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Traditional

Celebration of Holy Communion

November 30, 2025



WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

If you would like to learn more about the church, contact Kathy Hofmann, our Guest & Hospitality Director
khofmann@christelca.org

-or-

Fill out one of the Connect cards located in the pew racks in front of you, and place in the offering plate.

The order of service is divided into several sections. Use this bulletin to participate in the worship service, noting parts spoken by the leader or the people, when to stand, sit, or kneel, and music for congregational singing.



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Traditional Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising

Paul Manz

Philip Biedenbender, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

SILENT REFLECTION & SELF-EXAMINATION (kneel/sit)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

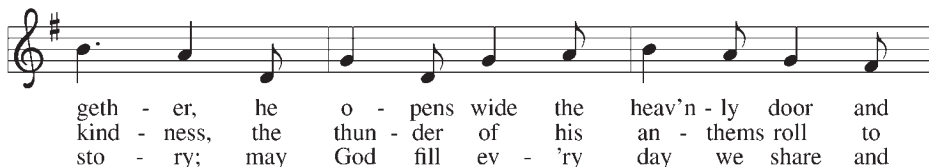
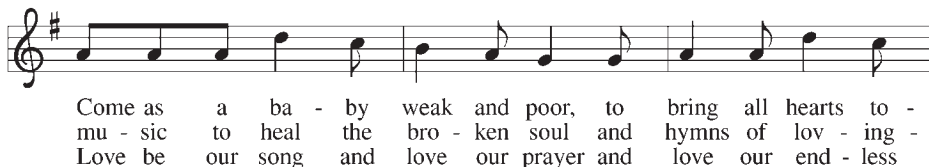
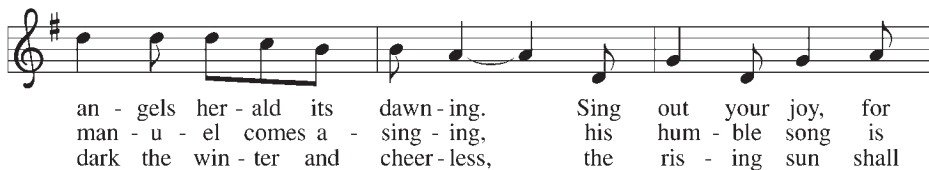
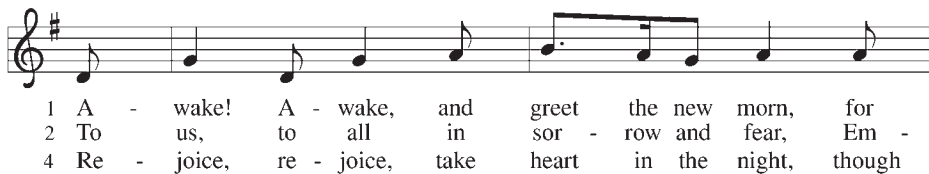
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE (stand)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OPENING HYMN
Awake! Awake and
Greet the New Morn
 Haugen

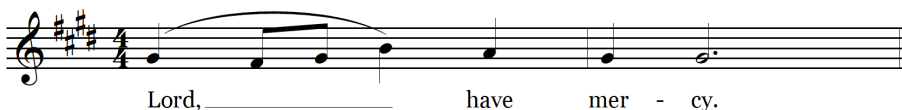


**APOSTOLIC
 GREETING**

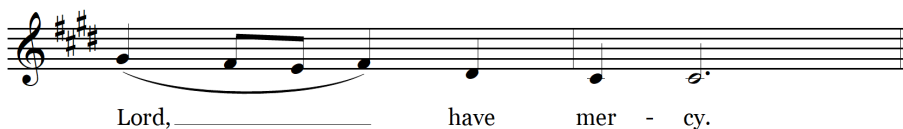
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion
 of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
And also with you.

