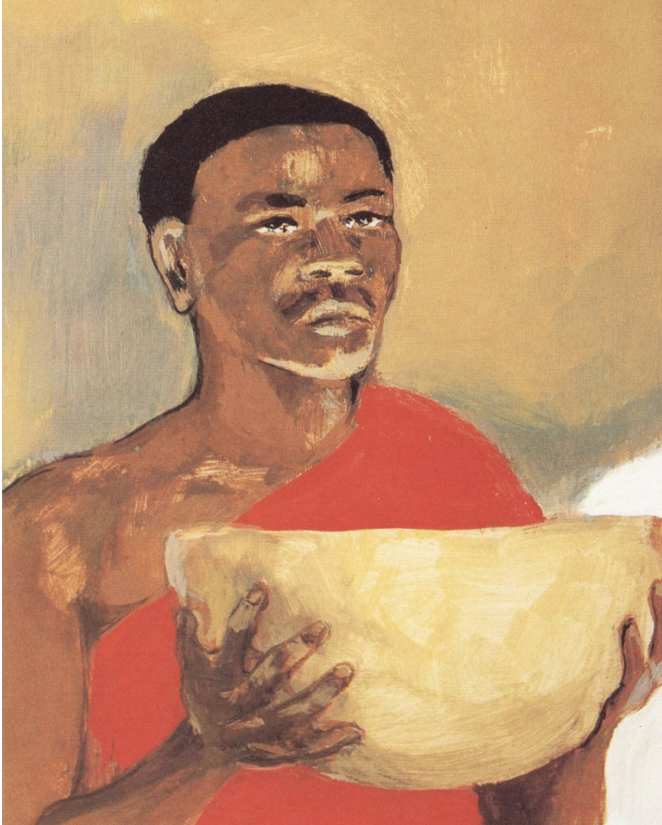


# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GENEVA

REIGN OF CHRIST



ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11H00

26 NOVEMBER 2023

# THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CONGREGATION OF THE ELCG WELCOMES YOU!

*We are followers of Jesus, seeking God's justice, peace, and grace in personal and common witness.*

*Our hope each Sunday is to go out of God's house with good courage into our diverse jobs and obligations—with family, civil society, government, business and education. We pray for the peace and well-being of all peoples. The Gospel calls us wherever we are to use our time and talents for others and for the common good.*

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*We are glad you are here—welcome!*

**Thank you** to those sharing in worship leadership this evening:

*Reader:* Nina Kiderlin

*Prayers:* Sivin Kit

*Altar care:* Aleida Auld

*Assisting ministers:* Martin Alilio, Eva de Chassey, Marc de Chassey,  
Maarten Wilbers

*Ushers:* Martin Alilio, Caetano de Chassey

*Offering counters:* Njoroge Njuguna, Tom Taylor

*Church school:* Marc de Chassey, May Chin Long, Nanah Naing'olah

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Last Sunday after Pentecost + 26 November 2023, 11h00

The Reign of Christ

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: *Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore*

Welcome

Prelude

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg

*'Finale', Op. 65 N°6, by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

Greeting

When we were injured,  
***the Good Shepherd bound up our wounds.***

When we were lost,  
***the Good Shepherd went searching to rescue the scattered.***

When we were weak,  
***the Good Shepherd gave us rest in good pasture, where we might gain strength.***

So we gather to worship the Shepherd,  
***who shows us what it means to be good,***  
who saves the flock, feeding them with love.  
***Because Jesus Christ is Lord, no other lords can claim us.***

Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Edward Perronet, altered by John Rippon 1787

Oliver Holden

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye  
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on  
 4. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we

an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al  
 ran - somed from the fall, hail him who saves you  
 this ter - res - trial ball to him all ma - jes -  
 at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring  
 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail  
 ty as - cribe and crown him Lord of all. To  
 last - ing song and crown him Lord of all. We'll

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
 him all ma - jes - ty as - cribe and crown him Lord of all.  
 join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

### Prayer of Confession

We confess, God over all, that we want control.

