



LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The Second Sunday after Christmas Day January 2, 2022 9:30 a.m.



“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~ Isaiah 9:6



Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).

God's Kingdom is not just a promised future but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ. This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic, multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

A Note to Our Guests

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin, the responses for you are in bold. Lyrics are projected on the screen.
- Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.
- If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer any questions for you.

Did You Bring Little Ones?

At TLC, we value children. They are not tomorrow's church. They are one church with us. We strive to make their worship experience age appropriate.

Infants through age 4 are welcome to check in any time at the nursery. There is childcare through the entire duration of the worship service. If you prefer to have your child with you during the service or part of it, that is also welcome.

At the 10:15 service, children ages 5 through 4th grade begin the service with us and then leave for their fellowship time after the Gospel reading. Please be sure an usher knows if you are new and with children. They can assist you during this time if needed.

Sundays

8:15 am, Worship Service

9:30 am, ESL, Adult & Children's Education

10:15 am, Worship Service & Livestream

Mondays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Monday's)

Tuesdays

10 am, Women's Group (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

7 pm, Men's Bible Study

6 pm, Vestry, 2nd Tuesday

Wednesdays

6:30 pm, Youth Group

Thursdays

5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on Zoom

5:30 pm, Young Adults (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

Saturdays

8 am, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study (2nd and 4th Saturdays) at TLC

The Gathering

The Processional

Celebrant: Alleluia! For unto us a Child is born.

People: To us a Son is given. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Song

The Gloria

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word

A reading from Jeremiah.

(31:10-14)

¹⁰ “Hear the word of the LORD, you nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: ‘He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.’ ¹¹ For the LORD will deliver Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. ¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. ¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. ¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Psalm (84:1-8) Read responsively by half-verse.

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

² The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.**

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

⁴ Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Ephesians (1:3-6)

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Anthem

Gospel Reading (Luke 2:41-52)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said

to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

⁴⁹ “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Donald Nwankwo

Prayerful reflection as we prepare our hearts to come to the Lord in corporate prayer.

The Response

Prayers of the People

Prayers as we enter the New Year

Our God and Father, as we stand at the portal of the new year looking into the future, we seek your abiding Presence in our lives.

In a world of many unknowns and during constantly changing times
May we put our hope in You, our unchanging Master.

Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year trustfully.

In the choices that we will face and the decisions we will make
May we put our faith in You, the only Wise God.

Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year courageously.

In our life as a church and common pilgrimage as your people
May our message and testimony glorify your Holy Name.

Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year reverently.

In our common life as a society, in our nation and world
May there be increased peace, justice, and true hatred for evil.

Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year with renewed hope.

In our days of joy or of sorrow, in times of strength or of weakness
May we lean into your grace and provision as our all-sufficient God.

Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year with your peace.

In your protection and provision, though all our days in this world
May we know you, our Help from ages past and Hope for years to come.
Faithful God, enable us to enter the new year joyfully and gratefully.

Deacon:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds, that we may pass into the new year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Deacon: Hear the words of the angel to Joseph: 'You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world. (*Matthew 1.21*)

People: God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you created us from nothing and gave us life. You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you all your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9.6*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you with this song:

~Sanctus~

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; **by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Celebrant: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

People: **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father**

We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer to receive these.

All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket.

Communion Songs

Prayer Ministers are available to pray with you during communion. If you would like to pray with a minister, please come to the alcove on the left-hand side of the sanctuary (when facing the altar).

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

Celebrant:

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – January 2, 2022

Our Giving

We are grateful for your faithful giving and various acts of service in the Lord's House.

There are multiple ways available to send your offerings to the church if you missed a church service.

- Through Zelle which acts like a bank transfer. Please use our admin's email, jeanie@tlcdenver.org, when you set it up.
- Through our secure, easy-to-use online page at www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give
- By texting TLCgiving to 73256. (standard text message and data rates may apply)
- By mailing a check to The Light of Christ Church (4000 W. Yale, Ave., Denver, CO 80219)
- And of course, through the offering baskets at the Sunday morning services.

Save the Date

TLC's Annual Meeting, Sun., Jan 30th following our 9:30 am service.

2022 Diocesan Gathering – Feb. 7 – 9 2022

Wellspring Church. There will be several events for lay people to attend.

Shrove Tuesday – March 1st – Pancake Supper @ TLC

Ash Wednesday Service – March 2nd @ TLC

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