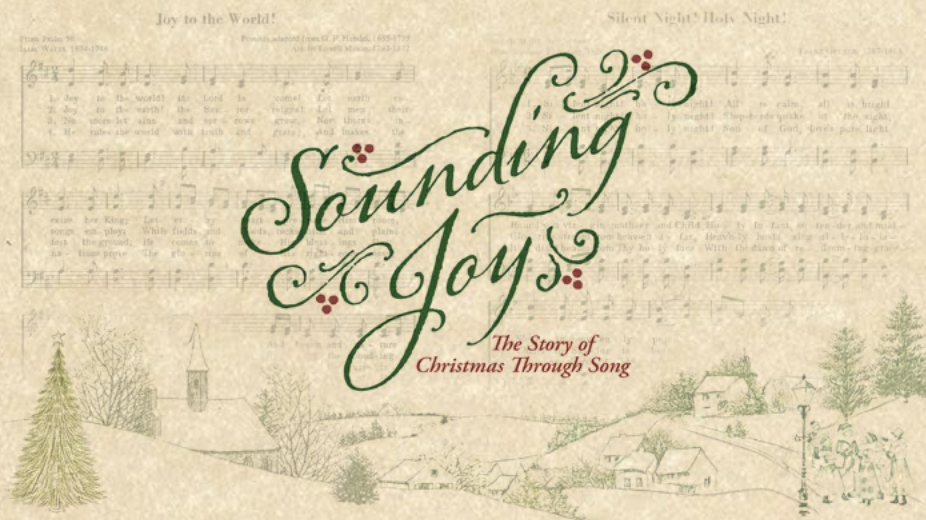


Celebrate the

# Christmas Season

at Christ the King  
Community Church

## CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES



**M**usic has a way of grabbing our attention. It can stir something deep inside of us. It can remind us what matters most and connect us when words fall short.

And Christmas is a season filled with music. Songs that don't just sound good, but tell the story of a God who is good; of a Savior who brings "peace on earth and mercy mild;" of a baby who was born on a "silent night... a holy night," to bring everlasting "joy to the world."

The story of Christmas isn't just something we hear... it's something we live. It's a story that still sings. And when we listen closely, we can hear *the sounding joy*.



# The Sound of Joy

*A Night of  
Christmas Music*

**Thursday, December 11**

**6:30-7:35 PM • FREE**

*Doors open at 6:00 PM for cocoa, sparkling cider & cookies*

The songs of Christmas have a way of bringing people together, so invite your friends and family to join us as we ring in the Christmas season... musically! All five of our campuses will come together to enjoy Christmas music, new and old (and sing along too)! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for refreshments and the music starts at 6:30 p.m.

For friends and family who don't have a church of their own, this is a perfect introduction to the CTK family. **Invitations are available in the Commons**, or share the Facebook event. We've designed the evening with something for everyone, young and old, with traditional and modern songs, and even a kids' choir.

Children are encouraged to join everyone in the auditorium, but childcare will be available for ages 3 and younger.



## Add your touch to our family Christmas tree!

This Christmas season, we're inviting you to bring an ornament to hang on the big tree in the center of the Commons! It's a beautiful way to make our space feel like home and celebrate together as one family. Ornaments will be donated, so please don't bring anything too special or that you'd like returned—just something festive that reflects you. Let's fill the tree with joy, memories, and a little sparkle from everyone!





# Featured Services

## Christmas Communion

**In both services on Sunday, December 14**

Come celebrate the full story of Jesus' life on earth—from his arrival as a baby to his last supper with his disciples where the practice of Communion began. Along with worship and the message, we'll take Communion together during both morning services.

## Christmas Eve Services

**Wednesday, December 24**

**In-person & online at 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 PM**

Invite your friends and family to join us as we celebrate Christmas Eve at Christ the King Church. 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. Children's ministry for 2nd grade and younger will be provided during all three service times.

Not able to join us in person? Watch the livestream at [live.ctk.church](https://live.ctk.church).

