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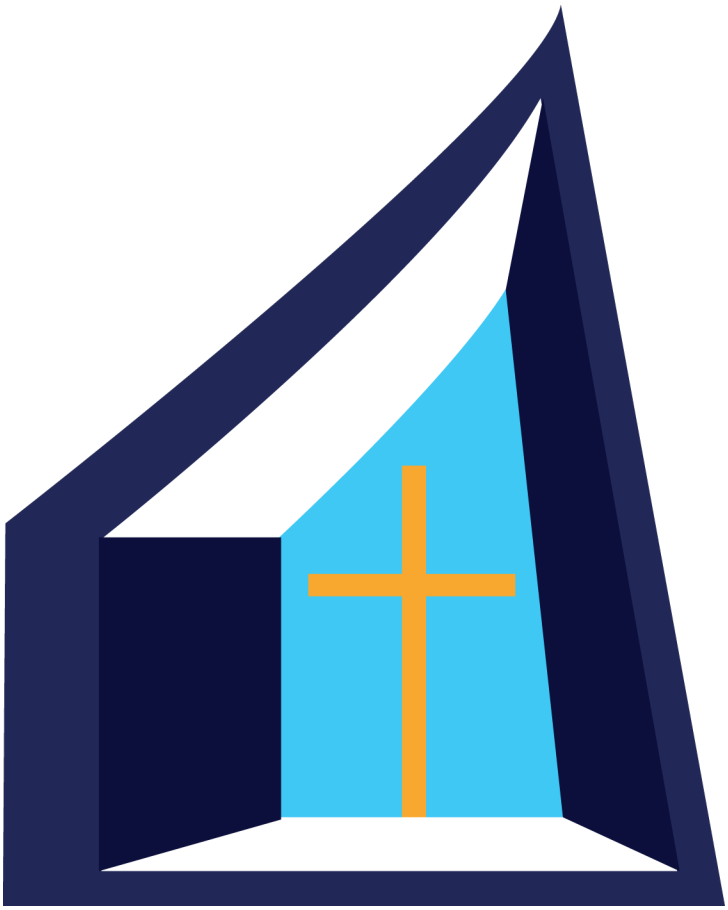

29 November 2026
1st Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY WORSHIP

At Christ Church Santa Fe our vision is to:

Belong · Believe · Bear Fruit

Belong: A church for Christians and for the curious
Believe: A church wholly dependent on God's grace for our life and thriving
Bear Fruit: A church dedicated to serving and glorifying the God who gives the growth

Welcome to Christ Church, Everyone!

• **Welcome! We're glad you're here!** Whether you're investigating the Christian faith, looking for a church home, or have been with us for a long time, all are welcome.

• **First time visitors**: Stop at the front desk to pick up a special gift!

• **Listening:** Hearing assistance - LISTEN EVERYWHERE is up and running! Instructions available at the tech booth or at the sanctuary doors. Live broadcast of the service is available in the Chapel Atrium.

• **Nursery:** A nursery is available for newborns to age 4. The free nursery is staffed by a certified care-giver and volunteers. A preschool lesson is taught by adult volunteers during the service.

• **Moms & babies lounge:** A private place for mothers to nurse and soothe babies. The service is live-streamed into the room so moms don't need to miss worship.

• **Gospel Journey for ages 3 through 6th grade**: children are dismissed prior to sermon, return in time for communion. Consists of a Bible lesson, activities, snacks, and music.

PRELUDE

Come as You Are

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him
who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. – 1 Peter 2:9

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, oh sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

CHORUS:
So lay down your burdens, lay down your shame
All who are broken, lift up your face
Oh wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart
Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't cure

(CHORUS)

Come as you are, fall in His arms
Come as you are

There's joy for the morning, oh sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that heaven can't heal

(CHORUS)

Come as you are

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Christmas is God lighting a candle; and you don't light a candle in a room that's already full of sunlight. You light a candle in a room that's so murky that the candle, when lit, reveals just how bad things really are.