*We want to do what we want,  
to buy what we want, when we want,  
to live as we want, without interference.*

*We confess that our love has limits,  
not like yours, which is steadfast and full of mercy.*

*We are not always sure we want to give our lives to you,  
to love with all our heart, strength and mind.*

*We quickly become afraid, unsure, anxious.*

*The strong and wily are ever near.  
 Can we survive if we give rather than take,  
 if we put compassion ahead of force?  
 Forgive us.  
 Have mercy, even if we are less than merciful.  
 Feed us the bread without money or price,  
 even when we are caught up in counting costs.  
 Turn us, moment by moment, so we follow the Shepherd of Love,  
 Jesus Christ.  
 Turn us so our lives are given over to his gracious power, his  
 overwhelming compassion,  
 his light in the confusing darkness,  
 Turn us so Christ reigns in us and we become love.*

Kyrie eleison

Swee Hong Lim: Singapore

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Music © Swee Hong Lim

Words of Grace

Hymn of Praise **Glory be to you**

Ps 98 adapted by Samuel Liew: Singapore

Indonesian/Malaysian folk song adapted by Samuel Liew

Glo - ry be to you our Cre - a - tor and our God to  
 you the Ho - ly Spir - it and to Je - sus Christ, our Lord.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*



I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia **All people who live on the earth** **verse 5**

John L Bell: Iona Community, Scotland

Swee Hong Lim: Singapore

D/F# G A Em Em/G D/A A

5. A - men! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! Let praise to God be given.

D D/F# G A Em A D

A - men! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! Let earth pre - pare for heaven.

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The Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

Alleluia

**All people who live on the earth**

**verse 5**

Sermon

Andy Willis

Hymn

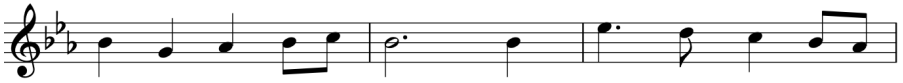
Holy God, holy and glorious

Susan R. Briehl

Robert Buckley Farlee



1. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous  
 2. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,  
 3. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,  
 4. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,  
 5. Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a -  
 pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in  
 beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re -  
 wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of  
 life that nev - er ends, you show your love by



mong us in - to hu - man time  
 weak - ness; emp - tied, you draw near,  
 - ject - ed; scorned, you hold us fast,  
 fol - ly; God the cru - ci - fied,  
 dy - ing, dy - ing for your friends,



and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
 and we be - hold your pow - er.  
 and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
 and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
 and we be - hold your liv - ing.

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Apostles Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy,  
*hear our prayer.*

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Gathering of Gifts

*Silence my soul*

Choir

*Words by Rabindranath Tagore, India  
Music by Francisco F. Feliciano, Philippines*

*Silence my soul, these trees are prayers  
I asked the Tree, Tell me about God  
Then it blossomed*

Offertory

**He came singing love**

Colin A. Gibson: Aoteroa/New Zealand

The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "1. He came sing - ing love and he lived sing - ing love; he died, sing - ing love. He a - rose in si - lence. For the love to go on we must make it our song; you and I be the sin - gers." The score includes a triplet of eighth notes on the word "sing" in the second line.

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2. *faith* replaces *love*.
3. *hope* replaces *love*.
4. *peace* replaces *love*.





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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Remembering

We are gathered at the royal banquet of King Jesus,  
where no one is turned away.

Here is the body of Christ, broken like bread for all who hunger.

Here is the blood of Christ, poured out like wine for all who thirst.

We proclaim the mystery of our faith.

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

### The Lord's Prayer

*In our many languages*

***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.***

***Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.***

***For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.***

Angus Dei

M. Karatem: Indonesia

A - nak-dom-ba Al - lah, Yang meng-ha-pus do - sa

du - ni - a. A - nak - dom - ba Al - lah,

1. 2. ka - sih - an - i ka - mi, ka - sih - an - i ka - mi.  
3. b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai, b'ri - lah ka - mi da - mai.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. 3rd time grant us peace.*

Songs during Communion

Far beyond our mind's grasp

Francisco F. Feliciano: Philippines Caturug Na Nonoy, Bicol folksong: Philippines

1. Hin - di ko ma - i - sip, kay la - king hi - wa - ga
1. Far be - yond our mind's grasp and our tongue's de - clar - ing,
2. None of us is worth - y to re - ceive your es - sence,
3. So our hearts are lift - ed to the realm a - bove us,
4. Soon you bid us scat - ter, share what we in - her - it

Kay la - king pag - li - ngap, pag - pa - pa ka - sa - kit,  
you are here in mys - tery, qui - et - ly and with - out fail:  
in this meal to - geth - er, yet, the gift is yours by choice,  
nour - ished and u - ni - ted by the pre - cious bread and wine.  
from this home of bless - ings where we taste your peace and grace.

