



# Christ Church of Arlington

## Gathered Worship

December 4, 2022: Second Sunday of Advent

### God Welcomes Us

\* Call to Worship

*Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7*

Leader: 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.

**ALL: 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.**

Leader: 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.

**ALL: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

\* Prayer of Invocation

\* Song of Anticipation

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

\* *Please stand (if possible)*

## God Restores Us

### Confession of Sin

**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.

Confession of Faith

*The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A #60*

Leader: How are you righteous before God?

**ALL: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Although my conscience accuses me that I have grievously sinned against all God's commandments, have never kept any of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of my own, out of mere grace, imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ. He grants these to me as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and as if I myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me, if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.**

\* Song of Adoration

*Thou Who Wast Rich*

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

*Leviticus 19:9-10, 33-34 (pp. 97, 98)*  
*Acts 4:32-35 (p. 912)*

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

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

\* Song of Preparation

*What Child Is This?*

Sermon

"What a man, what a man!"  
*Ruth 2 (pp. 222-223)*  
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

### 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. Profound Need

2. Astounding Grace

3. Rekindled Hope

## Announcements

### Book Discussion Group

Please join us for a book discussion today at 4PM, hosted by Sandy Langley at her home in Vienna. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sandy ([zazlynn45@yahoo.com](mailto:zazlynn45@yahoo.com)).

### Women's Bible Study: 1 Samuel

Our next meeting for women's Bible Study will be Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30AM at the church. Contact Melynda with questions or for a study guide. If you're interested in a women's study group that would meet at another time, let her know.

### Volunteer Opportunities

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting in the front right pew immediately after service for a brief tutorial on slide projection during worship, open to anyone age 10+ who would like to find out more about serving in this way. We are also in need of more volunteers to serve on our hospitality and communion preparation teams. Please reach out to Pastor Jimmy if you're interested!

### Women's Christmas Tea

CCA Women are invited to a Christmas Tea on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2PM. More details can be found using the QR code below:

*Christmas Tea RSVP*



### Looking Ahead

**December 17:** Women's Christmas Tea  
**December 24:** Lessons & Carols Service  
**January 29:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck and  
Congregational Meeting

## **Welcome to CCA!**

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning.  
As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

### For All Visitors:

- After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

### For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

### About Communion:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians – those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel – to receive Communion with us. If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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