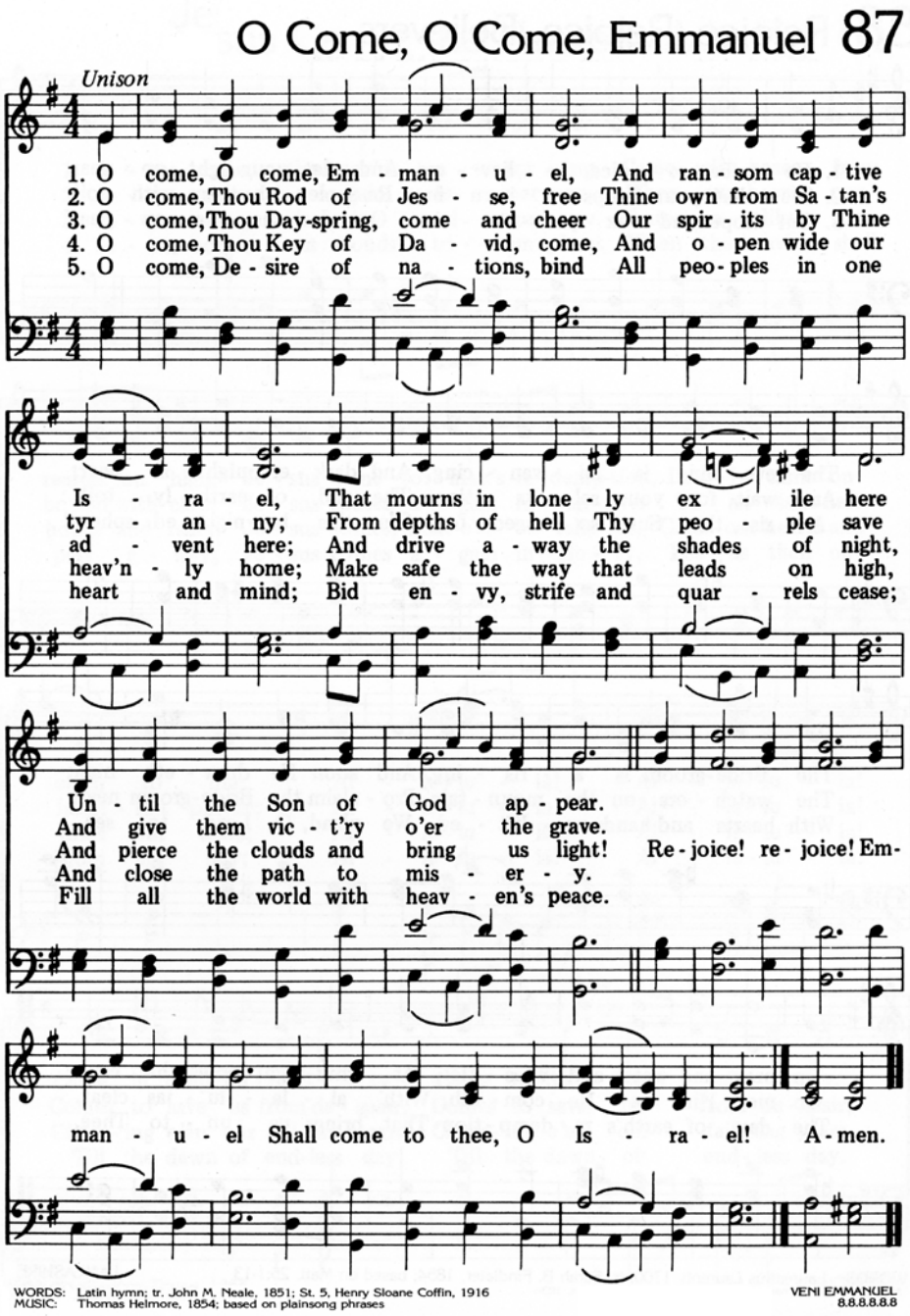
Christ Community CHURCH
AN AFFILIATE OF THE E.C. CHURCH

