

CHRIST THE KING

For the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. —Romans 14:17

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019 10:00 AM MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude

Wachet Auf, Cantata BWV 140
Ada Carter and Amanda Holley

J.S. Bach

*Being joined to Christ in his death and resurrection through baptism does not mean being lifted clear of the cosmic battle... The life of the church is lived in a balance between the first advent of Christ and the second. It is a life of affliction for the sake of the gospel, but if there is one word that sounds the apocalyptic note, it is 'hope' — the hope that is beyond human hope because it is grounded in the promise of the future of Jesus Christ. — Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion**

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. — Romans 13

Prayer (Collect) of Preparation:

*Deliver us when we draw near to You,
from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind:
Grant that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections,
we may worship You in Spirit and in Truth. Amen*

Preparation

We focus our hearts and minds in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

God's people sing not only as an expression of our love for God but also to remind ourselves of our place in God's redemptive work.

The church is marked by its singing, from Israel's deliverance through the Psalms to our worship today.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Words: Charles Wesley and Mark Hunt; Music: Rowland H. Prichard

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and

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 peo - ple free; from our fears and sins re - lease us;
 high, ap - pear, come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se,
 knew no end; by his life he brings us glad - ness,
 yet a king, born to reign in us for ev - er,

13
 let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and
 of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the
 our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend. Leav - ing rich - es
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e -

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 con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

25
 dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - - tion,
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing;
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der,
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it,

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joy of ev - - - 'ry long - ing heart.
 Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 Christ was born the Lord of all.
 raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Call to Worship

Nathan Carter

Call to Worship

God calls his people to assemble for worship; accordingly the church calls itself together.

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Congregation: Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Leader: In Christ was life, and the life was the light of men.

Congregation: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

Congregation: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor...

Leader: Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

Congregation: Christ has become to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

Leader: Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!

Congregation: Give glory to the only wise God forevermore through Jesus Christ! – from Isaiah 9:2,6; John 1:4,9; 1 Cor. 1:20,30-31; Romans 16:27

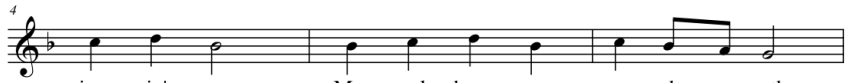
Invocation

Savior of the Nations, Come

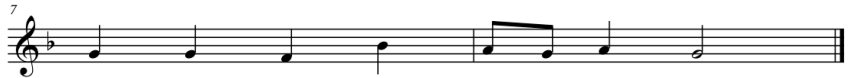
Words: St. Ambrose and Martin Luther,
trans. by Calvin Seerveld; Music: Johann Walther



1. Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; show your - self, the
2. Not by hu - man pow'r or seed did the wo - man's
3. Christ laid down his ma - jes - ty, passed through dark Geth -
4. Praise to you, O Lord, we sing. Praise to Christ, our



vir - gin's son. Mar - vel heav - en, won - der earth,
womb con - ceive; on - ly by the Spi - rit's breath
se - ma - ne. Though he left his Fa - ther's home,
new - born King! With the Fa - ther, Spi - rit, one,



that our God chose such a birth.
was the Word of God made flesh.
Christ now sits on God's own throne.
let your last - ing king - dom come.

Call to Confession

In God's presence, the evil that mars our lives – corporate and individual – comes to light. Through Jesus Christ, we are safe to be honest about ourselves because we fear no condemnation.

Call to Confession

Leader: “Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord:
“though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

Prayer of Confession

All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen. – from the *Book of Common Worship*

Declaration of Absolution

God declares through his Church that all who repent and believe in Jesus Christ are completely forgiven from all their sins and their guilty consciences cleansed.

