELTER

We will be serving a New Years Eve meal, December 31st at the Sylmar Winter Shelter. We are in need of volunteers to provide donations to help put the meal together along with volunteers to serve the meal. Sign ups continue on the patio today. If you have any questions or would like to sign up you can contact Phil Hyland at: philhyland@sbcglobal.net or (323)578-2885.

CHRISTMAS AT HOPE GARDENS

Hope Gardens is looking for help with their Christmas celebration for the families living at the facility. If you are interested in helping, please contact Monique Johnson at: mjohnson@urm.org or (818)890-3035.

MONDAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR THE GIVING GARLAND

Tomorrow is the last day to turn in your donation for the Giving Garland. Please be sure to bring your item with the tag attached to the narthex. We thank everyone who was able to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Price at: debbie@come2christ.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION OUTREACH PROJECT

This year for our Sunday School Outreach Project, we will be collecting books for underprivileged children in Northern California. This school has very limited resources and has no library for the children. At this time, only two of the second graders can read and there are very few books for them to explore. We will be collecting new or gently-used books for reading levels Kindergarten - 5th grade. Please return your donations by December 18th. A donation box will be located in the Welcome Center.

IN THE HOSPITAL? LET US KNOW!

It isn't always easy to ask for prayers for ourselves, but if you or someone you know who is a member of CLC are ever in the hospital, please let us know! We want to be able to pray for members who are in need (even if you wish to keep the information just between you and the pastors). Simply notify the church office (259-0200) or email Pastor Mike (pastormike@come2christ.com) or Pastor Joe (pastorjoe@come2christ.com).



Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Blended Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Rooms 12/13)
- 9:30 a.m. Discovery Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 9:30 a.m. High School Bible Study (Youth Center)
- 9:30 a.m. College Bible Study (Upstairs in Worship Center)
- 11:00 a.m. Informal Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Kid's Church (Begins in Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Couples' Bible Study (Off Campus)

MONDAY DECEMBER 19

- 6:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Rooms 12/13)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 11)
- 7:30 p.m. Young Women's Bible Study (Upstairs in Kathleen Kahovec's office)

TUESDAY DECEMBER 20

- 9:15 a.m. MiC [Mothers in Christ] (Rooms 12/13)
- 7:00 p.m. Impact (Youth Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 11)
- 7:00 p.m. Hands and Hearts (Fellowship Center)

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21

- 9:00 a.m. Hands and Hearts (Fellowship Center)
- 5:15 p.m. Children's Choirs
 - Sonbeams - Room 9
 - Rejoicing Voices - Room 7
 - Sound & Spirit (Choir Room)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 22

- 5:00 p.m. Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study (Room 11)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Off Campus)

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Team (Conference Room)
- 4:00 p.m. Band Rehearsal for Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

- 9:00 a.m. Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 a.m. Messenger Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 p.m. Family Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Family Worship
- 7:40 p.m. Christmas Eve Prelude
- 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
- 10:40 p.m. Christmas Eve Prelude
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

A Financial Update

		Attendance - December 11	
Total November Income:	\$ 72,667	8:00	104
Total November Expenses:	\$ 79,830	9:30	353
Total 2011 Income:	\$ 833,579	11:00	161
Total 2011 Expenses:	\$ 850,292		618

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church establishes our congregation as a people who hold as our highest priority "inviting people into a life changing relationship with God." If there is any way we can help you to connect to the ministry opportunities here at CLC, please complete the Communication Card located in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

The Order of Service is available each week as a page which you can pick up at the entrance to the Sanctuary. On it you will find page numbers and hymn numbers for use with the hymnal, as well as the sequence of the morning's worship. If following the Order of Service is a helpful guide for your worship experience, please feel free to take one, or request one from an usher.

Welcome Table Please be sure to stop by our Welcome Table on the patio. Whether you're looking for information, directions or just a friendly greeting, you will find what you're looking for at the Welcome Table!

Nursery Care for children ages 36 months and younger is available in our Nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Holy Communion We celebrate Communion every week at the 8:00 and 11:00 services and on the first and third Sundays at 9:30. The ushers will direct you when to come forward. Children who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Wine is used during communion but grape juice is also available in the trays, if for any reason you prefer grape juice, please let the pastors know when you come forward.

We now offer a gluten-free communion station at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services. If you have a wheat sensitivity, please go to the communion station closest to the piano.

Listening Aids are available that will enhance the worship experience for those who are partially hearing impaired. Please go back to the Sound Desk if you would benefit from such assistance.

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Prayer Requests If there is something you would like the members of the Prayer Chain to pray for, please call Pastor Mike at 259-0200, or send your prayer requests to his email address: pastormike@come2christ.com. You may also write your prayer request on a Communication Card, found in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate.



YOUNG ADULTS DINNER - DECEMBER 28

All college-age young people are invited for dinner and fellowship here at CLC on Wednesday, December 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Center. We'll have dinner catered by Stonefire Grill and a few games. Contact Kathleen Kahovec for more information: kathleen@come2christ.com or 259-0200, ext. 233.

ISRAEL PRESENTATION

In November, Pastor Joe and Barbie, along with twelve other members of the congregation, journeyed to Israel. On Wednesday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m., Pastor Joe and the group would like to share pictures and video of the trip, talk about what they saw and learned, and answer questions. This is the first Wednesday back at the Bistro following Christmas break, so come early and share some dinner. The Pastors' Bible Study will resume the following Wednesday.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Library (Room 11). All women are invited to join us for Bible Study, Prayer and lots of fellowship. On January 12, we will begin a study of the book of Romans. Contact Kathy Ott at 661/755-5428 or dkottline@ca.rr.com or Marie Edmiston at 661/263-9478 or m_edmiston@att.net for more information.



Christmas Giving Garland

This Christmas, be a blessing to a needy child, senior, family, neighbor or stranger this Christmas season by taking a tag from the Giving Garland.

Each week, during Children's Time, we are opening doors on our Advent Calendar. Each of the four doors bears one of the four themes of Advent that help us to focus on our preparations to receive the Savior and on the gifts he brings: HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE.

Behind each door are a series of Scripture verses, one for each day of the week, that connect with the theme word. You may want to read these verses each day and, perhaps, share them with your family as your Advent devotion.

Week 4 - Love

Sunday:	John 3:16-17
Monday:	Isaiah 7:13-14
Tuesday:	1 John 3:1-3
Wednesday:	1 John 4:10-12, 19-21
Thursday:	Psalms 36:5-6
Friday:	Luke 10:25-28
Saturday:	Luke 2:1-20

Prayer: O Heavenly Father, in this season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, we thank you that in Jesus your love has come down to us and entered our lives. Grant that our lives may be a vivid testimony to our sacrificial and faithful love in Christ. Amen.



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