

December 3, 2017

Reverence

Advent Week 1

Salutation

Call to Worship

*from Phillipians 4:4 - 5, Rev J Kyle Parker*

Song of Invocation

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Prayer of Invocation

Advent Reading

*1 John 1:4 - 10, The Craig Family*

*“For outlandish  
creatures like us, on  
our way to a heart, a  
brain, and courage,  
Bethlehem is not the  
end of our journey but  
only the beginning -  
not home but the place  
through which we must  
pass if ever we are to  
reach home at last.”  
— Frederick Buechner*

*The Christian story  
is precisely the story  
of one grand miracle,  
the Christian assertion  
being that what is  
beyond all space and  
time, what is uncreated,  
eternal, come into  
nature, into human  
nature, descended into  
His own universe, and  
rose again, bringing  
nature up with Him. It  
is precisely one great  
miracle. If you take that  
away there is nothing  
specifically Christian  
left.  
— C.S. Lewis*

*A prison cell, in which  
one waits, hopes...  
and is completely  
dependent on the  
fact that the door  
of freedom has to  
be opened from the  
outside, is not a bad  
picture of Advent.  
— Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Reconciliation

Scripture of Confession *from The Book of Common Worship, Joan Yake*

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession

*God Be Merciful to Me*

Assurance of God's Grace

*from Titus 3:4 - 7, Rev J Kyle Parker*

Song of Assurance

*All Must Be Well*

Revelation

Prayers of the People

*Mark and Teri Everett*

Gloria Patri

Sermon

*Acts 8:26 - 40, Rev J Kyle Parker*

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1. *Christ inclusively chases us to save us.*
2. *Christ exclusively commissions us to serve.*
3. *Christ explicitly challenges us to surrender.*

## Announcements

Men's Study & Prayer ...

Tuesdays @ 6:30A  
My Fresh Basket

Young Adult Study ...

Christmas Party MONDAY  
Dec 11th @7P @ Bostrom's

Bring \$5 White Elephant gift

Ladies' Tuesday walk...

Tuesdays @ 9A

Meet @ Manito Park Cafe

Ladies' Study...

NO Study until 2018!

Leadership Class...

Sunday Dec 10th @ 5:45-7:15P

My Fresh Basket

5th Annual CDPC

Christmas Open House...

Friday, December 8th 6-9P

the Parker's home

Ladies Christmas Cookie

Exchange & Brunch...

Saturday Dec 16th 10-12

Sheri Olsen's home

Bring a 2 dozen to share!

Christmas Eve Service...

Sunday Dec 24th @ 6:15pm  
Jefferson Elementary School

Education Hour...

NO Education Hour

December 24th - January 10th

## Purpose Statement

Coram Deo signifies "life in the presence of God." A relationship possible only by Jesus Christ's rescuing humanity through his gracious sacrifice. Christ's grace is evidenced in our ability to love God and man with:

- Convinced minds
- Cleansed hearts
- Captivated souls
- Committed hands

The community of Coram Deo desires to extend Christ to Spokane and equip the saints to serve.



Scan QRC for online giving!

## Response

Song of Response

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

Confession of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism - Lord's Day One, Tom Yake*

Tithes and Offering

Hymn

*Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming*

## Renewal

Lord's Supper

Invitation and Prayer

*1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26*

Words of Institution

Congregational Response

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

*Joy to the World*

## Rest

Benediction

## Relevance

*The Advent Wreath: Advent is (roughly) Latin for "coming" and it the season of the Liturgical Year which begins four Sundays before Christmas. Advent celebrates the mystery of God's incarnation in the person of Jesus Christ when, in the words of John's Gospel "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

*Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation, in which we prepare our hearts, as it were; for the coming of God to us, nor only in his Nativity, but also in his Second Advent, when he will return to create a new heaven and earth and to finish God's work of redeeming creation.*

*In the gospel Jesus is called "the Light of the World" and thus we light a new candle on the Advent Wreath each Sunday in commemoration of the light of Christ. The lighting ceremony is accompanied by special readings, prayers and hymns which remind us of the fulfillment of God's long awaited promise to send a Redeemer to free us from our sins and save us.*