Declaration of Absolution

Leader: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. God does not despise a broken and a contrite heart. Jesus said: “Whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” The Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. To those who repent and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, the absolution of sins is effected in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

Congregation: and our mouths will declare your praise.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Give Thanks to the Lord

Words and Music: Brad Smith

1. Give thanks to the Lord for the works of his hand, for a
2. Give thanks to the Fa - ther for send - ing his Son, give
king - dom that can - not be sha - ken. Give thanks to the Lord for we
thanks to the Son for his Spi - rit. Now lift up your voic - es to
all now can stand and fear not of be - ing for - sa - ken. Give
God, three in one, and shout so the whole world can hear it.
thanks to the Lord for his right - eousness. Give thanks to the Lord for his
love. Let us wor - ship his name and his ho - li - ness. Give thanks to the
Lord, Oh, give thanks to the Lord Give thanks.

Chords: D, G, A, Bm, Asus, A, D, D/F#, G, A, G, Bm, Asus, A, D, D/F#, G, Asus, A, D, G2, Asus, A, C6, Asus, A, D, G

Offertory

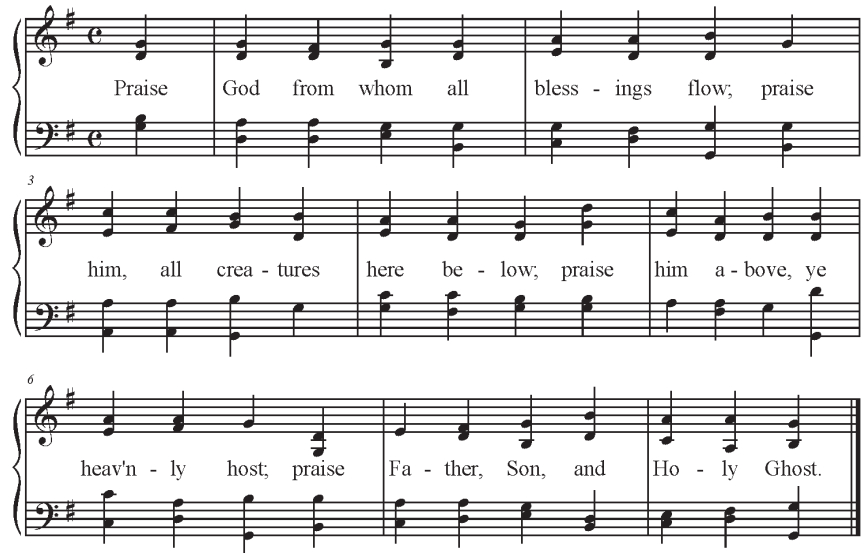
Laura Bullock

Offertory

We give back to God our wealth and talents in recognition that they all come from him. These gifts help support the mission and ministries of the church. Some of us choose to put an offering in the plate, while others give online or by mail.

Doxology

Words: Thomas Ken;
Music: Thomas Tallis



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Pastoral Prayer

We cry out together for grace and mercy in a time of need.

Pastoral 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, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Baptism

Lena Ye

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

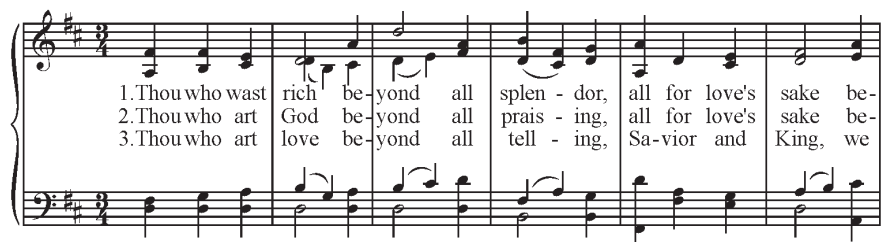
Passing of the Peace

We remind each other of the peace given us in the gospel – peace first between us and God, leading to reconciled relationships with each other. We encourage kids remaining in the service to use the *Sermon Worksheet* available at the front of the sanctuary.

