



Order of Worship
Striving to be what Christ tells us through Scripture.

November 30, 2025 **1st Sunday in Advent** 10 AM

PRELUDE *"Once in Royal David's City"* arr. Abriol
Amy Duran, piano

WELCOME Pastor Waldis

Our Approach to God

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 85

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.

*HYMN *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"* insert

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (responsive)
Ellen and Paul Nelson insert

CHANCEL CHOIR *"Advent Lullaby"* Mark Burrows

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Pastor Waldis

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word of God

*HYMN *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* #244

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5 p. 631 (OT)
 Matthew 5:9-12 p. 4 (NT)
 Justin Johnson, Liturgist

SERMON *"Let There Be Peace on Earth"* Pastor Waldis

PRAYER FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD

Our Response to God

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER #815

JOYS, THANKS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE GENERAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *"Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"* #231

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* Larry Shackley
 Amy Duran, piano

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Anonymous; Dan Bolla; Roger Carman; Lauren Clarke; Harold Friedeman; Marilyn Hams; Janet Kosack; Nancy Lanzalotto; Ed Serrano; Craig Terjanian; Sue Wood.

OUR SYMPATHIES are extended to Nathalie Caminiti on the passing of her son, Marc Christopher Caminiti, who died on November 13th. A memorial service was held in West Virginia yesterday. Nathalie's address is 25 Dean Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

UNITY PRAYER: Lord Jesus, during the busyness of the Advent season where there's much to do, we pray that your Holy Spirit would guide us to seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

THE FLOWERS are given by Anna and Billy Bourque in loving memory of Ginny Reinhart, and by Nancy and John McGlade in remembrance of John's two sisters, Cathy and Maureen.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	7:30	Consistory
Wednesday	7:00	Ramsey Wind Symphony
Thursday	7:00	Garden Club
	7:00	Scouts in basement
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Friday		Courier Deadline
Saturday	9:30	Women's Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, December 7, 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

10:00—Worship with Communion, Puppet Club and Sunday School

11:15—Elders/Confirmands Meeting

YOUR OUTREACH COMMITTEE has set up a Giving Tree in the Narthex to benefit New Hope, one of the missions we support, which was featured in last month's Courier. Please take an ornament, purchase what's on it, and bring it back to the Christmas Tree. Thank you!

A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION will take place on Friday, December 5 at 7 PM at Our Lady Mother of the Church, 209 Woodcliff Avenue, Woodcliff Lake, NJ, featuring Amy Duran, Barbara Ciannella and several soloists. There will be an after-party with wine, cheese, appetizers, and dessert. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$10 for children. Call the parish office at 201-391-2826 to get your tickets.

THE ORPHEUS MEN'S CHORUS, which includes Jim Lupfer and Paul Nelson, will perform a sacred, swingin' and seasonally jazzy concert on Saturday, December 13 at 3:00 PM at Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church, 422 Cedar Hill Avenue in Wyckoff. Tickets are \$25 at the door or on their website at www.ridgewoodorpheusclub.org.

THE RAMSEY WIND SYMPHONY, of which Lori Anders and Judy Hunter are a part, will perform a free concert in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00. They will perform works by Alfred Reed, Astor Piazzolla, Leroy Anderson, Philip Sparke and others.

ATTENTION PARENTS! Please let Pastor Zach or Amy know whether you and/or your children will be available Christmas Eve. We are trying to plan for service and would appreciate your feedback.

DIRECTORY UPDATE -- Every so often we print out new directories. If you no longer use your landline and would like your cell phone listed instead, please let Lori Anders know. You can call her at 201-768-2457 or email cchp@verizon.net to make any changes to your directory listing.

ONCE AGAIN we had to spend \$750 to clear out the waste pipes down near Founders' Hall. The cause was flushed paper towels. Please, please do not put anything in the toilet other than toilet paper. As you can see, it's a very expensive mistake.

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Let There Be Peace On Earth

Exegesis (Background)

1. _____ nations will come to God's mountain.

2. Weapons will become gardening _____.

3. God's vision of the world is for _____.

Life Application

Be a _____.

God desires peace in the _____.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 30, 2025

Ellen and Paul Nelson

Leader: One of the symbols we use during Advent is the Advent Wreath. Each week as we light another candle we are reminded of Christ's light coming into our darkness.

People: **ADVENT IS A TIME OF WAITING AND PREPARATION. WITH EAGERNESS WE WAIT TO CELEBRATE THE COMING OF THE CHRIST INTO OUR WORLD.**

Leader: The Son of Man is coming, but about that day and hour no one knows.

People: **NEITHER THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, NOR THE SON, BUT ONLY THE FATHER. THEREFORE, BE READY, FOR THE SON OF MAN IS COMING AT AN UNEXPECTED HOUR.**

from Matthew 24

(Light a purple candle)

Leader: And so we begin our Advent season with HOPE to remind us to keep awake and be ready.

ALL: **LOVING GOD, TEACH US TO KEEP AWAKE THIS WEEK AND LOOK FOR SIGNS OF YOUR LOVE ACTIVE IN THIS WORLD. PREPARE OUR HEARTS AS WE AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR SON, JESUS. AMEN.**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed 146

James Montgomery, 1822

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T. Tertius Noble, 1938

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2. Kings shall fall down be - fore Him, And gold and in - cense bring;
3. He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, He on His throne shall rest,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing;
And love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth;
From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing and all blest;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,
For He shall have do - min - ion O'er riv - er, sea, and shore,
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go,
The tide of time shall nev - er His cov - e - nant re - move;

To take a - way trans - gres - sion, And rule in e - qui - ty.
Far as the ea - gle's pin - ion Or dove's light wing can soar.
And right - eous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.
His name shall stand for - ev - er; That name to us is Love. A - MEN.

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Alternative tunes. "Webb," Hymn 99. and "Tours," Hymn 136.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS ADVENT



Welcome to the Community Church in Harrington Park!

We are glad you are here today. Here are a few things that might be helpful to you.

Large print hymnals are available, as well as hearing assistive devices. Please speak to an usher.

Restrooms are just outside the sanctuary in the main hallway opposite the office.

It would be a big help to us if you would either fill out one of the white pew cards in front of you and place it in the offering plate or sign the guest book on your way out.

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