~ N. T. Wright

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

~ Colossians 1:15-17

ADVENT READING / LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE Advent Week 1

Readings

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God. " (1 Samuel 2:1-2)

The True Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:9-13)

Lesson

Lighting of the 1st Candle

Prayer

✝ indicates the congregation standing

✝ SONG OF ADORATION

O Come All Ye Faithful

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

CHORUS:
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

(CHORUS)

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above
Glory to God, all glory in the highest

(CHORUS)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born **for our salvation**
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing

(CHORUS)

CHORUS 2:
We'll give Him all the glory, we'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord

Traditional - PUBLIC DOMAIN

✝ SONG OF ADORATION

As With Gladness Men of Old

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. – John 1: 4-5

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold
As with joy they hailed its light
Leading onward, beaming bright
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee

As with joyful steps they sped
Savior, to Thy lowly bed
There to bend the knee before
Thee whom heav'n and earth adore
So may we with willing feet,
Ever seek Thy mercy seat

As they offered gifts most rare
At Thy cradle, rude and bare
So may we with joyful heart,
Humble gifts to Thee impart
Our most precious treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day,
Keep us in the narrow way
And when earthly things are past
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide

No more clouds Thy glory hide

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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Call to Confession

(please kneel or bow your head)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. (Psalm 51.1-4)

(Pause for silent reflection and confession of our sins)*

Prayer of Confession

All : Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our short-comings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(please stand)

Leader: The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations. Just as a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on those who fear Him. Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Hallelujah! Amen!

**What is sin? Our sin is any lack of conformity unto, or transgression of, the good laws of God - in thought, word, and deed; in things done and left undone.*

✝ SONG OF ASSURANCE

Be Magnified

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. – John 1:4

I have made You too small in my eyes
O Lord forgive me
And I have believed in a lie
That You were unable to help me
But now O Lord I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord be magnified, O Lord be magnified

CHORUS:
Be magnified O Lord
You are highly exalted
And there is nothing You can't do
O Lord my eyes are on You
Be magnified
O Lord, Be magnified

I have leaned on the wisdom of men
O Lord forgive me
And I have responded to them
Instead of Your light and Your mercy
But now O Lord I see my wrong
Heal my heart and show Yourself strong
And in my eyes and with my song
O Lord be magnified, O Lord be magnified

(CHORUS 2X)

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✝ THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: ***And also with you.***

Leader: Let us greet and strengthen one another with a sign of His peace.

Greet those around you with the peace of Christ.

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: ***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 also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

