

ALL THINGS CHRISTMAS

AT CTK BELLINGHAM

SEASONAL SERVICES, EVENTS & WAYS TO SERVE

Christmas Sermon Series



The Christmas story is full of memorable characters and poignant settings that are etched into many of our minds. But the true significance of the story—God’s whole purpose behind what we now call Christmas—isn’t as easy to picture. It’s *reconciliation*.

For a world that was lost and broken (and still is today), God sent Jesus to save and restore what seemed beyond repair. And with the arrival of Jesus came a new truth—that the end of a story isn’t determined by how bad things look at the moment. It’s determined by whose hands it’s in.

In the right hands, the broken can be mended, and the forgotten can be found. In the right hands, what’s been discarded can be restored... and things that have fallen apart can be put back together again.

So in those tiny hands, wrapped in cloths and placed in a manger, was the power to bring peace and restoration to humankind. Because the right hands can make all things new.

Christmas Services

Christmas Communion

In both services on Sunday, December 15

Christmas reminds us that God had a specific plan in mind when he sent Jesus to live among us. Communion reminds us that as Jesus laid down his life for us, he opened the door to forgiveness and right standing with God. His sacrifice for us means every life can be made new. Along with worship and the message, we’ll share Communion during both morning services.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24

In-person & online at 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 PM



Invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate Christmas Eve at Christ the King. Trees will be lit, candles will be ready to light, and Christmas songs will be in the air to set the stage for the celebration of our Savior’s birth!

Be sure to invite family and friends along too. Look for Christmas Eve invitations in the Commons starting Sunday, December 1.

Children’s ministry and childcare is available for 2nd grade and younger at all three services.

All-Ages Special Events



All Is Bright • Indoor Light Display

Wed–Sat, December 4–7 • 4:00–8:00 PM

Sunday, December 8 • 12:30– 2:30 PM

in Base Camp • FREE

ALL IS BRIGHT is a free brilliant indoor light display, and this year’s theme is the songs of Christmas. We host this event to encourage our church family to invite friends, family, and coworkers to come experience the wonder of Christmas along with you. Stroll through tens of thousands of lights, snap a pic in our festive photo spots, search for hidden objects, and vote for your favorite display—all while you enjoy complimentary cocoa or cider.

Space is limited, so make a reservation for yourself and your guests today at ctk.link/lights.



Add your ornament to our family tree!

Last year we started a new CTK family tradition by inviting everyone to bring an ornament to hang on our Christmas tree, and the tradition continues this year! Starting December 1, bring an ornament that you don’t mind parting with and add it to the big tree in the middle of the Commons.

PLEASE NOTE: we cannot guarantee the return or safety of your ornament, so share accordingly!

Students & Young Adults

High School Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15

6:15–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place Alcove

Join us for an evening to celebrate Jesus! Join the festivities including dinner, games and prizes. Bring Christmas treats to share and come ready for a Christmas-morning themed party. Don’t forget to wear your fav Christmas jammies!

No need to sign up — just show up!

Middle School Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 17

6:15–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place

Middle schoolers—let’s celebrate the joy of Christmas together! Come enjoy festive treats, give gifts, and play games with our UNITED community. You won’t want to miss this event!

No need to sign up — just show up!

Young Adults Christmas Party

Thursday, December 19

6:30–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place

If you’re 18–30ish, come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with our Young Adult Ministry! We’ll have a white elephant gift exchange, a potluck feast, and plenty of festive fun. It’s the perfect chance to make new memories, share some laughs, and build deeper connections as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together. Bring a dish to share, a white elephant gift to exchange, and your ugly Christmas sweater—we can’t wait to see you there!

Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 18 to help us plan for food.



RSVP at ctk.link/events



All-Campus Christmas Worship Night

Thursday, December 12

6:30–7:45 PM in The Worship Center

Doors open at 5:45 PM

Come lift your voice along with friends from all five of our campuses for a night of worship and praise as we ring in the Christmas season! Invite your friends and family as we gather together as one church body. Doors open at 5:45 PM and worship starts at 6:30 PM. Children are encouraged to participate, so no childcare or children’s ministry will be available.



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- Bible reading plan
- Calendar of events

Christmas Season Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer for any of these roles, just text **SERVE** to **360-800-4173**.

Prefer to explore options in person? Stop by the "400 YESes" table in the Commons any Sunday through December 15 to find out more.

Christmas Decorating Party

Sunday, November 24
12:30-3:00 PM in the Commons

Do you love decorating for Christmas? Are you an expert in fluffing up an artificial tree to look like it's fresh from the forest? Come join us after the 11:15 service to decorate the Commons for Christmas. We'll be setting up Christmas trees in the Commons, hanging paper snowflakes made by CTK Kids, tying string on Christmas invitations, and more. A light lunch will be provided. **Please note:** childcare will not be available so parents will be responsible for their children's safety.

If you're already signed up, head to The Meeting Place at 12:30 PM. If you're not signed up, stop by the "400 YESes" table in the Commons before or after the service on November 24 to see if there are roles remaining.

Help Host All is Bright

Wednesday-Saturday, Dec 4-7 • 4:00-8:00 PM
Sunday, December 8 • 12:30-2:30 PM

It will take more than 140 volunteers to make this year's Christmas light display happen, so plan not only to attend, but to help put on All is Bright. There are opportunities to help with setup, offer hospitality during the event, serve cocoa in the cafe, and more. Don't miss your chance to help create this community event that celebrates Jesus, the Light of the World.

Questions about roles or schedule?
Email Lori Brown (lorib@ctk.church).

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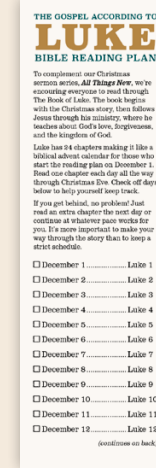
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Christmas Season Events at CTK Bellingham

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15 Sunday Services with Communion 9:30 & 11:15 AM HS Christmas Party 6:15-8:30 PM	16	17 Middle School Christmas Party 6:15-8:30 PM	18	19 Young Adults Christmas Party 6:30-8:30 PM	20	21
22 Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:15 AM	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 1:00, 3:00 & 5:00 PM Doors open 12:15 PM	25 Christmas Day Church closed	26	27	28
29 Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:15 AM	30	31 Last day for year-end giving Watch weekly program and email for details	JAN 1 New Year's Day Church closed			



Book of Luke Bible Reading Plan



To complement our Christmas sermon series, we're encouraging everyone to read through The Book of Luke. Bookmarks with the reading plan are available in the Commons and also for download at info.ctk.church.

Luke is one of the four Gospels that tells the story of Jesus' life, teachings, miracles, death, and resurrection. Written by Luke, a doctor and companion of the Apostle

Paul, it emphasizes Jesus' compassion for all people, including the poor, the marginalized, and the non-Jewish.

The book begins with the Christmas story, then follows Jesus through his ministry, where he teaches about God's love, forgiveness, and the kingdom of God.

Luke highlights Jesus as a healer, teacher, and Savior for everyone, not just the Jewish people. The Gospel ends with Jesus' crucifixion, his resurrection from the dead, and his final instructions to his followers to share his message with the world.

A "Biblical Advent Calendar"

Luke has 24 chapters, which makes it something of a biblical advent calendar for those who start the reading plan on December 1. Read one chapter each day all the way through Christmas Eve.

If you get behind, no problem! Just read an extra chapter the next day or continue at whatever pace works for you. It's more important to make your way through the story than to keep a strict schedule.



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