**Invite someone!** Invitations will be available in the Commons starting Sunday, November 30.



# Students & Young Adults

## HSU Decorating at Lighthouse Mission

**Sunday, December 14 • 5:45–8:30 PM**

**Meet at CTK and we'll head to the Lighthouse Mission**

High schoolers—we're heading to serve the Lighthouse Mission by decorating their space for the Christmas season. Come join us and serve as a community of high schoolers. We'll meet at CTK and head to the Lighthouse Mission together.

**Questions? Email Katie O'Bray at [katieh@ctk.church](mailto:katieh@ctk.church).**

## Middle School Service Project

**Tuesday, December 16 • 5:45 PM-8:30 PM**

**Meet at CTK and we'll head to New Way Ministries**

Middle schoolers—join us as we serve together at New Way Ministries. We'll meet at CTK Bellingham at 5:45 p.m., travel together to New Way Ministries, and return to CTK for pick-up by 8:30 p.m.

**Questions? Email Megan Peek at [meganp@ctk.church](mailto:meganp@ctk.church).**

## Young Adults Christmas Coffee Gathering

**Saturday, December 13**

**9:00–10:00 AM at Bakerview Woods 428 W Bakerview in Bellingham**

Join us for a Christmas-y cafe gathering at Woods on West Bakerview. We'll take time to connect over coffee, cocoa, and conversation. We'd love to see you there, especially in your favorite Christmas sweater (ugly or not, your choice)! Food and beverages are at your expense.

**Questions? Email Pastor Jake Hruza at [jakehruza@ctk.church](mailto:jakehruza@ctk.church).**



# Advent Season

## Advent Prayer & Worship Gathering

Sunday, November 23

6:30–8:00 PM in the Meeting Place

Set aside the hectic pace of the Christmas season and join us to pause, reflect, and ready your heart for the season of Advent. A four-week period before Christmas Day in the Church calendar, Advent is dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or “advent,” of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. Through musical worship, teaching, Scripture, and guided prayer, we’ll make room for the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings. Whether Advent is a familiar tradition or new to you, this gathering will prepare you to encounter Jesus in a deeper way this season.

*Please note:* childcare will not be available, but all ages are welcome.

**No need to RSVP—just join us in the Meeting Place.**

## Advent Bible Reading Plan

Starts Sunday, November 30

To focus our hearts on the arrival of Jesus, we’ve created an Advent Bible reading plan, available on the back of this page and also online at [ctk.church/bible-plans](http://ctk.church/bible-plans).

## Family Advent Kits

Available starting Sunday, November 30

Pick up at Kids’ Check-in

Families—we invite you to prepare your hearts this Christmas season by exploring the story of the first Advent of our Savior. Spending time reading the stories surrounding Jesus’ birth and doing a fun family activity will be a highlight for everyone in your family. As Christmas approaches, you’ll discover how the birth of Jesus brings great joy to all people. Week one starts Sunday, November 30, and a new reading and activity will be introduced each week leading up to Christmas.

## Women’s Advent Gatherings

Monday, December 1

6:30–8:00 PM in Room 216

or

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place

Ladies, join us as we gather to begin the Advent season together. We’ll create beautiful Advent wreaths, enjoy warm beverages and delicious treats, and begin our Advent Bible reading plan as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This will be a cozy and meaningful time of connection, creativity, and reflection—an invitation to slow down, share in community, and enter the season with hope and anticipation. Please bring your favorite treat to share. **\$10 for materials.**

**Register by Friday, November 28 at [ctk.link/events](http://ctk.link/events). Questions? Email Pastor Sydel McKim ([sydelm@ctk.church](mailto:sydelm@ctk.church)). Scholarships available; email Erin Drews ([erind@ctk.church](mailto:erind@ctk.church)).**



Monday  
Evening  
Registration



Wednesday  
Morning  
Registration



# Advent Bible Reading Plan

Advent invites us to slow down, pay attention, and make room for the hope Christ brings. This reading plan is designed to guide us through Scripture as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, reminding us of the hope, peace, joy, and love he offers. Start reading on Sunday, November 30.