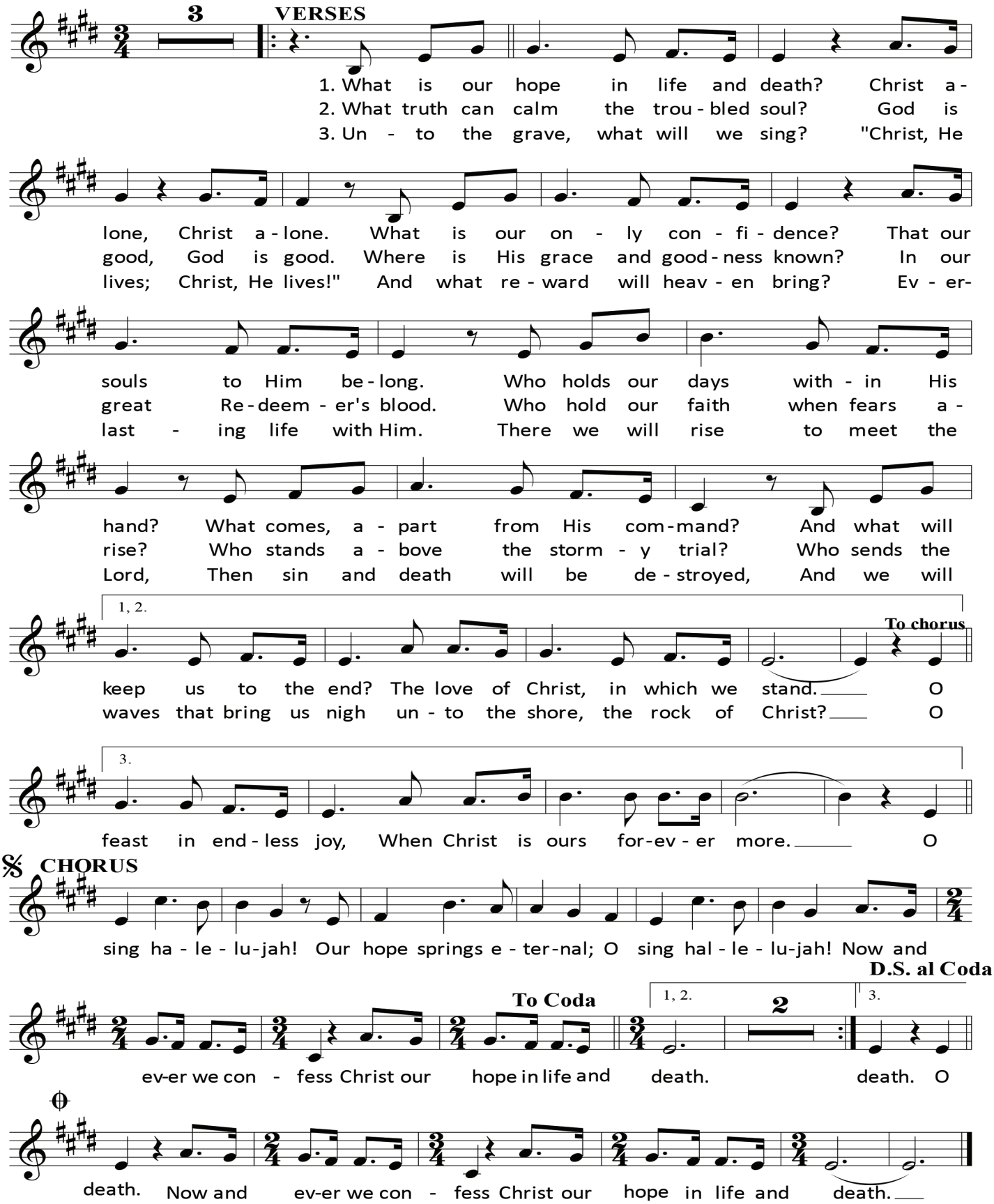
OFFERING

Your gifts may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed
or at the Welcome Desk.
If you prefer to give electronically, use this QR code:.

✝ OFFERTORY PRAISE SONG

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world – John 1:9



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CHILDREN AND YOUTH UPDATE/GOSPEL JOURNEY DISMISSAL

Gospel Journey: for ages 3 years old to 6th grade
Consists of a Bible lesson, activities, snacks, and music
Children return in time for communion
Youth: for ages 7th to 12th grade remain in service

✝ HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-5, 9-13

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was
God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the
life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has
not overcome it.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He
was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not
know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But
to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become
children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of
the will of man, but of God.

Reader: The Word of The Lord
All: ***Thanks be to God***

✝ HYMN OF PRAISE

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON

Rev. John Standridge

Light of the Word

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INSTRUCTION: How we are to come to the Lord's table*

See 1 Corinthians 11

INSTITUTION: In the words of Jesus at the Last Supper

See Matthew 26, Mark 14, and Luke 22

DISTRIBUTION: We partake in the Lord's Supper

- We will have four communion stations; the *middle* aisle has *both* regular and gluten-free bread.
- The *outer* ring of cups contains *juice* (light) and the remainder contain *wine* (dark)
- If you have any prayer needs, there are prayer team members standing in the back, available to pray with you.
- All baptized Christians are invited to partake at the Lord's table

** Note to Parents: Can my child take communion? We believe that once your child is baptized and you discern they have professed their faith in Christ in an age appropriate way, it is good for them to take communion. Jesus said, "welcome the little children," and so we welcome yours to the Lord's table.* If you have any questions about your child's profession of faith, Greg and John would love to meet with you.

