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Sunday, December 27, 2009
First Sunday after Christmas Day



+ At this sign please rise in body or spirit.

Bold type indicates words to be read aloud by the congregation.

Christ Covenant Metropolitan Community Church is a community of same-gender loving and LGBT people, our family and friends.

We are a progressive church, influenced by liberation, inclusive, feminist as well as traditional Christian theologies.

Our congregation is rich in diversity and shares respect and great value for every individual's spiritual journey.

Sunday Morning Worship 11 AM

Hymns, prayers, a weekly message combined with the singing of the choir & congregation make this a time for centering around God's presence, connection with one another & being inspired to move in the world as the embodiment of God's all inclusive love.

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

PRELUDE (A time of quiet reflection)

WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 148

One: Praise God from the heavens; Praise God from the heights;

Many: Praise God, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!

One: Men and women, old and young together;

Many: Let them praise the name of God, for God's glory is above earth and heaven!

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN#403 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

SACRED READINGS

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before God, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May God repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to God"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with God and with the people.

Clergy & Staff

Rev. Elder Glenna T. Shepherd
Senior Pastor

Rev. Kathy Burton
Resource Clergy

Rev. Dr. Sally Purvis
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Jane Acuff
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CHRIST COVENANT MCC WEEKLY NEWS & EVENTS, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

SUNDAY, December 27

9:30 - Sunday School
10:00 - Choir Practice
10:15 - Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 - Community Worship with Rev. Ruth Gabriel

SUNDAY, January 3

9:30 - Sunday School
10:00 - Choir Practice
10:15 - Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 - Community Worship with Rev. Jane Acuff

MONDAY, January 4

7:00 - Yoga Class (resumes) in Davis Hall

TUESDAY, January 5

7:00 - CCMCC Board Meeting

SUNDAY, January 10

9:30 - Sunday School
10:00 - Choir Practice
10:15 - Fellowship Breakfast
11:00 - Community Worship with our Senior Pastor, Rev. Elder Glenna Shepherd

MONDAY, January 11

7:00 - Yoga Class in Davis Hall

TUESDAY, January 12

7:00 - Centering Prayer (resumes)

Team Resource Leader

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Worship at CCMCC:

Our worship services reflect the variety of our backgrounds, drawing upon the music and sacramental life of Protestant and Catholic traditions and our lived experiences as LGBT people in the 21st century.

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Count-down:

13 days until
Rev. Elder
Glenna
Shepherd
begins as the
Senior
Pastor of
CCMCC.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ **RECESSIONAL HYMN #423** **Great Is Your Faithfulness**

+ **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

FRANK STEELE

*Please join us for community breakfast & fellowship
each Sunday morning at 10:15 AM in Davis Hall.*

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

SERMON Aspiring to Christian Character
Rev. Ruth Gabriel

CONFESSION/PARDON

One: We acknowledge our need to confess what we have done and what we have left undone.

(Silence)

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Create in us a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Attendance and Offering Update

We value open communication about the stewardship of our financial resources.

For week ending December 20, 2009

CCMCC Service Attendance: 52

Tithes & Offering Total: \$988.79

Thank you for the use of your resources; your generous giving is making a difference in the lives of people.

God's gifts from God's table are open to everyone.

Communion is offered at all Sunday services and special services. This table that we as LGBT people have often been excluded from is a sign to us of God's radical inclusion. Everyone is welcome to share the bread and cup of grape juice as a sign of God's love for us and our love for each other.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy one, we thank you for a world in which the light of Christ is present with us. We pray that it may warm hearts that have grown cold and illumine the paths of those who have lost the way. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and our minds, during this season and throughout the year.

Prayers of the People are read

A Time of Silence

TITHES & OFFERING

Offertory Hymn #277 Holy, Holy, Holy



CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

...And so we join our voices with the great cloud of witnesses to your love and sing...

Holy, Holy, Holy, my heart, my heart adores you, my heart knows how to say to you, Holy are you God.

Santo, Santo, Santo, mi corazon te adora, mi corazon te sabe decir, Santo Eres Dios.

STORY OF THE MEAL

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS



Rev. Jane Acuff is our Interim Worship Director, and **Rev. Kathy Burton** is our Resource Clergy.

They both are available for pastoral care and can be contacted through the church office or via email at : pastoral-care@christcovenantmcc.org

We are with you in Prayer. Our Prayer Altar is located just inside the Narthex entrance. You may write your prayers and praises there, and light a candle to illumine your prayers.

Our clergy team will include your written prayers in their weekly prayer meeting.

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Alleluia/You're My Savior/I Will Praise You

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior, You're my Savior!

+ I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you, I will praise you!