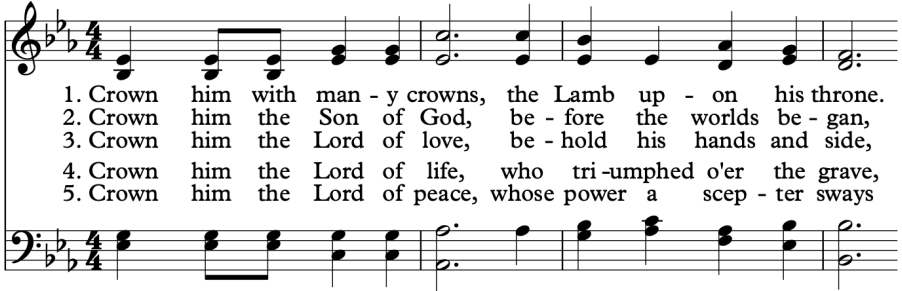
Sa - la na - ming ta - o nang i - yong a - ku - in  
lift - ed once on Cal - vary, sin and weak - ness bear - ing,  
death can nev - er snatch us from your ho - ly pres - ence,  
Here what sweet con - tent - ment know - ing that you love us!  
May our lives be al - tars glow - ing with your Spi - rit



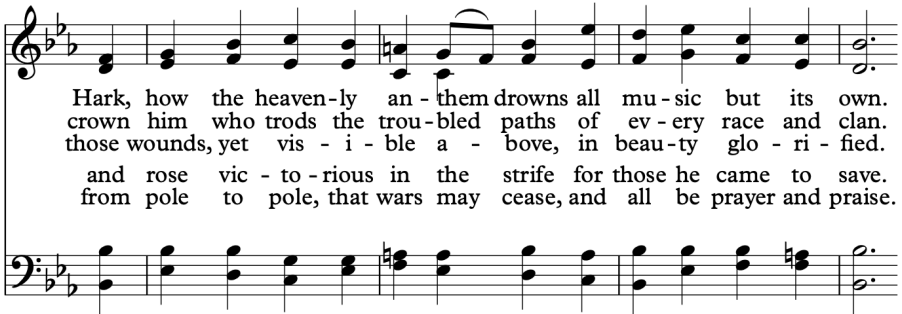
# Crown him with many crowns

Matthew Bridges, vs. 4 Godfrey Thring,

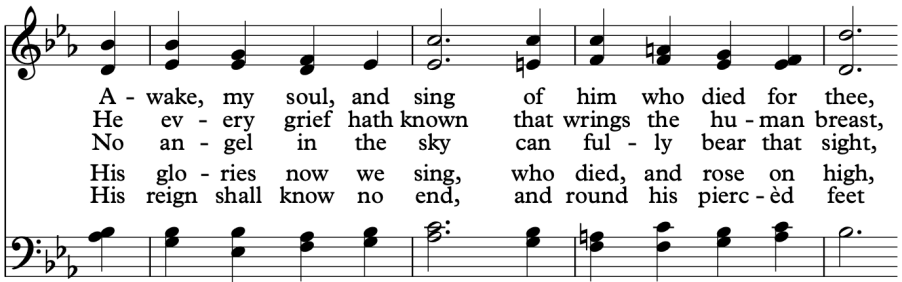
George J. Elvey



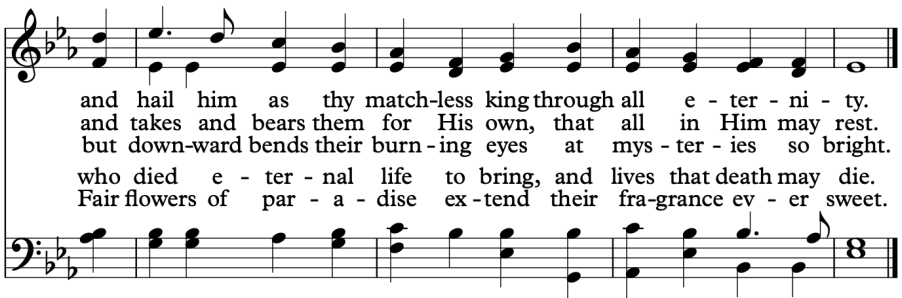
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
2. Crown him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,  
3. Crown him the Lord of love, be - hold his hands and side,  
4. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
5. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
crown him who treads the trou - bled paths of ev - ery race and clan.  
those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
He ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
and takes and bears them for His own, that all in Him may rest.  
but down - ward bends their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
Fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.



