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THE CHURCH AT LITCHFIELD PARK

A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

December 21, 2025 - 8:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome | Announcements

Prelude

Sleep Now, Jesus

Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

Advent Reading and Candle Lighting

Odumosu Family

Choral Call

Emmanuel

*Call to Worship

Liturgist

L: People of God, we gather on the final Sunday of Advent, waiting not for an idea, but for a Savior.

P: We come to receive the love God has promised.

L: The Lord Himself gives us a sign: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

P: God with us—God who draws near in love.

L: The angel said, "You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

P: We receive the love that saves and restores.

L: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

P: We lift our hearts to the One who comes for us.

L: Come, let us worship the God who loves us enough to dwell among us.

P: We come to worship, to trust, and to receive His love.

*Hymn

The First Noel

#265 vs 1, 2 & 6

Anthem

Happy Birthday, Jesus

Kelly Cate and Chancel Choir Women

CLP Kids Dismissed

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Sermon

Receive Love

Rev. Brenda Houlihan

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#245 vs. 1-4

Prayer of the Christian Community | Lord's Prayer

Liturgist

Gracious and loving God, from the beginning You have revealed Yourself as a God of love. You created us in Your image, gave us freedom, and desired relationship with Your people, and when we turned away You did not abandon us but, in love, pursued us, provided a way of mercy, and in the fullness of time sent Your Son to dwell among us. Lord Jesus, You are love incarnate, fully human and fully divine, who lived for us, died in our place, and redeemed us by Your grace. Holy Spirit, teach us to receive this love, to trust it, and to live as people shaped by it. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, turn us from distraction to devotion, from striving to gratitude, and from fear to hope. And now, as children of a loving Father, we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us to pray...

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

#271 vs. 1 & 2

Invitation to Give

*Doxology

*Benediction

*Blessing

Postlude

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

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Jeffries Family

***Song** Hark the Herald Angels Sing

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Kristofer McCoy

***Song** For unto Us a Child Is Born
Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV) (See 8:30am service)

Sermon Receive Love Rev. Brenda Houlihan

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***Song of Reflection** All Glory Be to Christ

***Song** Angels We Have Heard On High (Singing God's Praise)

***Benediction | Invitation to Give**

***New Doxology**

***The Blessing**

Postlude Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

The Church at Litchfield Park is a house of prayer for all people, called to be as inclusive as the love of God. Together, we grow in our faith, serve in Christ's love, and engage in God's mission

OUR PASTORS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Kristofer McCoy | Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Brenda Houlihan | Associate Pastor

Beverly Griggs | Choir Director

Kathy Drake | Organist & Pianist

Sue Kujawski | Bell Master

Diane Piehl | 8:30 am Lead Deacon

Fred Cochrane, Nancy Montgomery, Lee Miller | Ushers

Tim Holloway | 8:30 am Liturgist

Brenda Martin | 10:00 am Lead Deacon

Judy and Norm Simpson, Betty Martello | Ushers

GROW IN OUR FAITH

Nursery | Sundays (all services)

CLP Kids Church | Sundays (all services)

Rise Up, Youth!

Women@CLP | 1-2 Peter Bible Study begins in January 2026

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00 pm with the Worship Band

5:00 pm with the Chancel Choir and String Quartet

7:00 pm with the Bell Choir

Christmas Around the World - December 28

ONE SERVICE AT 8:30 AM ONLY

GIVE



THE MINISTERS OF THIS CHURCH ARE ITS MEMBERS.
ASSISTING THEM ARE THEIR PASTORS & STAFF

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