

Traditional Worship

December 7, 2025
8:45 am



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Advent



Worship Notes

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welcome and thank you for worshipping
with us on this Sunday morning.

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God Gathers Us

Prelude

Sleepers Awake BWV 645 - J.S.Bach

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Invocation

Gathering Hymns

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence - arr. Fothergill

Please join in singing verses 1, 3, & 4

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

We Respond to God's Presence

Worship Through Giving

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Doxology - VENI EMMANUEL

Announcements

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God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

O Come, O Come Emmanuel - VENI EMMANUEL

Sermon Kirk Roberts

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-5, 16-18 (page 954 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks Be to God!

Series: For Unto Us a Child is Born

Message: We Need a Savior

We Feast at God's Table

Holy Communion

We Go Forth in Joy

Hymn of Response

#153 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Benediction

As you are able, we invite you to extend your hands out, palms up, in a posture of receiving God's blessing during the benediction.

Postlude

Sleepers wake! A Voice is Calling, Op. 67: No. 43 Max Reger

Prayer for the Week

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Our peace depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
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(adapted from J. Mary Luti)

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Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at cpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

Assisting in Worship Josh, Rachel, Carolyn, Elise, and Benjamin Kleitsch, Advent Candle Lighters; Sanctuary Choir; Henry & Charles Cox, readers; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

Giving In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or here: <https://cherrycreekpres.org/give>



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Holy Forever - Bethel

O Come, All Ye Faithful - trad.

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Communion Song

O Come, All You Unfaithful - Sovereign Grace

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Song of Response

The Word of Life (In a Byre) - Words: Bell, 1987; Music: Wild Mountain Thyme
(Traditional Irish Melody)

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