KYRIE

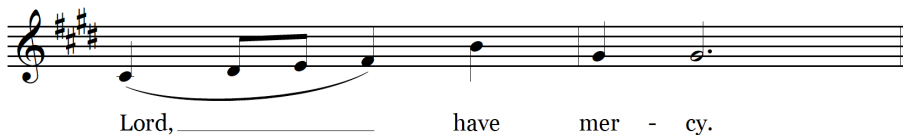
Leader: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*



Leader: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.*



Leader: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*



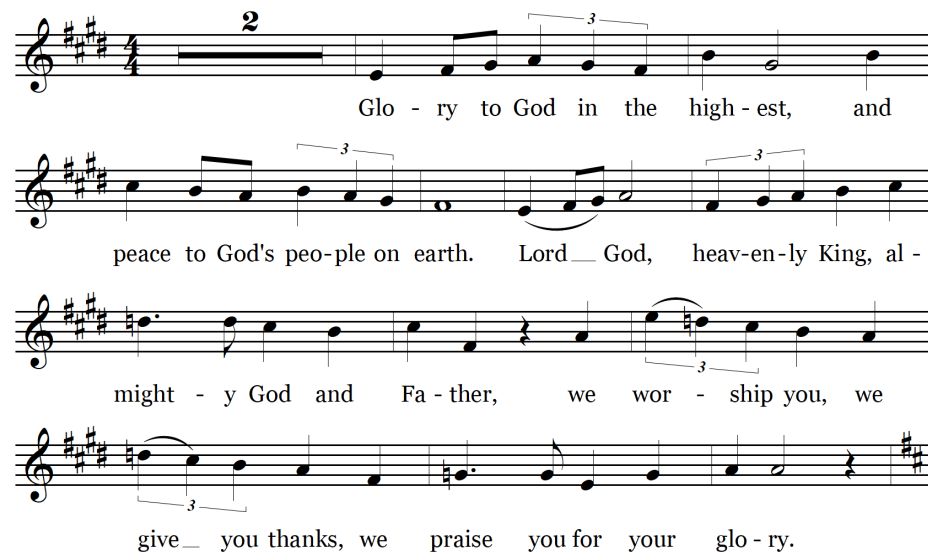
Leader: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.*



Leader: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



GLORIA



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you — take a - way the
 sin — of the world: have mer - cy on
 us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther: re - ceive — our — prayer.
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - - - - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Let us pray. Eternal God, ever faithful to your promises, hasten that long-awaited day when you will establish justice in the land. Lift from our hearts the weight of self-indulgence, and strengthen us for holiness. Amid chaos and confusion, let your people stand secure, and fulfill the longings of a humanity weighed down by confusion and burdened with fear. We ask these things through Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.

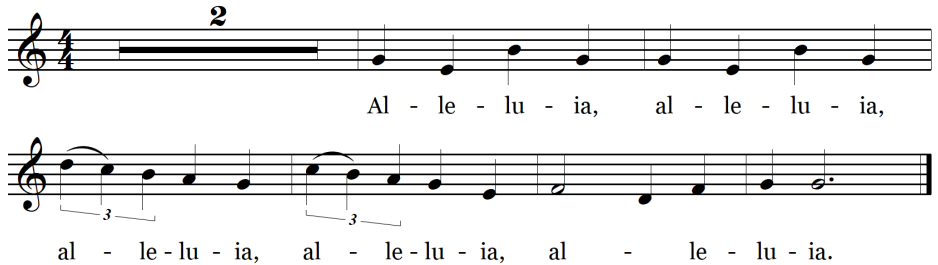
READING
Isaiah 64:1-8
(NRSV)
 (sit)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—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! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. 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. 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. 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. 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. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION
Alleluia
 Bobb
 (stand)



HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 2:25-38
(NRSV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.



Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of

many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

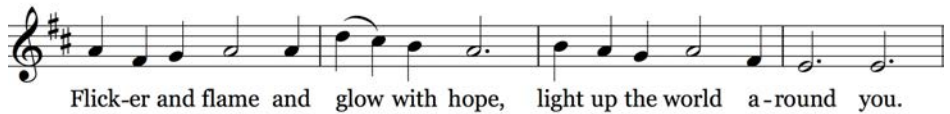
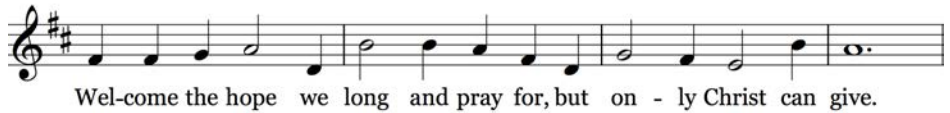
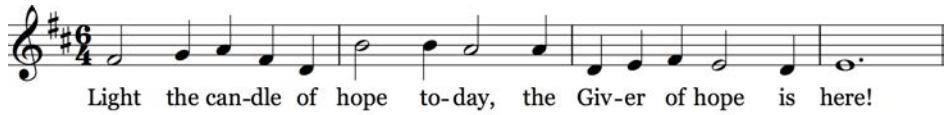
The Gospel of the Lord.



