

# December 17, 2017

## Reverence

## Advent Week 3

Salutation

Call to Worship

*from Isaiah 12, Rev J Kyle Parker*

Song of Invocation

*The First Noel*

Prayer of Invocation

Advent Reading

*Various Scripture, The Milliron family*

*"Actually we do everything we can, whether it is in a philosophic sense or a practical sense, to put ourselves at the center of the universe."*

*-- Francis A. Schaeffer*

*"As a Christian I do not have to find my validity in my status, or by thinking myself above other men. My validity and my status are found in being before the God who is there. ...The Lord calls us to love all people, including those who are enemies of the gospel and those who blaspheme. This may not be comfortable, and it may not be easy, but this is the gospel of Christ, for He loved His enemies so much that He died to save us."*

*-- Francis A. Schaeffer*

*"Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home."*

*-- G.K. Chesterton*

*"It all means more than I can tell you. So you must not judge what I know by what I find words for."*

*-- Marilynne Robinson*

## Reconciliation

Scripture of Confession

*from Romans 8:39, DJ Harrison*

Confession of Sin

Song of Confession

*Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silent*

Baptism

Assurance of God's Grace

*Romans 5:10-11, 1:16-17, Rev Matt Bostrom*

Song of Assurance

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

## Revelation

Prayers of the People

*Doug and Jodi Hammerstrom*

Doxology

Sermon

*Acts 9:19b - 31, Rev J Kyle Parker*

19b For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. 20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ. 23 When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, 24 but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, 25 but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. 26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

- 1. We need to be completely surrendered*
- 2. We are completely surrounded*
- 3. We must become completely submerged*

## Announcements

[Men's Study & Prayer ...](#)

Tuesdays @ 6:30A  
My Fresh Basket

[Young Adult Study ...](#)

NO Study until 2018!

[Ladies' Tuesday walk...](#)

Tuesdays @ 9A

Meet @ Manito Park Cafe

[Ladies' Study...](#)

NO Study until 2018!

[Christmas Eve Skate  
gathering...](#)

Sunday Dec 24th @1-4:30P

The Everett home

3316 W Eagles Nest Lane

Bring a snack to share!

We will have a pizza lunch  
available for a small donation  
per family

[Christmas Eve Service...](#)

Sunday Dec 24th @ 6:15P

Jefferson Elementary School

[Leadership Class...](#)

Sunday, January 14th @ 5:45P

My Fresh Basket

[Education Hour...](#)

NO Education Hour

December 24th - January 7th

## 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.



## Response

Song of Response

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Confession of Faith

*New City Catechism Q19-23, Lisa Harrison*

Tithes and Offering

*2 Corinthians 9:6 - 8*

Hymn

*And Can It Be*

## Renewal

Lord's Supper

Invitation and Prayer

*1 Corinthians 11:23 - 26*

Words of Institution

Congregational Response

Distribution of the Elements

Hymn

*Good Christian Men Rejoice*

## Rest

Benediction

## Relevance

*The Celebration of the Church Year. For centuries many Christians have followed what is known as the Liturgical Year. The year is based upon the major events in the life of Christ and the early Church. It is comprised of the following major seasons: **Advent**, celebrating the coming of Christ to us in his birth and culminating on Christmas Day; **Lent**, a season of reflection and repentance which begins 40 days prior to Easter (coinciding with Christ's 40 days of temptation in the desert); **Holy Week**, which commemorates the last week of Christ's life, and culminates on Easter Sunday when we celebrate the resurrection; and finally **Pentecost**, which marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first Christians and the birthday of the Church. All Sundays after Pentecost are marked as "Ordinary Time."*

*As Thomas Howard writes in Evangelical Is Not Enough: "The liturgical year is nothing more (and nothing less) than the Church's 'walking through' the gospel with the Lord. Since it is a plain fact of our humanness that we are rhythmic creatures who must keep coming back to things that are always true, it is especially good for us to do this in the Church. We do it in our natural lives: someone is born and is with us day after day, year after year...we marry and take up daily life with spouses year after year, but once a year we find that it is a good thing to mark this ever-present fact, not because it is less true on other days but because we are the sort of creature that is helped and filled with joy when the routines and ever-present fact are set apart, gilded, and held up for our contemplation and celebration..."*

*It enriches our apprehension of the thing; whereas, left to our own capacity to keep things alive in our minds, we might find that they have sunk into a kind of autumnal dimness. They need to be revived, not because they dwindle in significance between times, but because we dwindle in our capacity to stay alive to them."*