

Community Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Richardson, Texas
cccrichardson.org

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent



Christ Above the Clouds by Brazilian photographer Marcos Estrella

Christ the Redeemer statue overlooking Rio de Janeiro
from atop Mount Corcovado on a foggy day

“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming
in clouds’ with great power and glory” (Mark 13:36).

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November 29, 2020 10:50 A.M. via Facebook Live

Prelude: *Awake, the Voice Is Calling Us* by J.S. Bach Marla Nelson, piano; and Sean Casey, bassist

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Andy Shelton

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Ringing of the Chimes

Opening Hymn: *Joy to the World*

see page 7

Advent Litany and Invocation

Bill Whitley and Amy Taylor

One: I look from afar

All: and I see the power of God coming.

One: Go out to meet him and say,

All: "Are you the one that will come to reign over the people of the earth?"

One: O Shepherd of Israel,

All: Are you the one that is coming?"

One: Stir up your power, O God,

All: And come to reign over the people of the earth.

Congregational Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em-man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8–15a

Whitley Taylor

A reading from the second letter of Peter:

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be

disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Gospel: Mark 13:24–37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark:

Jesus said, “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be:
world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

Text: *Gloria Patri*, Latin: 2nd century

Music: GREATOREX, 1851; Henry Wellington Greatorex (1811-1858)

Hymn of Prayer: *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

text: *Kyrie eleison* • music: Healey Willan, *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* • OneLicense A-735229

Pastoral Prayer

Advent Hymn: *Sleepers, Wake*

“Sleep-ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the shout of ram - part -
 guards sur - rounds us: “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
 Mid - night’s peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons
 clear - ly spo - ken: “The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and—
 has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast— may share.”

text: Philipp Nicolai, 1599; trans. Carl P. Daw Jr. • music: attr. Philipp Nicolai; harm. J.S. Bach • OneLicense A-735229

Sermon

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Doxology and Prayer

1. 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!

Invitation to Communion

Prayer for Bread and Cup and 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.

Communion

If you do not have elements that represent Christ's body and blood but desire the grace of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, you may use this prayer and be assured that you will receive the benefits of Communion.

In union with Christians everywhere who share bread and wine in your memory, O Christ, and remembering especially my home congregation, I praise you and give you thanks for creation and all the blessings of this life, and for the redemption won me by your life, death, and resurrection. Since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, Lord Jesus, in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and my guide; and conform my life and actions to your example. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

adapted from St. Augustine's Prayer Book

Ministry of Music: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Aaron Lucero

*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.
Truly God, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Word of God, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
Christ will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
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 powers of hell may vanish as the shadows clear away.
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, God most high!"*

words: Liturgy of St. James (fourth century) • music: French carol (seventeenth century)

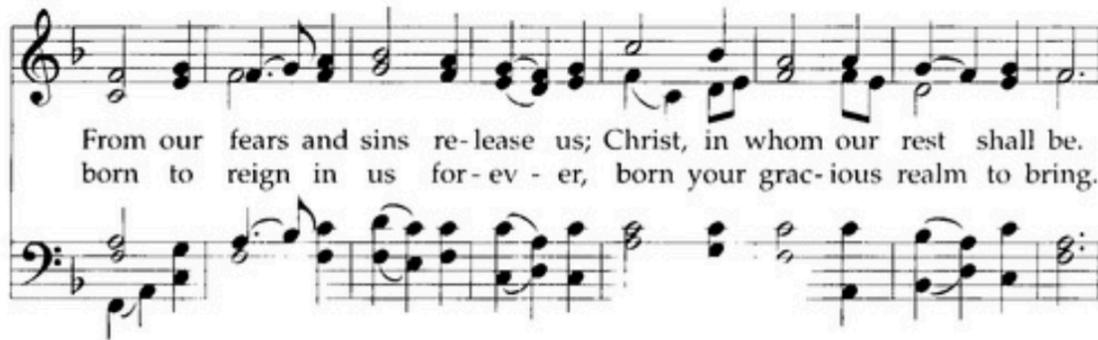
Post-communion Prayer

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have given us a foretaste of the kingdom of your Son our Lord in this sacrament of bread and wine. Make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await his coming again, that when he appears, he may find us active in his service and joyful in his praise; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*



1. Come, O long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set your peo-ple free.
2. Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child, and yet a king,



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
born to reign in us for-ev-er, born your grac-ious realm to bring.



You, our strength and con-so-la-tion, come sal-va-tion to im-part;
By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;



dear de-sire of man-y a na-tion, joy of man-y a long-ing heart.
by your all-suf-fi-cient mer-it raise us to your glo-rious throne.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Invitation

As members of the Christian Church, we confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the World.

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Blessing

Rev. Shelton

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Joy to the World

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

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Phone _____

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