# CHRIST CHURCH SANTA FE



22 December 2024 4th Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY WORSHIP

# The Main Thing at Christ Church Santa Fe

We walk with the people of Santa Fe so that together we will deeply believe and share the Gospel of Jesus and be an ever-growing faithful presence to the city and beyond.

# 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. We are a church that loves this city of Santa Fe and are grateful for the Gospel (Good News) of Jesus and His mercy toward imperfect people like us. The love of God be with you all!.
- First time visitors: Stop at the front desk to pick up a special gift!
- Worship space: We ask that you please enter the Sanctuary quietly as our worship provides a time of peaceful reflection for all. Please silence your cell phones.
- **Listening:** <u>Hearing assistance</u> LISTEN EVERYWHERE is up and running! Instructions available at the tech booth in the back of the WAC, or at the sanctuary doors. <u>Live broadcast</u> of the service is available in the Chapel Atrium. <u>Audio-only broadcast</u> and additional seating is available in the Plaza or the Ascension Chapel.
- Nursery: A nursery is available for newborns to age 4. The nursery is free and staffed by a certified caregiver overseeing volunteers. A preschool lesson is taught by adult volunteers during the service. The Ascension Chapel may be used for a cry room if needed.

### RESONANCE

Mary was more blessed in accepting the faith of Christ than in conceiving the flesh of Christ. To someone who said, "Blessed is the womb that bore you," [Jesus] replied, "Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." Finally, for His brothers, His relatives according to the flesh who did not believe in Him, of what advantage was that relationship? Even her maternal relationship would have done Mary no good unless she had borne Christ more happily in her heart than in her flesh.

~ Augustine

We must always remember that union with Christ is possible because of the Son's descent to earth, not because of our ascent into heaven. The basis of our union with Christ is Christ's union with us in the incarnation. He became one with us so that we might become one with Him.

~ Kevin DeYoung

### **PRELUDE**

### **Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish . . . – Isaiah 9:1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of ev'ry nation
Joy of ev'ry longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a king
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By His life He brings us gladness
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born the Lord of all

#### **ALT. CHORUS:**

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT READING / LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Advent Week 4

### Readings

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Deuteronomy 10:17-19a)

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

Lesson

Lighting of Four Candles

**Prayer** 

All: Amen

### **+** SONG OF ADORATION

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest . . . – Isaiah 9:3

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

### **CHORUS:**

Go tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth

(Chorus)

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And brought to us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn

(Chorus)

ALT' CHORUS [SHOUT!]:
Go shout it on the mountain
Over the hills and ev'rywhere
Go shout it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

Traditional spiritual

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### **Call to Confession**

(please kneel or bow your head)

**Leader:** Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon. (Isaiah 55:6-7)

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

### **Prayer of Confession**

All: Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek You in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank You that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Your grace in me, everything that prevents me from taking delight in You. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

(please stand)

**Leader:** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

All: Amen.

### **+** SONG OF ASSURANCE

### **Have Mercy on Us**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. – Isaiah 9:2

#### **VERSE:**

Have mercy on us, Almighty God Jesus Christ, Son of the Father! True Light of Love, brighten the darkness Guiding Light, Lord of the Righteous

### **CHORUS:**

O Morning Star, O Brighter Sun arising Radiance of Love, have mercy on us! Have mercy on us!

(VERSE) -- (CHORUS 2X)

Have mercy on us! Have mercy on us! Have mercy on us!

By Sandy Hoffman (Lyrics adapted from Mugrón, Litany of the Trinity, Irish, 10th century)

### **+** 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, 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 forevermore.

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, refer to the QR code on page 17.

### OFFERTORY PRAISE SONG

### For Unto Us a Child Is Born

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.— Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a child is born Unto us a Son is given Unto us a Son is given For unto us a child is born Unto us a Son is given Unto us a Son is given

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**BRIDGE:** 

(BRIDGE)

And the government shall be upon His shoulders
And the government shall be upon His shoulders
And His name shall be call-ed

(CHORUS)

The everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace

**CHORUS:** 

Wonderful, Counselor
The Mighty God, the everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace

By George Frederic Handel | Arr: Sandy Hoffman

### 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

Sunday School for grades 1-6 in Kilimanjaro from 8:45-9:45am (cancelled for Dec 29)

Youth: for ages 7th to 12th grade

Remain in service

"Identity and Purpose" Study from 8:45-9:45am in Coyote (cancelled for Dec 29)

### **+** HOLY SCRIPTURE

#### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

- 1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
- 2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**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. Greg Schneeberger

# Isaiah 9 For Unto Us a Child Is Born

**Church family, we invite you to join us** in a 1 year Bible reading challenge. Our goal is simple: to hear the voice of God in His word. For helpful overview videos for each book, go to <u>bibleproject.com</u>

Bible Challenge readings week of 12/23					
DATE	READING 1	READING 2	READING 3		
12/23	Exodus 21	Psalm 71	John 3		
12/24	Exodus 22	Psalm 72	John 4		
12/25	Exodus 23	Psalm 73	John 5		
12/26	Exodus 24	Psalm 74	John 6		
12/27	Exodus 25	Psalm 75	John 7		
12/28	Exodus 26	Psalm 76	John 8		
12/29	Exodus 27	Psalm 77	John 9		

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREPARATION: We confess our common faith

**+** Mark 10:42-45

Leader Christ is spiritually present at this meal - let us confess our com-

mon faith

All Jesus called [the disciples] to Him and said to them, "You know

that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among

you must be your servant, and whoever would be first

among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for

many."

