

this week @ COS

Advent | Fourth Sunday



December 17 & 20, 2020

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am Worship (LS)
9:45 am Worship
11:00 am Worship

Monday, December 21

7:30 am Men's Bible Study (V)
6:45 pm Caroling Crew

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

2-7:00 pm Private Communion
Appointments

Thursday, December 24

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship (LS)
5:15 pm Christmas Eve Worship
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship (LS)

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Worship (LS)
9:45 am Worship
11:00 am Worship

(LS) - livestreamed
(V) - virtual, online

Hearing Assistance

The sanctuary is equipped with Williams Hearing Assist technology. Personal receivers are at the AV console in the rear of the sanctuary.

Offerings

Give+Online is a safe and popular way to automate your giving. Access via cosrock.org/donate or "COS Rock" app.

Kids Church

Kids Church is on hiatus.

Nursery

There is no nursery this weekend. Children's Bulletins are available at the Welcome Center.

Life Passages

Find information, church policies, application forms for baptism, marriage, funerals, membership at cosrock.org.

Hymn Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
 2 See how God, for us providing, Gave his
 3 Christ, from heav'n to us descending, And in
 4 Jacob's Star in all its splendor Beams with

Lord with gladness praising; Loudly sing his love a-
 Son and life abiding; He our weary steps is
 love our race befriending, In our need his help ex-
 com- fort sweet and tender, Forcing Satan to sur-

mazing, Wor- thy folk of Chris- ten- dom.
 guiding From earth's woe to heav'n- ly joy.
 tending, Saved us from the wi- ly foe.
 rendering, Break- ing all the pow'rs of hell.

5 Gracious Child, we pray you, hear us;
From your lowly manger cheer us.
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join th' angelic choir.

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Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Song Once in Royal David's City

Advent Wreath

First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:8-16

Second Lesson Romans 16:25-27

Holy Gospel Luke 1:26-38

8:30 & 9:45 am

James & Alyssa
Becker, Jeffrey
Putnam, Abby
McConnon

Pastoral Care

When in need of pastoral care, please call the church office 866-1881 or contact a pastor directly.

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Christmas Eve & Day In-Person Worship Reservations

Reservations are required at cosrock.churchreserve.com for attending the in-person worship services of Christmas Eve (4:00 pm, 5:15 pm, or 6:30 pm) and Christmas Day (10:00 am). The 25% of seating capacity limit (71) remains in effect for these services. As a result there are only a handful of seats left in the early and late Christmas Eve services. The middle one is full. Christmas Day has availability.

If the service you want to attend is already full, check availability in the other services or plan to watch the livestream. If you are having trouble with the reservation system or need to cancel a reservation, contact the church office.

COS COVID-19 protocols remain in effect for the Christmas services, just as they have been for all other in-person services.

Private Communion

Wednesdays, 2:00-7:00 pm

The weekly E-Bulletin and the congregation's website calendar have links to an online scheduling system so that you can make an appointment to receive the Sacrament outside the larger group gatherings of a typical COS worship service.

2020 Holiday Assistance Drive

Our annual holiday assistance drive seeks monetary donations in 2020 instead of food stuffs, toiletries, etc. During November and December gifts designated "Assistance" will be deposited into our assistance fund and disbursed to COS members in need and to North Kent Connect, serving the needs of people in northern Kent County.

2021 Offering Envelopes

Those enrolled in COS online giving can "opt out" of having a box of 2021 offering envelopes assigned to them. Email cosrock_staffminister@hotmail.com to inform Tom Marten of your decision. Those not opting out will be able to pick up their 2021 offering envelopes at church in late November or early December.

First Sunday after Christmas

There will be the usual three Sunday services on December 27. None will require reservations.

Thursday Worship

There will be no Thursday worship on December 31. This regular service of our usual weekly schedule resumes at 6:30 pm on January 7. The Thursday services offer the most social distancing due to the smaller attendances.



The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Eve

4:00 pm* | 5:15 pm* | 6:30 pm*

Is 9:2-7; Tt 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-20

The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Day

10:00 am*

Is 52:7-10; He 1:1-9; Jn 1:1-14

First Sunday after Christmas—December 27

8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am

Is 45:20-25; Co 3:12-17; Lk 2:25-40

Epiphany Sunday—January 3

8:30 am | 9:45 am | 11:00 am

Is 60:1-6; Ep 3:2-12; Mt 2:1-12

*reservations required at the Christmas Eve & Day services. Visit cosrock.churchreserve.com to reserve your seats. Check back frequently for seats to open up due to cancellations.

Hymn The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His
 2 "I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's de - cree: A
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head; "To
 4 Of her Im - man - u - el, the Christ, was born In

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All
 bless - ed vir - gin moth - er you shall be. Your
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said. "My
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And

hail," said he to meek and low - ly Mar - y, "Most
 Son shall be Im - man - u - el, by seers fore - told, Most
 soul shall praise and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly name." Most
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say, "Most

high - ly fa - vored maid - en." Glo - ri - a!
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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction

**M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.**
C: Amen.

Hymn I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes

1 I am so glad when Christ - mas comes, The
2 The lit - tle child of Beth - le - hem, He
3 He lives a - gain in heav - en's realm, The
4 I, too, shall sing my Sav - ior's praise, My

night of Je - sus' birth, When Beth - le - hem's star shone
was a king in - deed! For he came down from
Son of God to - day; And still he loves his
joy, my crown, my Lord; For he has made me

as the sun, And an - gels sang on earth.
heav'n a - bove To help a world in need.
lit - tle ones And hears them when they pray.
his own child By wa - ter and the Word.