This Week at CHRIST CHURCH

Sun	11/29	10:00am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Mon	11/30	7:30am	Longbeach Men's Breakfast (Longbeach Cafe)
		9:00am	Men's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
Tues	12/1	9:00am	Mission Partnerships (Choir Room)
		10:00am	Women's Weight Training (Narthex)
		10:30am	Special Session (Palm Room)
Wed	12/2	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (Palm Room)
		3:00pm	Worship Committee (Palm Room)
Fri	12/4	10:00am	Women's Stretching (Narthex)
Sun	12/6	10:00am	Worship & Communion (Sanctuary)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor
Robert S. Romanski, Director of Music
Chris Westfall, Organist
Nancy Prezbindowski, Office Manager
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Our Sanctuary is equipped with a T-Loop for the aid of hearing device users.
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November 29, 2026 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

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Please remember to **turn off your cell phone**.

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

Prelude *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* Arr. Robert W. Thygerson
Chris Westfall, Organist

The prelude is offered as an invitation to prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, Pastor

Lighting of the Advent Candle: HOPE Gary and Lucia Graham

Song (sung first by the choir, then again by everyone)

While we are waiting, come.
While we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

Litany

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.
We light this candle in HOPE,
the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

All: Prepare, then, the way of the Lord.

Lighting the first Advent Candle

***Hymn** #2 *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules. We rush about. We are captivated by technology and other consumer goods. We do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, and in the world. Forgive us, we pray. Awaken us to your surprising power and glory and peace. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is , and is to come. Amen.

(a time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

*** Congregational Response** #28 *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all To gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19 Burt Borgelt, Liturgist

Choral Anthem *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* Arr. Joel Raney

Second Scripture Reading Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon "When You Don't Know When" Dr. Piermont

***Hymn** #11 *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"*

Offering

Call for the Offering

Offertory *"What Is This Lovely Fragrance (Old French Carol)"* Paul Manz

***Doxology** #68 *"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"*

To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit Three in One,
May every tongue and nation raise
An endless song of thankful praise.

***Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Offerings**

Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" and "debtors")

*** Hymn** #9 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*** Benediction**

***Congregational Response** #9 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Postlude *"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts"* Camille Saint-Saens

The postlude is the final Alleluia of the worship service.
Please defer conversation to the fellowship hall.
Thank you kindly. We look forward to greeting you at fellowship time.