NOVEMBER 30–DECEMBER 6

## Hope

Hope in Advent is rooted in God's faithfulness to fulfill his promises throughout history. Hope in Scripture is a confident expectation rooted in God's faithfulness—not wishful thinking. Because God keeps his promises, believers can endure trials, find renewed strength, and look forward with joy to eternal life in Christ.

- **SUN** Psalm 33
- **MON** Hebrews 6:13–20
- **TUE** Romans 8:18–25
- **WED** 1 Peter 1:3–7
- **THU** Luke 2:22–38
- **FRI** Isaiah 40:28–31
- **SAT** Romans 15:13

DECEMBER 7–13

## Peace

Peace in Advent focuses on the true peace that only Jesus, the Prince of Peace, can offer us. Biblical peace is more than the absence of conflict—it's wholeness, security, and calm that come from God's presence and rule. Peace flows from trusting God, living in harmony with others, and letting Christ's presence guard the heart.

- **SUN** Psalm 4
- **MON** Numbers 6:22–27
- **TUE** Romans 12:17–21
- **WED** Isaiah 26:1–4
- **THU** Colossians 3:15–17
- **FRI** Philippians 4:4–7
- **SAT** John 14:25–27

DECEMBER 14–20

## Joy

Joy during Advent focuses on joy that comes from God, and only from him. Joy is rooted in God himself—his presence, protection, salvation, and promises. It's not dependent on circumstances but on relationship: Joy comes from being with God, trusting him, and celebrating his work of redemption.

- **SUN** Psalm 96
- **MON** John 16:22–24
- **TUE** Psalm 5:11–12
- **WED** Zephaniah 3:14–17
- **THU** Luke 15:8–10
- **FRI** Romans 12:12–15
- **SAT** Psalm 16:9–11

DECEMBER 21–27

## Love

Love in Advent focuses on God's great love for us, the love that he showed when he came to be with us as Jesus, which we celebrate at Christmas. God's love is the source of all true love—it gives, forgives, unites, and transforms. When we abide in his love, we reflect his heart to others. Biblical love is sacrificial, steadfast, and rooted in God's own character.

- **SUN** Psalm 136
- **MON** 1 John 4:7–21
- **TUE** 1 Corinthians 13
- **WED** Matthew 1:18–25
- **THU** Luke 2:1–21
- **FRI** Colossians 3:12–14
- **SAT** John 13:34–35



# Christmas Season Volunteer Opportunities

## Christmas Decorating Party

**Sunday, November 30**

**12:30–3:00 PM, Meeting Place & 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, putting finishing touches on Christmas Eve invitations, wrapping gift boxes, and more.

A light lunch will be provided, so please be sure to RSVP (details below). Equipment and heavy boxes will be moving throughout the venue, so please keep your children close by.

**Please let us know if you plan to come. Text DECOR to 360-800-4173\* and we'll plan lunch and a task for you!** \*Message and data rates apply.

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**To volunteer for the following roles,  
just text SERVE to 360-800-4173.**

*Prefer to explore options in person? Stop by the volunteer table in the Commons any Sunday through December 21 to find out more.*

## Help Care for Kids at *The Sound of Joy*

**Thursday, December 11**

**6:00–7:45 PM**

During our Christmas concert, we're offering childcare for ages 3 and younger, and we could use some extra help caring for these little angels! If you're interested in assisting our leaders, please use the texting instructions above to let us know.

## Help on Christmas Eve—Kids or Hospitality

**Wednesday, December 24**

**Services at 3:00, 5:00 & 7:00 PM**

Christmas Eve is one of the highest-attendance services of the year, and we'd love to be prepared to welcome newcomers and our CTK family. We're looking for volunteers to help our **hospitality** team (greeters & cafe) and our **kids' ministry** team (caring for children in 2nd grade and younger).

## Help with Summit During December

**Any Sunday in December**

**9:15–10:45 AM or 11:00 AM–12:30 PM in the Meeting Place Alcove**

Summit is our Sunday morning gathering for 5th & 6th graders. Several of our regular college-age volunteers will be gone during Christmas break, and we'd appreciate some extra help to keep kids focused and learning.



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