

ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that You would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at Your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make Your name known to Your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome deeds that we did not expect, You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides You, Who works for those who wait for Him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember You in Your ways. But You were angry, and we sinned; because You hid Yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on Your name, or attempts to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all Your people.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time	Event Name
Sunday, 29 November 2020	
All Day	Christmas Pageant Sign-Up
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Sunday Worship
1:00 PM to 1:50 PM	Co-Ed Bible Study
Monday, 30 November 2020	
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Monday Class
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up
Tuesday, 01 December 2020	
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Tuesday Class
6:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Spirit of the Tree Lighting
Wednesday, 02 December 2020	
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Board of Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM to 6:20 PM	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, 03 December 2020	
7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	Men's Bible Study
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Women's Bible Study
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Thursday Class
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Virtual Christmas Story Telling
Friday, 04 December 2020	
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Children's Advent Kit Pick-Up



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
First Sunday in Advent
 — ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

TODAY’S WORSHIP

All hymns today are sung by Chancel Choir member, William Ferguson. Today’s Piano Solo is played by Thomas Li. Today’s Organ Music is played by Eric Birk. Our preacher today is the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

Services are broadcast, recorded and archived each Sunday via LiveStream and are available on the Brick Church website at <https://www.brickchurch.org/worship/livestream/>. For more hymn recording from E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs,” visit our online audio companion to the book at www.brickchurch.org/a-legacy-of-sacred-songs.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
H. Peter Bedrick by his wife and family.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

THE GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE ANTHEMS

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
“Domine Deus, Agnus Dei” (*Gloria*)

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Agueda Fernández-Abad, *mezzo-soprano*

“Adam lay ybounden”

Thomas Brown (b. 1953)

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavené queen. Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias! — *15th century text*

PRELUDE

Paul Manz (1919-2009)
“Reflection on *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*”
Eric Birk, *organist*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & ADVENT PRAYER

Tai, Mimi, William and Garrett Hah

HYMN SOLO

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
William Ferguson, *tenor*
(*See music at the end of this bulletin*)

Stuttgart

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is never easy for us to confess our sins, Waiting God. There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends, which we would like to forget. There are those we believe are impossible to love, and so we don't try. There are people who live on the edge of our society, and we ignore their cries for help. Forgive us, God Who comes near to us. When we have lost our way, show us Yours. Lead us in humility down the streets of Your kingdom. Teach us Your truth, so we might be able to keep Your Word, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9
(*See scripture text at the end of this bulletin*)

Cathy Leonhard

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans
“Where Have I Seen God Tear Open the Heavens?”

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all. We believe in Jesus the Christ - God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn - Who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, He broke free the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish. We believe in the coming reign of God. For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

Olivia D. Cranshaw

PIANO SOLO

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
“Clair de lune” (*Suite bergamasque*)
Thomas Li, *pianist*

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray...

HYMN SOLO

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”
William Ferguson, *tenor*
(*See music at the end of this bulletin*)

Detroit

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)
“Toccata on *Veni Emmanuel*”
Eric Birk, *organist*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 1

STUTT GART 8.7.8.7

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 2

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 347

DETROIT CM

Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983

Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820
 Harm. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
 2. How can Your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart
 3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew:
 4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease.

But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.
 That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 What triv - ial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!
 Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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