Do you need to receive communion at your seat? Please raise your hand and our servers will be happy to accommodate your needs.

Diaspora Communion is available for all members of CCSF and immediate family who would like to take Communion but are unable to be present at Sunday Worship. The consecrated elements from Sunday will be brought to you at your home, or hospital and a brief Communion Service will take place. Email ccsfoffice@christchurchsantafe.org or call the CCSF office at (505) 982-8817 for more info.

MEDITATION ON OUR COMMON FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism Q/A #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: ***That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.***

He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Be the Center

Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.
– Titus 2:13

Jesus, be the center
Be my source, be my light Jesus

Jesus, be the center
Be my hope, be my song Jesus

BRIDGE:
Be the fire in my heart
Be the wind in these sails
Be the reason that I live
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, be my vision
Be my path, be my guide Jesus

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✝ CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

Here I Am to Worship

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." – John 8:12

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

CHORUS:
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the Earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

(*CHORUS*)

BRIDGE:
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

(CHORUS 2X)

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✝ BENEDICTION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CCSF Youth - for 7th-12th grade.

- Thursday night F3 (Food, Fun & Follow Jesus) is finished for this year. We will resume meeting in February 2027 - stay tuned for more information
- *Youth Sunday study on Ephesians at 8:45am. Ephesians offers vital instruction in the truths of our redemption in Jesus Christ, in the necessity of the unity of the church, and proper conduct in the church,home, and the world. Join us as we study Paul's epistle to the church.*

CCSF Children ages 4 to 6th grade

- Thursday night F3 (Food, Fun & Follow Jesus) is finished for this year. We will resume meeting in February 2027 - stay tuned for more information
- Sunday school for children at 8:45 am

COMING UP! YOUTH PRODUCTION "A CHRISTMAS SHOW" ***Sunday, December 13 at 12:15 pm*** in the Sagrado Theatre (following the potluck lunch). This year's production is a variety-show format with plenty of music, angels, and fun! Come and see!

Let's read the Bible together in 2026!
Scan this QR code to get plugged in to today's devotional from 1517.org

UPCOMING - NEW ACTIVITIES

GIFTS FOR THE KING THIS WEEK December 2-5! Out of our commitment to joyously bear witness to the grace of Jesus Christ in word and deed, Christ Church Santa Fe will again be serving the community of Santa Fe through our annual Gifts for the King program. In partnership with other local churches, local schools, and Albertsons, we will serve 75 families with food assistance for the weeks that school is out of session. Volunteer for Wednesday grocery unloading, the Friday Night Packing Party or Saturday Distribution Day by signing up in the Plaza or online.

GROCERY SET-UP WED. DEC 2, 2PM till done

PACKING PARTY: FRI. DEC. 4, 6 PM till done ***DISTRIBUTION: SAT. DEC 5 AT 9AM***

ADVENT CALENDARS AVAILABLE For families with children, in the children's area - Please pick one up. We ask that you take only one per family. Thank you!

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HOLIDAY POTLUCK DECEMBER 13 following the worship service. Sign up in the Plaza to bring a main dish, side, or dessert/Christmas cookies. Disposable dishes, please, for easy cleanup. Please plan to stay afterward and attend **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PLAY** ***at 12:15 pm in the Sagrado Theater*** immediately after the potluck. This year's annual Christmas play, "A Christmas Show" features music, angels, and a Christmas message. Come for lunch, stay for the show.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES at 8:45 am (9:00 for kids):

- **For adults:** Sunday Morning Studies will be on break until January. Watch this space or the Monday newsletter for more information.
- **Nursery** opens at 8:40am for ages infant to 3 years
- **For Kid**s: See the Children and Youth page for information about Sunday School