Sunday, November 30, 2025

The Lord's Day • First Sunday of Advent

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	***1. Make Straight the Crooked Places*** *- Curtis* ***2. Bethlehem's Song*** *- Moore*	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	***Haggai 2:6-7***	Rev. Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	***87: O Come, O Come Emmanuel***	Congregation
Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope)		Holly Brubaker
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Reading	***Isaiah 2:1-5***	Maureen Logan
The Response	***Psalm 122:1-9***	Maureen Logan / Kaye Focht
The New Testament Reading	***Romans 13:11-14***	Maureen Logan
The Gospel Reading	***Matthew 24:36-44*** *(Please stand)*	Maureen Logan
Worship in Giving	***Psalm 72:10-11***	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	***86: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus***	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	***All I Have Is Christ / Immanuel***	Congregation
Sermon	***I Believe, Part 1: Belief Behaves*** *(Romans 13:11-14)*	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	***491: Jesus Calls Us O'er Tumult***	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	***Break Forth, O Beautious Heavenly Light*** *- Schop / Thygerson*	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

Lector	Maureen Logan	**Children's Church Leader**	Tracy Farmer & Steph Hammer
Responder	Faye Hipkiss	**Nursery**	Faye Hipkiss
Organist	Pat Shroff	**Narthex Greeters**	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	**Sound Technician**	Bob Long
Flutist	Shirley Long	**Video Technician**	Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	**Lead Pastor**	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	**Visitation Minister**	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	**Counters (November)**	Kaye Focht, Vivian Hardy
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	**Director of Buildings & Grounds**	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	**Acolyte**	Holly Brubaker

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Call to Worship: **Haggai 2:6-7**

6 "This is what the LORD Almighty says:

'In a little while I will once more
shake the heavens and the earth,
the sea and the dry land.

7 I will shake all nations, and what is desired
by all nations will come,

and I will fill this house with glory,
says the LORD Almighty.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Isaiah 2:1-5**

1 This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw
concerning Judah and Jerusalem:
2 In the last days
the mountain of the LORD's temple
will be established as the highest
of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.
3 Many peoples will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain
of the LORD, to the temple of the
God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many
peoples.
They will beat their swords into
plowshares and their spears
into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword
against nation, nor will they
train for war anymore.
5 Come, descendants of Jacob,
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The Response: **Psalm 122:1-9**

1 I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
2 Our feet are standing
in your gates, Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built like a city
that is closely compacted together.
4 That is where the tribes go up—
the tribes of the LORD—
to praise the name of the LORD
according to the statute given to Israel.
5 There stand the thrones for judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May those who love you be secure.
7 May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels."
8 For the sake of my family and friends,
I will say, "Peace be within you."
9 For the sake of the house of the LORD
our God, I will seek your prosperity.

The New Testament Reading: **Romans 13:11-14**

11 And do this, understanding the present
time: The hour has already come for you to
wake up from your slumber, because our
salvation is nearer now than when we first
believed. 12 The night is nearly over; the day is
almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of
darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let
us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in
carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual
immorality and debauchery, not in dissension
and jealousy. 14 Rather, clothe yourselves with
the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about
how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