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light the Candle

Vajda, Schalk



CHRISTKIDS DISMISSAL

(sit)

Children ages 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to an age-appropriate lesson in the Ministry Center (M241/242). They will return during the offering.

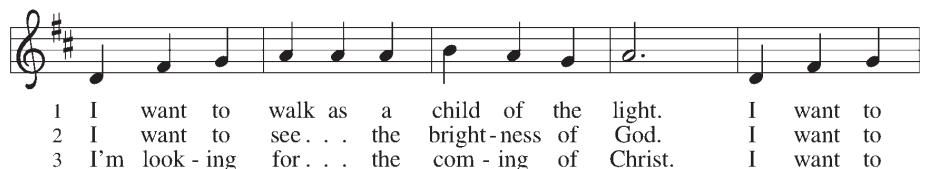
SERMON

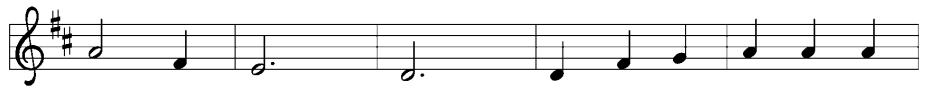
Fear Not

The Fear of Could and Should
Pastor Jim Mauney

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Thomerson
(stand)





fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

NICENE CREED 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

(kneel/sit)

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

(sit)

Place cash or checks in Give envelopes, located in pew racks, and drop in offering plate. Credit cards can be used via online giving. Text "PRAISE" to 73256 or scan QR Code on envelope.

I Wonder As I Wander

Kyle Pederson
Christ Choir

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(stand)

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us:
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

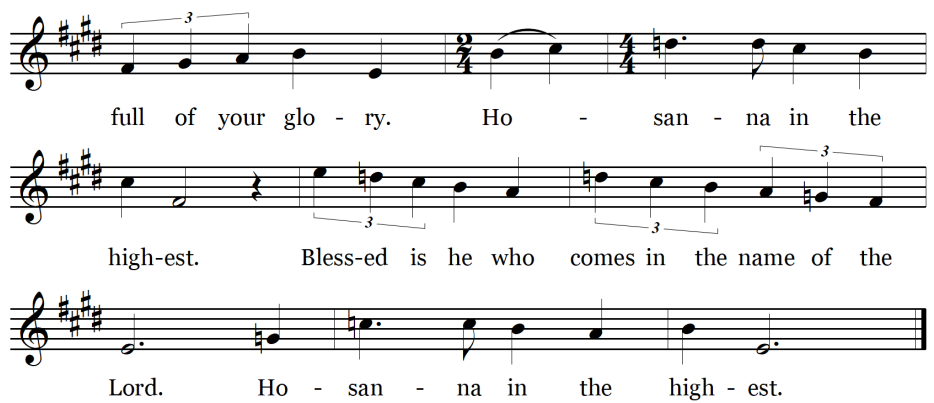
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might. Heav'n and earth are



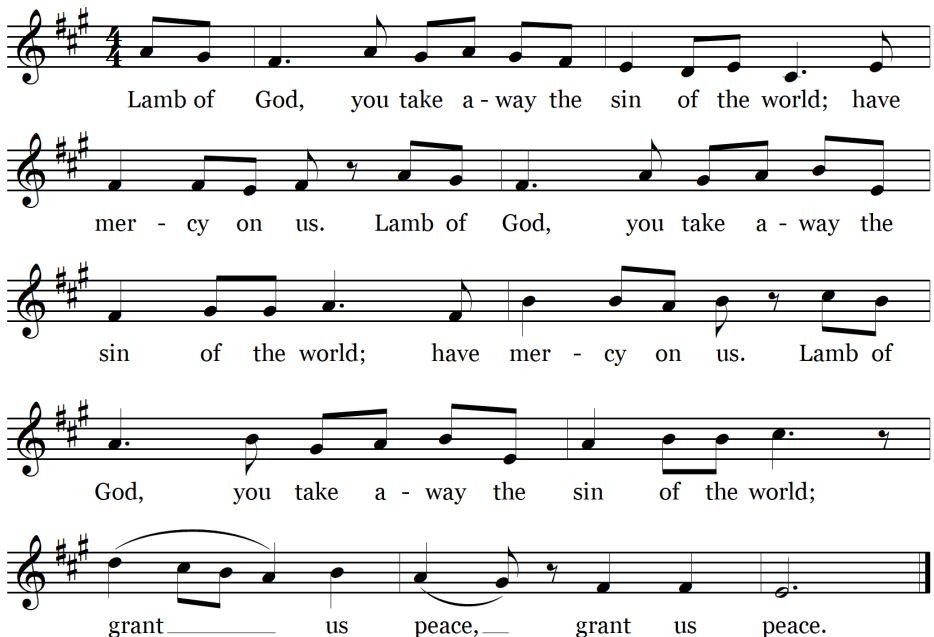
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and 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.