Dismissal of Children and Passing of the Peace

Thou Who Was Rich Beyond All Splendor

Words: Frank Houghton;
Music: French Carol melody, arr. by Charles H. Kitson



1. Thou who wast rich be - yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be -
2. Thou who art God be - yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be -
3. Thou who art love be - yond all tell - ing, Sa - vior and King, we

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camest poor, thrones for a man - ger didst sur - ren - der,
 camest man; stoop - ing so low, but sin - ners rai - sing,
 worship thee. Em - man-u el, with in us dwell - ing,

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sap - phire-paved courts for sta - ble floor. Thou who wast rich be -
 heav'n ward by thine e - ter - nal plan. Thou who art God be -
 make us what thou wouldst have us be. Thou who art love be -

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yond all splen - dor, all for love's sake be - cam-est poor.
 yond all prais - ing, all for love's sake be - cam-est man.
 yond all tell - ing, Sa - vior and King, we wor ship thee.

Scripture Reading

Romans 15:22-33 page 950 in pew Bible

Reader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

Congregation: but the word of our God will stand forever .

Miriam Kreher

Sermon

Rev. Rick Downs

Lord's Supper

Invitation

All: We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – from *Philippians 2:5-11*

Scripture Reading

The public reading of God's Word is integral whenever God's people gather to worship. The first step to faith is listening to his Word.

Sermon

God has ordained the preaching of his Word to illuminate and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to our hearts that would remain dull and hard apart from the operation of his Holy Spirit

Lord's Supper

God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form – uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ.

Words of Institution

Minister: Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Supper that we are about to celebrate is a feast of remembrance, of communion, and of hope. We come in remembrance that our Lord Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law, even to the bitter and shameful death of the cross.

All: By his death, resurrection, and ascension he established a new and everlasting covenant of grace and reconciliation, that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by him.

Minister: We come to have communion with this same Christ, who has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the world.

All: In the breaking of the bread he makes himself known to us as the true heavenly bread that strengthens us unto life eternal. In the cup of blessing he comes to us as the vine, in whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

Minister: We come in hope, believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when his kingdom has fully come, when with unveiled face we shall behold him, made like unto him in his glory.

All: Since by his death, resurrection, and ascension, Christ has obtained for us the life-giving Spirit, who unites us all in one body, so we are to receive this supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

*Servers come forward.
Grape juice is available
in the center of each wine
tray and a plate of gluten-
free bread on either aisle
for those who desire such.
Please hold the elements un-
til all can partake together.*

*Elders are available to
pray with anyone who
desires it at the front of the
sanctuary near either of
the hallway exits.*

Distributing of Elements

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be unafraid of the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is clear, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those Desiring to Trust in Jesus Christ for the First Time

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed. And I know that through you I am more loved & accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and providing forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord and desire to live a life of loving and serving you. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Alecia Augspurg, Elizabeth Cantrell, Justin Augspurg, Kelly Sawyer,
Laura Bullock, Miriam Kreher, Nathan Carter, Tyler Holley*

Elders: Rick Downs and Bob Sawyer

Deacons' Fund Offering

Joy Has Dawned

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

F Gm F/A B^b C Dm Gm7 F/C C

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, prom - ised from cre - a - tion;
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels;
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb, gaz - ing at the glo - ry;
4. Son of A - dam, Son of heav'n, giv - en as a ran - som

5 F Gm F/A B^b C Dm B^b C F

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled, hope for ev - 'ry na - tion.
as the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phe - sy the stor - y.
re - con - cil - ing God and man, Christ our might - y Cham - pion!

9 F/A B^b F/A Gm7 C Dm Gm7 F/C C

Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness.
Gold, a King is born to - day; in - cense, God is with us;
What a Sav - ior, what a friend, what a glo - rious mys - tery,

13 F Gm F/C B^b C Dm7 Gm7 C F

but a hum - ble gift of love: Je - sus, born of Mar - y.
Cling now to a moth - er's breast, vul - n'ra - ble and help - less.
myrrh, his death will make a way, by his blood he'll win us.
once a babe in Beth - le - hem, now the Lord of his - t'ry.

Benediction

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We depart with this 'good word' of God's calling upon our lives in the world.

Please join us in the social hall for refreshments immediately following the service.

WELCOME

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here. Please fill out a digital visitor card at ctkcambridge.org/visit so we can get to know you better. Also, find out more about us by talking with one of the pastors or our lead greeter, who at the Welcome Table in the back Social Hall, or by contacting office@ctkcambridge.org.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ADULT EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Every Sunday morning at 8:45am, Christ the King offers classes for adults, youth, and children. The topics of these classes reflect the desire of the church to equip its members with a better understanding of God's Word. Adult Education classes are taught in the social hall. Childcare and classes for children through Grade are held downstairs, and Middle/High School meets in the office in the balcony.

