

Announcements



Welcome to Christ Chapel! We are glad you are here. We want to be a place where everyone is welcome, whether you grew up in the church or are just exploring Christianity. Use the visitor card in the pew or this QR code to let us know you're here!

We meet for worship at 10:30 AM with Fellowship Time after the service. RSVP for rides at christchapelithaca.org/rides.

Our nursery is located on the lower level for children under 4.

The Worship Team is having an Open Rehearsal today, Sunday, December 8 at 1 PM in the Sanctuary! Anyone interested in joining the worship team or simply wanting to sing and play along is warmly welcome.

Shoobox wrapping for the Finger Lakes Residential Center will be on Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9:30 AM. Every year, we prepare shoeboxes of gifts for the teen inmates of the Finger Lakes Residential Center. Donations of gifts and help with wrapping are both needed.

Parents' Afternoon Out: Need a kid-free afternoon to prep for the holidays? Drop off your kids (ages 6 months+) for games, crafts, VeggieTales, and more on Saturday, December 14, from 1–5 PM in the lower level of Christ Chapel. Hosted by vetted adults and senior high youth group members, donations are welcome as they raise funds to support the Bethel Grove youth group's mission trip to Ecuador in April 2025. RSVP to Jonica LeRoux at jonica4@juno.com.

Christmas Caroling! Plan to bring lunch if you need and stay after worship and fellowship time on Sunday 12/15. We will fill some cars, and take the cheer of the season!

Our Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candlelight is 7 PM on Tuesday, December 24.

Learn about Life Groups and find one near you at christchapelithaca.org/life-groups.

We have a Lost and Found bin located downstairs inside of the Coat Closet!

Learn about volunteering with snack teams, music, children's ministries and other ways to serve at christchapelithaca.org/ways-to-serve.

A weekly church wide prayer group meets every Tuesday at 7 PM in the Fireside Room to pray for the church, community, country, and Kingdom. All are encouraged to come.

If you would like to **give an offering to the Lord**, options include:

- Mail: PO Box 4585, Ithaca, NY 14852
- Online: christchapelithaca.org/give
- Text amount to 84321
- Your bank's Bill Pay feature
- In-person



Christ Chapel Sunday, December 8, 2024

Choral Introit — “Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake” — Farrant

First anthem sung at Christ Chapel, Level Green Road, December, 1984

Welcome

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death

And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

CCLI Song #7127647
Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood

Call to Worship (Psalm 67, ESV)

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

All: that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

All: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

#103 “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Congregational Life

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Offering

Children dismissed to Children's Church

Congregational Prayer

Anthem — “Go Out With Joy” — Beebe (Isaiah 55:12–13)

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Road, December, 1984*

Message — Psalm 43:1–5 “Beacon of Joy”

Series: “The Glory of the Christ” Rev. Steve Felker

“Remembering with Love and Hope” vv. 1–3

Remembering with love and hope,
We celebrate the feast.
Christ bids us come and dine with him,
our Host and great High Priest.

God's Word made known in flesh and blood,
a covenant of grace--
in manger, cross, and empty tomb,
we see God's loving face.

Through all our lives, Lord, you are near--
and to the end of time.
In bread and cup yourself you give;
our life in yours we find.

Service of the Lord's Supper

“Remembering with Love and Hope” vv. 4–5

We break the bread and bless the cup;
your Spirit is outpoured.
Made one in you, we feast in love
until you come, O Lord.

We trust this pledge of your strong love
and pray your kingdom come,
when face to face we'll feast with you
in our eternal home.

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Blessing

Extrait — “Thanks Be To Thee” — Handel

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