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 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.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God* (sit)



HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune. Young children are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Laurenti, tr. Findlater



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore;
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

BLESSING

(stand)

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN
*Hark, the Glad
 Sound*
 Doddridge, Haweis

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

DISMISSAL *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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2025

Holiday Happenings

AT A GLANCE

Friday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Xperience Christmas Show

Saturday, December 6

7:00 p.m. Xperience Christmas Show

December 10–15

Christmas Shopping Family Sponsorship Event

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. Charlotte Pride Band *presents*: Home for the Holidays

Saturday, December 13

5:30 p.m. Ignite Christmas Gathering

Register with the Ignite Group in REALM or email laurie.carter57@gmail.com

Sunday, December 14

3:00 p.m. The Charlotte Concert Band *presents*: Holiday Echoes

For ticketing: charlotteconcertband.org/holidayechoes

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 p.m. Luther Ringers & Joyful Noise Boys Concert @Windsor Run

Thursday, December 18

11:45 a.m. Third Thursday: Christmas Carols w/Carolina Voices Quartet

Register in REALM

Sunday, December 21

2:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Boys and Handbells Concert @Matthews Glen

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

10:00 a.m. Children's Service (Sanctuary) ^

Special service geared towards families with children aged 5th grade & under with festive songs, a special message & a craft

3:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve (Sanctuary) 🛒 🎁

5:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve (Sanctuary) 🛒 🎁

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

9:00 p.m. Traditional Worship (Christ Chapel) ^

Sunday, December 28

10:00 a.m. One Service (Sanctuary)

-no Sunday School-

^ IN PERSON ONLY




NURSERY AVAILABLE (0-35 months)



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORSHIP IN PERSON -or- ONLINE christelca.org/online



Holden

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

December 3 & 10

6-7:30 p.m.
in Christ Chapel

led by Pastors Adrienne & Ryan

Brothers in Faith Book Study

Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. at the South Land

(315 Reid Dairy Rd. in Waxhaw)

Adult men are invited to join this new, weekly book study as we delve into *The Screw Tape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. We look forward to seeing you there!

MORE INFORMATION:
David Dietert (dietert0103@gmail.com)

STARTS 12/11/25

MONTHLY PARENT CLASS

Mental Wellness in a Modern World

meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in Forum C

Topic for December 10:

What Does Good Mental Wellness Look Like?

A fresh look at the foundations of mental health—what it means to truly thrive emotionally, mentally and relationally across all ages.

LB Led by a mental health professional, Trent Morrow, LCSW, of L&B Counseling. Parents of children of all ages welcome!



IGNITE! Christmas Gathering

Saturday, December 13

5:30 p.m. in The Pit

All are invited to the Ignite group's end of year Christmas Gathering. Join us for dinner with beer & wine included. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Cost: \$15

RSVP in REALM within the Ignite! Group or email laurie.carter57@gmail.com

Third THURSDAY

for adults of all ages

December 18

11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Pit

Welcome the Carolina Carolers as they sing your favorite Christmas songs in full Victorian clothes. Lunch will be served along with hot chocolate & delicious cookies for dessert.