Flood and Cup, Sword and Stone, Flame and Tree: Images of Salvation Through Judgment in Scripture. Water can drown or cleanse; fire can consume or purify; we find our greatest blessing at the foot of a cursed tree. Join us through the Advent season as we explore symbols of salvation through the judgment of a God who brings his people through flood and flame (Isaiah 43).

CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICE

Children are always welcome in our service. Parents may opt to bring children to the programs below or to the social hall as needed where audio of the service plays and an area is partitioned for nursing mothers. For more information, please see ctkcambridge.org/kids or email dana@ctkcambridge.org.

Nursery (0–3 years): Our nursery rooms provide safe care and are open throughout the service. Infants and 1s are upstairs and 2s and 3s are in the basement (exit through the right-side door for all rooms). Please sign your child in at one of the check-in stations in the infant room or basement and be sure to bring your security tag with you when picking up your child.

Children's Worship (4 years–Grade 2): Children are dismissed before the sermon to classes designed to engage God in a manner more suitable to young hearts and minds. Please sign-in children then drop off in room 3 & 4; pick-up from adjoining rooms with your parent tag.

Children/Youth (Grade 3 & up): Our older children attend the entire service, and a worksheet is provided to aid in the instruction during the sermon.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Samples of the songs for Sunday's worship service are posted on the website by the Wednesday before the service, along with the **coming Sunday's bulletin and Scripture passage**, at ctkcambridge.org/songs.

For **online giving**, visit bit.ly/CTKCambridgeOffering for general offerings and bit.ly/CTKCambridgeDeacons for Deacons' Fund giving. Questions? Email giving@ctkboston.org.

Sermon recordings and Adult Ed classes can be found on the website at ctkcambridge.org/sermons and ctkcambridge.org/adulteducation, respectively.

For recommended **daily Bible reading plans** selected by pastoral staff, visit ctkcambridge.org/daily-bible-readings.

To sign up for the **CTK Reader**, our weekly e-newsletter with notes from our pastors, church announcements, and community classifieds, visit ctkcambridge.org/reader.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Christ the King is a multi-congregational church with an English-speaking congregation that meets in Cambridge on Sunday mornings (ctkcambridge.org) and a mostly Brazilian congregation meeting in Portuguese in Cambridge on Sunday afternoons, as well as congregations that meet in Dorchester, Pembroke, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Somerville, and Wakefield (ctkboston.org).

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are central to our life together at CTK, and we encourage people to join a group near where they live, to gather over a meal and study, pray, and serve one another and our neighborhoods.

MONDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: NORTH CAMBRIDGE :: 6P
Rick & T Downs (cardadowns@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: UNION SQ. :: 7P
Tyler & Amanda Holley (tylerbholley@gmail.com)

TUESDAYS

ALLSTON :: BRIGHTON :: BROOKLINE :: 7:30P
James & Sarah Goodman (ssgoodman617@gmail.com)

WEDNESDAYS

SOMERVILLE :: UNION/SPRING HILL :: 6P
Nathan & Leann Barczy (nbarczy@gmail.com)
WATERTOWN :: 6P
Matt & Cat Sherrill (sherrillmatt@hotmail.com)
BOSTON :: NORTH END/BEACON HILL :: 7P
Taylor & Audra Wallace (wallacetaylor89@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL SQ./RIVERSIDE :: 7:30P
Mike & Shannon Poor (pcpoor@hotmail.com)

THURSDAYS

CAMBRIDGE :: MIT/KENDALL SQ. :: 6P
Ben Hoover & Jennifer Marlow
(benhoover34@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: PORTER/DAVIS SQ. :: 6:30P
Jeremy & Adrienne Mullen (jmullen79@gmail.com)
SOMERVILLE :: DAVIS/POWDERHOUSE SQ. :: 7P
Sam & Steffi Beswick (sam.beswick@auckland.ac.nz)
MALDEN :: 7P
Andy & Emily Stuntz (astuntz@gmail.com)
CAMBRIDGE :: CENTRAL/INMAN SQ. :: 7:30P
Susanne van Veluw (susannevanveluw@gmail.com)