Sending Forth

Benediction

Announcements and Welcoming Visitors

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

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**Poem included in today's sermon:**

Of the Empire

by Mary Oliver

We will be known as a culture that feared death and adored power, that tried to vanquish insecurity for the few and cared little for the penury of the many. We will be known as a culture that taught and rewarded the amassing of things, that spoke little if at all about the quality of life for people (other people), for dogs, for rivers. All the world, in our eyes, they will say, was a commodity. And they will say that this structure was held together politically, which it was, and they will say also that our politics was no more than an apparatus to accommodate the feelings of the heart, and that the heart, in those days, was small, and hard, and full of meanness.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Congregational Assembly Today**

Our annual year-end assembly will take place in person following today's worship service. We have a simple but important agenda, including voting on a budget for 2024 and appointing a new nominating committee.

Members, please plan to attend—your voice is important, and we need at least 50 members for a quorum.

## **Next Sunday, 3 December – Worship at 17h30**

On the first Sunday of each month, our congregation holds its worship service at 17h30 instead of 11h00. So please remember that next Sunday, 3 December, worship will take place in the evening—we hope to see you there. Please note there will be no church school this Sunday.

## **Have You Made Your 2024 Giving Estimate?**

Over the past week, many members have made their estimates of giving for 2024. Have you made yours? If not, please fill out your giving forms as soon as possible. You'll find the forms here, on our website:

<https://genevalutheran.church/giving-season/>

*Please take this step of participating in our ministry in an intentional way this year—it's a great help to our community.*

## **Women's Circle Invitation**

Ladies! You're invited to come to our Church Women's Circle! We will gather in our church, which is our village, on one Saturday each month for coffee and croissants and to share in fellowship and fun. All women church members and regular attendees are welcome in the Circle. Gather with us around the table. Let us touch hands and minds and, together, lift each other up because ...it takes a village! We plan to meet on the following dates: **1 December, from 18h00, at Cynthia's home for carol singing and a potluck dinner.** Contact Marit Bauer-Moore (079 320 3046; [maritbmoore@hotmail.com](mailto:maritbmoore@hotmail.com)) or Cynthia Wilbers (079 409 8503; [cwilbers@gmail.com](mailto:cwilbers@gmail.com)) for more information.

## **Young Adults Group Invitation**

If you are between the ages of 18 to 30 years old (or slightly older), you're invited to join the young adults group! We will be meeting up at least once a month to share a time of fellowship together. Our next gathering will be a **Game Night on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** from 18h to 21h in the Gemeindraum. If you're interested in joining this time or joining future young adult activities,

you may contact Olivia Anderson at 076 449 31 37, so you may be added to the young adults' group chat and be updated in real time on the young adults' group gatherings and outings.

### **Looking for Housing**

Katharina Mainberger-Dellweg, our new music director, is looking for a reasonably-priced two-bedroom apartment for her and her family as of 1 January. If you know of any possibilities, please contact the church office or Katharina directly.

### **Serving Weekly Coffee Hour**

Our congregation holds a simple coffee hour after worship each Sunday. Preparation for coffee hour is by neighborhood groups:

3 December – Group A

10 December – Group B

17 December – Group C

24 December – Group D

*If you can help on a week when your group is assigned,  
please let your group's coordinator know.*

### **Advent Worship Schedule**

#### ***First Sunday of Advent, 3 December, 17h30***

Receiving an Advent candle for lighting other candles

#### ***Second Sunday of Advent, 10 December, 10h00 at the Madeleine Church***

Joint service with the German congregation, the Madeleine congregation, and students of the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey marking the 75th anniversary of the universal declaration of human rights.

#### ***Third Sunday of Advent, 17 December 11h00***

Including this year's Sunday School pageant

#### ***Fourth Sunday of Advent, 24 December 11h00***

A procession of Christmas carols around the Old Town, starting on the steps of the Cathedral and ending in our church

#### ***Christmas Eve, 24 December, 17h30***

Candlelight and carols

#### ***Christmas Day, 25 December 11h00***

Carols and communion

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**This Week's Schedule:**

<b>Thu, 30 Nov</b>	19h30	Choir practice
<b>Fri, 1 Dec</b>	18h00	Women's circle caroling and potluck
<b>Sun, 3 Dec</b>	17h30	Worship on the First Sunday of Advent

*Office hours: Tuesday 9h30-17h30, Thursday 9h30-17h30, Friday 9h30-13h30*

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