



CHRIST  
CHURCH  
OF ARLINGTON

December 7, 2025  
Second Sunday of Advent

## God Welcomes Us

\* Call to Worship

*Zechariah 9:9-12, 16-17*

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**ALL: I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

**ALL: Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

Leader: On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

**ALL: For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!**

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Song of Anticipation

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\* Please stand (if possible)

## God Restores Us

### Prayer of Confession

**ALL:** Lord Jesus Christ, though being in very nature God, when you came to redeem us you humbled yourself and made yourself nothing. Though you were rich, for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. We confess how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition from others, and we sulk and become bitter if we do not get it. We attend to our own needs and concerns, yet fail to care for others except when it serves our purposes. Forgive us our sin and renew our hearts. Grant us to realize that we only achieve greatness and gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us by the power of your Spirit so that we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.

### Silent Confession of Sin

\* Assurance of Forgiveness

*2 Corinthians 8:9*

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**ALL: We praise You for Your mercy!**

\* Song of Adoration

*Thou Who Wast Rich*

Leader: What firm comfort do you have in life and in death?

**ALL: That I was created by God in his image for eternal life; and after I willfully lost this in Adam, God, out of infinite and free mercy, took me into his covenant of grace that he might give me by faith, righteousness and eternal life because of the obedience and death of his Son who was sent in the flesh. And that he sealed his covenant in my heart by his Spirit, who renews me in the image of God and cries out in me, "Abba," Father, by his Word and the visible signs of this covenant.**

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational 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. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **God Nourishes Us**

Scripture Reading

*Ephesians 6:13-18a (p. 979)*

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

**ALL: but the Word of our God will stand forever.**

\* Song of Preparation

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

Sermon

"God's Justice"  
Isaiah 59:14-21 (p. 619)  
Rev. Billy Boyce

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

**ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

**People: Hallelujah!**

Words of Institution

Song of Communion

*Is He Worthy?*

## Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our own,

**ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one another.**

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**ALL: And we who are many are one in Him!** *(partake of the bread together)*

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

**ALL: And we who are many are one in Him!** *(partake of the cup together)*

\* Doxology

\* Benediction

## Sermon Notes

1. God Sees

2. God Saves

3. God Sustains

## **Announcements**

*CCA Scripture Reading*  
*Week of December 7<sup>th</sup> - James 3:13-5:20; Psalm 55*

### **Men's Discipleship and Leadership Training**

Our next men's discipleship gathering will be tonight, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8PM in the Chapel. Please reach out to Elder Paul or Pastor Billy for discussion materials.

### **Women's Bible Studies**

Women's Bible studies continue this week, 10AM on Mondays and 7:30PM on Tuesdays. Contact Melynda to join a group.

### **December Sunday Supper**

Our last Sunday Supper of the year will be next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up through our Friday announcements!

### **CCA Women's Christmas Tea**

We invite you to our annual Christmas tea and ornament exchange on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1PM, hosted by Doreen Mar. More info is available in our Friday announcements.

### **CCA Officer Nominations**

Officer nominations are open. As you prayerfully consider whom you'd like to nominate for the office of Elder or Deacon, you can submit your nomination(s) using the link provided in our Friday announcements. If you have any questions about this process, please speak with one of the elders.

### **Geneva Fund**

As we approach the end of the year, please consider offering a gift to the Geneva Fund, as a way to support PCA pastors, widows, and staff in times of need. You can learn more about the Geneva Fund here: [genevabenefits.org/lookafter](http://genevabenefits.org/lookafter).

### **Lessons & Carols**

Our annual service of Lessons & Carols will be on Christmas Eve at 6PM.

## **Welcome to CCA!**

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We pray that you encounter God's glory and experience his great love for you in Christ today.

Please join us for refreshments after the service. If you have any questions about the service, please contact any of our leaders.

**Children:** We invite children of all ages to join us throughout the worship service. If nursery care is desired, our nursery is available for children three and under. Kids' worship activity bags and kids' bulletins are also available in the narthex.

**Communion:** We welcome all baptized believers, who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, to join us in our celebration of the Lord's Supper. We offer wine (clear cups) and juice (purple cups), our bread is gluten-free, and we take the elements together once all have been served.

**Giving:** We give ourselves and our loyalty to the Lord every Sunday, as an act of worship and sacrifice of praise. If you are also led to give a financial gift to the church, you can do so using the envelopes and offering box in the back of the sanctuary, or online at [ccapca.org/give](http://ccapca.org/give).

### **Who We Are**

Rev. Billy Boyce, Lead Pastor

Rev. Jimmy Choi, Associate Pastor

Melynda Boyce, Director of Women's  
Ministry and Community Life

Tacye Clarke, Kids' Ministry Director

Katelyn Spallinger, Office Administrator

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