\$15 • Click/Scan to Register>>

MORE INFO: awallace@christelca.org



REALM

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Family Sponsorship Event

December 10-15

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:
Donate • Sponsor a Family • Volunteer



<<CLICK/SCAN QR CODE FOR DETAILS
more info: Angela (adavis@christelca.org)
or DeeDee (dpetronis@christelca.org)

Dates to Know

Wednesdays Ablaze

ends December 10 • resumes January 7, 2026

Sunday School

ends December 14 • resumes January 4, 2026

Worship on December 28

There will be only 1 service on Dec. 28
at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Online



ROOM IN THE INN

Christ Providence will be hosting our neighbors in need each Thursday starting Dec. 4!

Overnight hosts, drivers and other volunteers needed!






<< Info & Signup:
signupgenius.com
lane.goode@gmail.com



HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING for sponsored families

**Sun., December 7
12:30 p.m.**



**COOK
OUT**
FRESH HAMBURGERS

Join us at Galleria Walmart as we go Christmas shopping for local families in need! Before we shop, we will go to Cookout for lunch. You are welcome to ride in the van or meet us there.



Click/Scan to Register>>

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org

REALM

Hand-in-Hand TEC Retreat



Take part in a faith-building experience where others share their faith stories & how being in Christian Community has affected their life. **Open to 9th graders through adults.**

January 17-19, 2026

at Tekoa Foothills in Casar, NC

\$50 • Click/Scan to Register>>

MORE INFO: tweller@christelca.org



REALM

Stepping Stones

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

2nd Grade: Worshipping Together

Sunday, December 7

10:00 a.m. in room M239/240

Save the Date

MORE INFO: krank@christelca.org



ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

AGM made over \$10,000 on its first day!

You can still shop on Sunday, November 30 in the Lower Commons or by sending the order form by mail. You can also donate via REALM Giving.



Scan/Click for REALM Giving
(select Alternative Gift Market fund)



WEDNESDAYS ABLAZE

Dinner 5:00-6:00 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall (\$8 adults/\$6 child/\$30 family max)

To speed up your check-in, prepay for dinner in Realm

Activities & Classes 6:00-7:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 10

LEARN MORE & RSVP FOR DINNERS:

christelca.org/wednesdays-ablaze



XPERIENCE Christmas Show

December 5 & 6 • 7:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary & Livestreamed Online

Psalms 8: Eco-Friendly

Our small group sponsors roadside cleanup for 2.8 miles of Providence Road in front of the church and you're invited to join us for our next cleanup date:

Saturday, December 6

8:30 a.m. meet in church parking lot

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. cleanup

More info: Gordon Miller (gmliller9535@aol.com)

Poinsettias

Purchase a plant in memory or honor of loved ones and help adorn our worship spaces on Christmas Eve. Plants may be taken home after worship on 12/28.

\$20 EACH • DUE BY DEC. 10

Scan/Click to Order



REALM



Prayers

† People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
† People of Russia and Ukraine
† Israel and Palestine War
† Conflict in the Middle East
† Those impacted by Hurricane Melissa
† Caregivers
† Prayers for escalating turmoil and divisions
† Remove fear and bring Peace in our community
† Chris Simmons
† Donna Emmans
† Karen Roode
† Harper Nau
† Diane Jones
† Lauren Wright's mother, Deborah Cornwell
† Kim Sciacero
† Kristen Kilpatrick
† Pastor Scott and family
† Jackie Misenheimer and family on the death of her husband, Pastor David Misenheimer
† Joe LaFollette
† Matt Brown and family on the death of his mother, Pamela Brown
† Josiah Hawkins and family
† Susan McWhorter
† Lois Witham
† Susan McWhorter on the birth of her granddaughter, Addie Dean

Hospice List

† Mark Lanoue's aunt, Glenda Baer
† Margie Bell

*The flowers today
are given to the Glory of God...*

In celebration of Sloan's 5th Birthday
from Kendra and Scott McAdams

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

November 23, 2025

Traditional: 243

Bridge: 105

Contemporary: 247

Christ Online: 293 (Sun - Tue)



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— Our Ministry Leaders —



Dr. Scott Suskovic
Senior Pastor



Pastor Ryan Ritzmann
Evangelism
& Faith Formation



Pastor Adrienne Ladd
Family Ministries



Alexis Williams
Christ Online
Minister



Mark Johanson
Minister of
Music & Worship



Angela Davis
Director of
Outreach

— Serving in Worship —

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Shelby Johns Tech Director
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