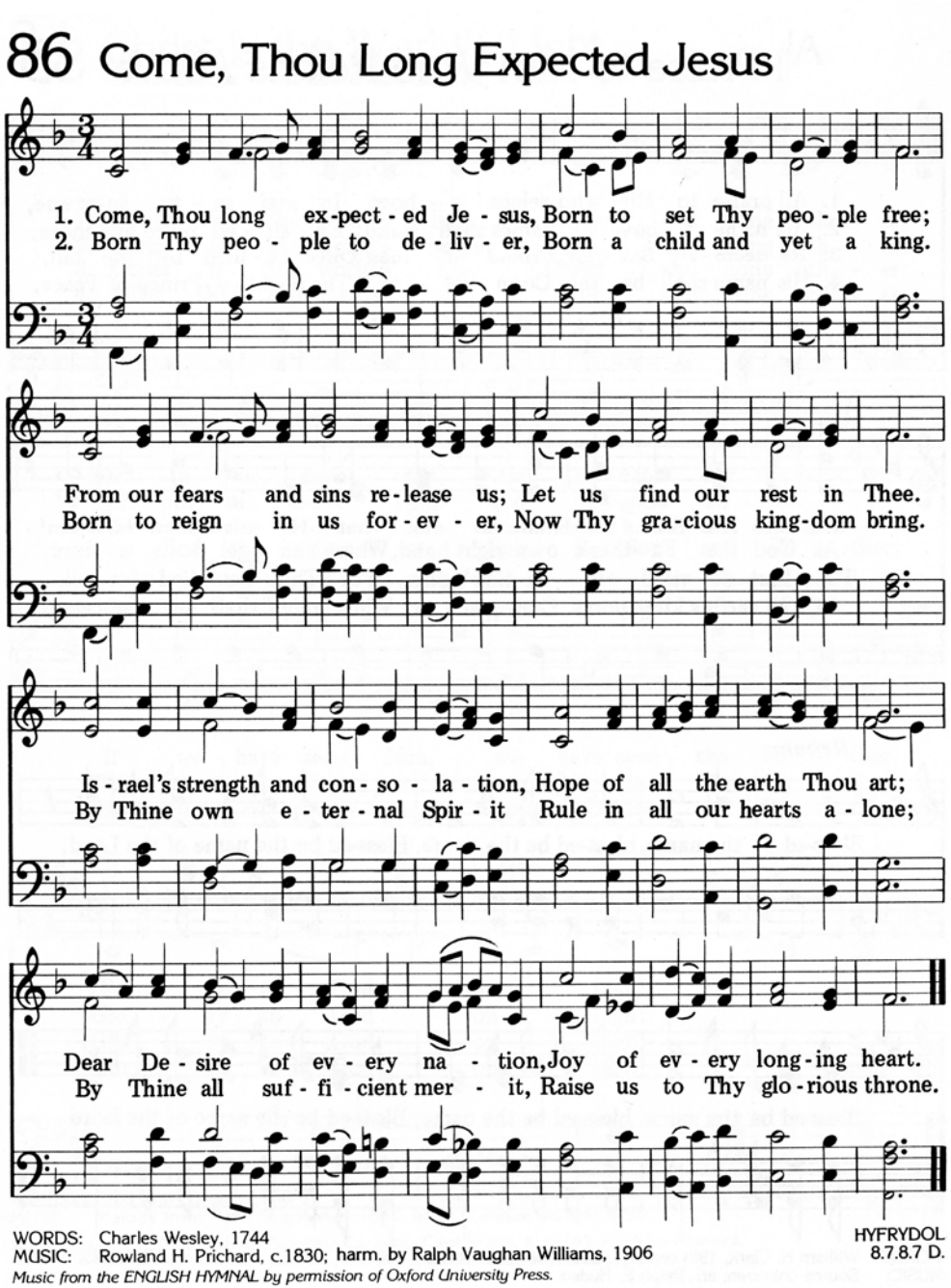
PLEASE STAND:

The Gospel Reading: **Matthew 24:36-44**

36 "But about that day or hour
no one knows, not even the angels
in heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah,
so it will be at the coming of the Son
of Man. 38 For in the days before the
flood, people were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, up
to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and
they knew nothing about what would
happen until the flood came and took
them all away. That is how it will be at
the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Two
men will be in the field; one will be
taken and the other left. 41 Two women
will be grinding with a hand mill; one
will be taken and the other left.
42 "Therefore keep watch, because
you do not know on what day your Lord
will come. 43 But understand this: If the
owner of the house had known at what
time of night the thief was coming, he
would have kept watch and would not
have let his house be broken into.
44 So you also must be ready, because
the Son of Man will come at an hour
when you do not expect him.

Worship in Giving: **Psalm 72:10-11**

10 May the kings of Tarshish and
of distant shores
bring tribute to him.
May the kings of Sheba and Seba
present him gifts.
11 May all kings bow down to him
and all nations serve him.



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All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

[CHORUS]

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

[REPEAT CHORUS 3X]

Immanuel

A sign shall be given
A virgin will conceive
A human baby bearing
undiminished Deity
The glory of the nations
A light for all to see
And hope for all who will
embrace His warm reality