### 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 <u>prayer needs</u>, 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

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 <a href="mailto:ccsfoffice@cstfice@cs

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

### **COMMUNION SONG**

### Away in a Manger

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger... – Luke 2:7

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head The stars in the sky looked down where He lay The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me I pray Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care And fit us for Heaven to live with Thee there

Words: St. 1, 2 Anonymous, st. 3 by John Thomas McFarland Music by James R. Murray

### + CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE

### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end  $\dots$  – Isaiah 9:7

Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn king
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

#### **CHORUS:**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

Christ, by highest heaven adored
Christ, the everlasting lord
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of the virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the godhead see
Hail, incarnate deity
Pleased with men as man to dwell
Jesus, our immanuel

# (CHORUS)

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give us second birth

(CHORUS 2x)

Words: Charles Wesley | Music: Felix Mendelssohn | Public Domain

### + BENEDICTION

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- \* PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29.

  SMS will resume on January 5th. At that time, please join us for an in-depth and interactive study of God's Word, and practical application of the gospel to our lives Using The Bible Project videos, we will explore the unfolding story of God's redemptive plan in Jesus Christ as revealed in the New Testament. Come and join us for this rich and stimulating study! Meet us at 8:45 am in the Chapel Atrium. This study is led by our Pastors.
- \* Youth Study (7th-12th grade) **CANCELLED for December 29th**Music and Games in the Childrens Atrium and Sagrado Theatre (for children ages 4 to 6th grade). **CANCELLED for December 29th** 
  - <u>THE NURSERY WILL BE OPEN NEXT SUNDAY.</u> *Nursery* opens at 8:30am for ages infant to 3 years
- \* CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES 4pm and 6 pm this Tuesday, December 24th Come and see! This lovely service is based on traditional "Lessons and Carols." Join us afterward in the CCSF Plaza to enjoy cookies and hot cider/coffee.
- \* <u>CHRISTMAS COOKIES NEEDED CHRISTMAS EVE</u> Cookie bakers! Bring a couple of dozen of your family favorites to serve after the Christmas Eve services. You can bring cookies to the kitchen when you come for worship. Questions? contact <u>sylviasims@christchurchsantafe.org</u>
- \* <u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> CCSF will be <u>closed on Christmas Day</u> to allow staff members to spend the day with their family and friends. Staff members will be here December 26 to receive end of year gifts/contributions. If you come to the church please ring the doorbell so we know you're here. Thank you.

# **SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- 1. God, through Isaiah, is dealing with the anguish and gloom of Israel. Where have you experienced gloom and pain in your life? Why?
- **2**. In the miraculous child, God gives his people a gift. He proves his faithfulness in their story. What specific ways have you seen God be faithful to you?
- **4.** What are the 5 name attributes of the Son-gift? How do those names help with the real problems we might name in our life or city in 2024?
- **3**. The Lord reveals his motive for such great salvation in verse 7. How does that form our understanding of God's love and tenacity to save?

We believe God has plans for our church in 2025, more care, mercy, church planting, and mission! Out of our desire to keep you informed, to finish 2024 well and go into 2025 strong, we are providing you with weekly financial updates as we seek to meet our 2024 budget goal.

Should you like to make a gift, you may do so in person with cash or check or online via our giving portal. (see QR code below) If you would like to make a gift of appreciated stock, please contact our Treasurer, Ken Wallace, at treasurer@christchurchsantafe.org. All gifts received (or postmarked) by December 31, 2024 will be credited as a 2024 charitable gift.

NOTE: Staff will be at the church December 26 and 29-31 to receive your in-person payment. (Please ring the doorbell)

To make a donation electronically, click on this QR code which goes directly to CCSF's PayPal donation page



# Offering Report Through December 15, 2024

Year to Date \$926,305

Budget Goal \$1.15 M

### **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 <u>deacons@christchurchsantafe.org</u>
- For *meals* while ill or recuperating, contact Take Them a Meal through the church office at 505-982-8817
- For *rides* to and from medical appointments, etc. *temporary* contact is the church office at 505-982-8817 All the gifts are dispersed with love and are truly life-altering. Contact <u>deacons@christchurchsantafe.org</u> 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 <u>prayer@christchurchsantafe.org</u>
- **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 <a href="mailto:sandy@christchurchsantafe.org">sandy@christchurchsantafe.org</a>
- "Praying through the Scriptures with the Pastors" (PSP) Wednesday mornings from 7:30-9 am, prayer meeting. Join us in the CCSF Plaza to pray, sing, and consider God's Word together. (with donuts & coffee)
- If you would like to participate in a CCSF prayer ministry, praying together or for others, please contact Sandy Hoffman at <a href="mailto:sandy@christchurchsantafe.org">sandy@christchurchsantafe.org</a>

### **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

- Men's Monday Bros, Brews, & Bible: First and third Mondays from 6:30-8:30 pm. We gather to spend time in God's word and be honest with one another around the question: how are you really doing? Contact Greg Schneeberger for this week's venue at greg@christchurchsantafe.org
- 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 <u>rwhab@cybermesa.com</u>
- 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 <a href="mailto:gjones0718@aol.com">gjones0718@aol.com</a>
- Women's Bible Study Wednesdays 9:30-11am: Various studies, open to women of all ages. Currently on hiatus, watch for a new study in the spring.
- Women's Gospel Share Group 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm. Contact Heather May Jordan for more information <a href="https://neathermay.jordan@mtw.org">heathermay.jordan@mtw.org</a> or 505-720-7381.

<u>COMMUNITY GROUPS</u> 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.

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### We're Glad You Came

If you would like to receive **more information** about Christ Church, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

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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**

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