FRIDAYS

WATERTOWN :: 1st and 3rd Fridays :: 6:30P
Sean & Nicole O'Hern (scohern@gmail.com)

SATURDAYS

ARLINGTON :: LEXINGTON :: 5P
Lindsay Hardy (linsrbins@gmail.com)
*Meets every other Saturday, rotating location

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

Men's Fellowship Groups: Rev. Rick Downs (rickdowns@ctkcambridge.org)

Women's Ministry: Laura Martin (laura.a.martin87@gmail.com)

Youth Community Group: Dana Russell (dana@ctkcambridge.org)

Vocational Fellowship Groups: Rev. Nathan Barczy (nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

College Students can join Reformed University Fellowships on nearby campuses.

BU: nathan.dicks@ruf.org, Harvard: michael.whitham@ruf.org, or MIT: solomon.kim@ruf.org.

Meals Ministry: Erin Ward (meals@ctkcambridge.org)

Overseas Partner Liaison: Miriam Kreher (mkreher13@gmail.com)

Members and regular attenders have a variety of opportunities to **serve on Sunday mornings**. To learn more about ways to serve our congregation, please visit ctkcambridge.org/serve-church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Nominations for CTK Officers are now being received. If you are a member of CTK and want to nominate someone for elder, deacon, or deacon assistant, please follow these steps:

1. Read 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:5-9 for biblical qualifications.
2. Approach your nominee and ask that you pray together for wisdom.
3. With the approval of the nominee, please submit the nomination via office@ctkcambridge.org.

Advent devotional books are available in the basement for families as a resource for daily scripture study at home in the days leading up to Christmas. The studies are designed to go deeper as children grow so are suitable for both younger and older children. Others interested in this resource are also welcome to take a copy.

Celebrate the Advent season at CTK's **Seventh Annual Christmas Concert!** Come join CTK's talented musicians for an evening of festive performances and rousing caroling on Saturday, December 7 at 6:30p. Please invite neighbors, co-workers, and other friends! Contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

The **Women's Christmas Brunch** will be on Saturday, December 14 at 10a in the social hall. Childcare will be provided, and friends, neighbors, and colleagues are welcome! We're looking for volunteers to help with set-up, music, scripture reading, and clean-up - please email meredithkwyse@gmail.com if you can help.

All kids ages 5 and up are invited to sing in a **children's choir** for the Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service. Brief rehearsals will take place after the service on Sundays, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22. If interested, contact amanda@ctkcambridge.org for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat, 12/7, 6:30p :: **Christmas Concert** :: Sanctuary
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-concert
(Amanda Holley, amanda@ctkcambridge.org)

Sun, 12/8, 12p :: **Second Sunday Eat & Meet** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/eat-and-meet
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Sat, 12/14, 10a :: **Women's Christmas Brunch** :: Social Hall
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-brunch
(Meredith Wyse, meredithkwyse@gmail.com)

Tue, 12/24, 6p :: **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
ctkcambridge.org/christmas-eve

SAVE THE DATE:

1/31-2/2/2020 :: **CTK Getaway** :: Camp Brookwoods
ctkcambridge.org/getaway
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

WEEKLY EVENTS AT CTK:

For more details, see ctkcambridge.org/weekly-events

Tuesday, 6:30a :: **Morning Prayer** :: Social Hall
(Laura Bullock, laura@ctkcambridge.org)

Thursday, 9:30a :: **Women's Bible Study** :: Social Hall
(Kelly Sawyer, bostonkelly@gmail.com)

Friday, 12p :: **Men's Fellowship Group** :: Harvard Sq.
(Mike Poor, pcpoor@hotmail.com)

Friday, 4p :: **Theology Reading Group** :: The Field Pub
(Nathan Barczy, nathan@ctkcambridge.org)

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