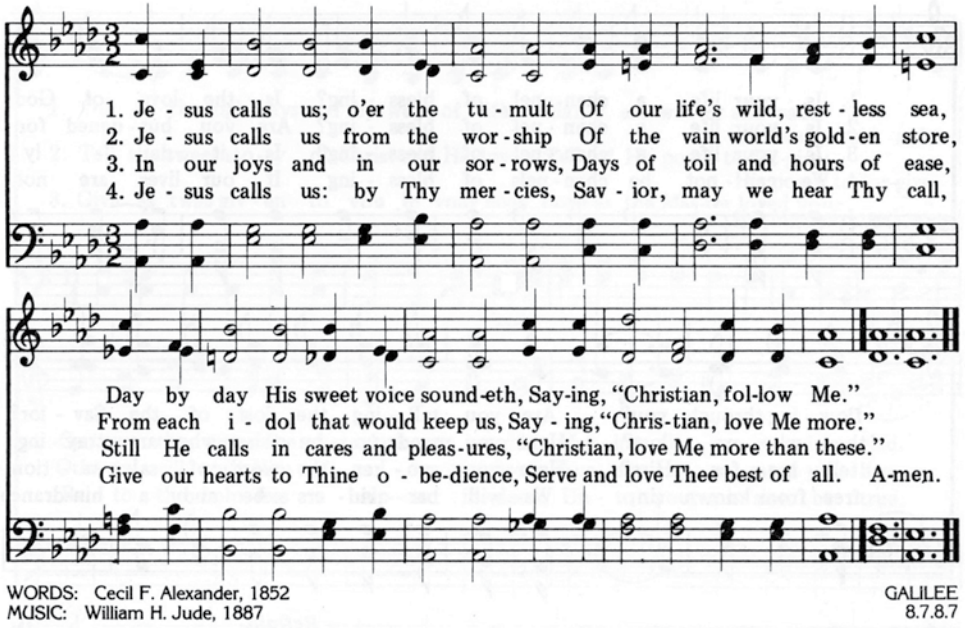
[CHORUS]

Immanuel
Our God is with us
And if God is with us
Who could stand against us?
Our God is with us
Immanuel

For all those who live
in the shadow of death
A glorious light has dawned
For all those who stumble
in the darkness
Behold your light has come

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult 491



WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1887

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SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

• Spaghetti Sauce • Canned Fruit • Soup • Cereal
• Snack Foods • Peanut Butter • Corn • Chips & Pretzels
• Cookies & Crackers • Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap
• Toothpaste • Women's Care Items

PRAYER REQUESTS:

If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

MISSIONARY CHRISTMAS GIFT OFFERING

Thank you to all who gave supporting our Christmas gift to our missionaries. **We received a total of $1785**. Divided up five ways to each missionary family we support, we are sending $357 to each family for Christmas from Christ Community Church.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIVING

Drumroll please...we collected **74 boxes** this year! That's **10 more** than last year! Hallelujah!

Here's our history: 2020-53 boxes; 2021- 53 boxes; 2022- 54 boxes; 2023- 55 boxes; 2024-64 boxes

CHRISTMAS CARD DROP BOX: $AVE ON POSTAGE

Save money on postage this year with the Christmas card drop box, which is located in the church narthex. Place your cards to other church members in the box, and they will be sorted on Sunday, **December 14** and made available for pick up in Zinn Commons during the Church Family Luncheon. If you have any questions about the collection and distribution, please see Tracy Farmer.

Calling all to Prayer

LOOKING AHEAD

* *Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex*

Wednesday, December 3 @ 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • **BOTH** on-line & in Zinn Commons

Monday, December 8 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Thursday, December 11 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge
MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller

Sunday, December 14 CHURCH CHRISTMAS DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.*

Wednesday, December 24 @ 7:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE in the sanctuary. Invite a friend! (Organ prelude begins at 6:45 p.m.)

Sunday, December 28 @ 9:00 a.m.The CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND COOKIE SHARING in Zinn Commons.

Invite your friends and neighbors

Christmas Eve Invitation Postcards available in the narthex.

Please join us for our Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE December 24 @ 7 p.m.

Start collecting for VBS Crafts & Decorations!

• Paper towel rolls • Toilet paper rolls • Wrapping paper rolls

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Please note: Full-color **invitation cards** are available in the narthex for mailing or distribution to family members and friends. Please take some!

The Christmas Eve candlelight service at Christ Community Church is one of the highlights of our church year. Our theme this year is **"I'll Be Home for Christmas"** from **Luke 15:11-14**. The prelude begins at 6:45 p.m. and the service will be held at 7:00 p.m. We feature traditional Christmas carols, brass, an inspiring message, and the lighting of candles during "Silent Night."

Plates for a **benevolence offering** will be available at the back of the sanctuary to **help needy families in our community**. Invite a friend to come find hope and encouragement in the good news of Jesus Christ at Christ Community Church.

We are looking for a volunteer or two to provide a **nursery** during the candlelight service. Please see **Maureen Logan** if you are willing.

DECEMBER 29 - SPECIAL GATHERING

There will be **no Sunday school classes** on December 29, so our teachers will enjoy a much-needed day off. However, all are invited to gather in Zinn Commons at 9:00 a.m. for a time of informal fellowship and snacks. **Bring your leftover Christmas cookies and holiday treats**. Coffee and water will be made available as always.

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