DURING THE WEEK

- **Lunch making for the homeless: Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00** in the Kitchen. No pre-registration is needed, just show up! For more information contact Beth Felty at *blfathome@msn.com* or the church office.
- **Men's Tuesday Bible Study:** 11:30 to 1:00 in the Library. No RSVP needed, just show up! Bring your own lunch. Led by members of the group. Contact Vic Brenneisen at *vicbrenn@aol.com* or Dick Haber at *rwhab@cybermesa.com*
- **Men's Saturday Group:** Every other Saturday 8-9:30 am in Coyote room. A men's small group to discover how the gospel helps us conquer the past and live in the victory of Christ. Contact Glyn Jones at *gjones0718@aol.com*
- **Women's Theological Book Club Saturdays 11-2** For more information or to sign up contact Tara at *tarabylenga@gmail.com*
- **Women's Bible Study Wednesdays from 9:30-11am, childcare provided.** Currently on hiatus, however, we will be starting a new study in 2027. Contact Rebecca Healy with any questions, at *healyfour@gmail.com*

DEACON MINISTRIES

Your Deacons are here to serve the church congregation and the community.

- **The CARE ministry** serves those within the church family who are experiencing difficulties
- **The MERCY ministry** gives to those outside the CCSF family by simple gifts (filling gas tanks, helping with utilities, helping with prescription medications, etc.)
- For rent, utilities, or other ***financial assistance***, contact deacons@christchurchsantafe.org
- For ***meals*** while ill or recuperating, contact Take Them a Meal through the church office at 505-982-8817

All the gifts are dispersed with love and are truly life-altering. Contact deacons@christchurch-santafe.org for more information..

PRAYER RESOURCES

- **Prayer Chain:** If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact Katie Higgins at (505) 231-9745, or e-mail prayer@christchurchsantafe.org
- **Prayer for emergency situations:** Should an emergency prayer need arise, please call Sandy Hoffman at (505) 382-0169
- **Healing Prayer Team:** We are here to pray with you! For an appointment, please contact Sandy Hoffman at sandy@christchurchsantafe.org
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer** Join us for this regular time of prayer as we respond to Jesus' urging that we "always pray and never give up" (Lk. 18:1) in looking to God's Word in praise, prayer for His Church, and for His Kingdom to advance in Santa Fe and beyond. Wednesday, 7:30-9:am at CCSF. Refreshments provided.
- I**f you would like to participate in a CCSF prayer ministry,** praying together or for others, please contact Sandy Hoffman at sandy@christchurchsantafe.org

COMMUNITY GROUPS Looking for a way to get to know folks in the CCSF community, grow in your faith, and connect with your neighbors in Santa Fe? Then you should join a community group! We have groups that meet all across the city (and a little beyond!) all throughout the week, so there is no shortage of opportunity to plug in. Pick up a brochure with the group contacts and check out the map locations of the groups in the CCSF Plaza.

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Each of the four gospels opens addressing Jesus' origins. Why do you think that's important?

2. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is "the Word"? How is this different from, say, the "deed," the "thought." the "feeling"? What does being the Word of God tell us about Who Jesus is from and for us?

3. What do we learn about Jesus in the rest of v. 1 - in being with God in the beginning and God Himself?

4. If v. 1-2 tell us about the identity of Jesus Christ, vv. 3-5 focus on His nature and work. What do we learn about Him there?

5. What other passage in the Bible do these verses resemble? Why is that important when considering the coming of Jesus Christ? How does that encourage you? How might that give you hope for others?

6. In vv. 9-13, what are the consequences of rejecting Jesus Christ? What does it mean to receive Him?

7. Spend a little time taking in the scope of the passage, and then pray that the Lord would grow you in your apprehension of the greatness and beauty of Jesus Christ, and that others would come to know Him.

Offering Report Through November 22, 2026

Year to Date	Budget Goal
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We're Glad You Came

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Children (with ages): _____

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Address: _____

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I would like to:

- ❑ Learn more about Christianity
- ❑ Attend a Welcome/Membership Class
- ❑ Attend a Bible Study
- ❑ Join a Community Group

Comments & Prayer Requests

Comments or Prayer Request: _____

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