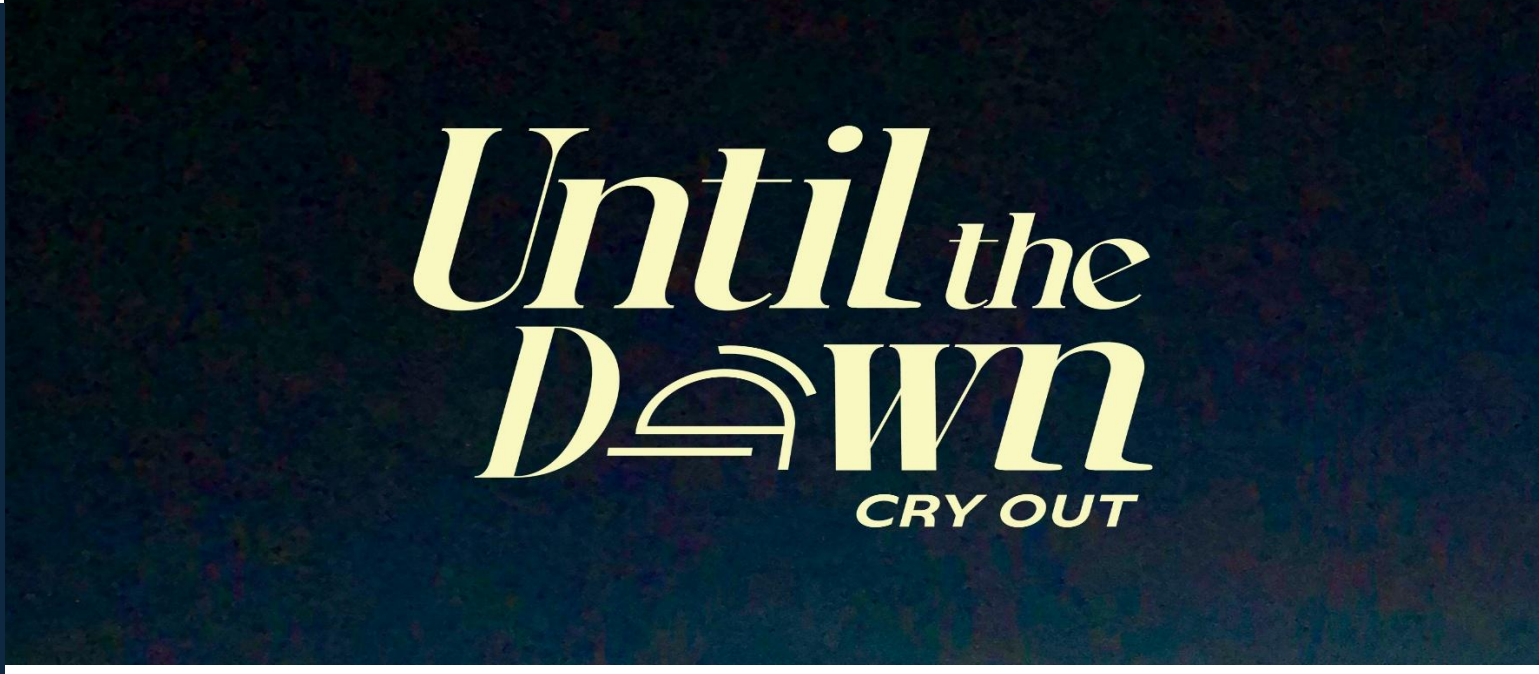
1st Sunday of Advent | November 29, 2026



PRELUDE *Until the Dawn* Sam Allen

WELCOME & PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev.Lauren Jewett

Please sign the sheet in the blue pad, pass it to another.
Place your signed sheet in the offering plate.
To offer a prayer, fill out a Prayer Card which will be collected during Prayer Time.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

*CALL TO WORSHIP Hazel Furber-Dobson

**All are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit.*

One: In God's house,
All: we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
One: In God's house,
All: we may come exactly as we are.
One In God's house,
All: we dare to hope. We dream new dreams. We cry out. We call upon God.
One: In God's house,
All: all are welcome and all are heard.
One: So come and worship.
All: God is here. God is listening.
One: Let us worship our with-us God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Hazel

One: Peace be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another and pass the peace of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vv1, 4-7)* #116

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
   that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Child of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

4. O come, O shoot of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny,
   From depths of hell your people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
   [Refrain]

5. O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide your heavenly home;
   Make safe the way to endless day, to hell's destruction close the way.
   [Refrain]

6. O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here;
   Love stir within the womb of night, and death's own shadows put to flight.
   [Refrain]

7. O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
   Make envy, strife, and quarrels cease;
   fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

TIME WITH CHILDREN Blessing of the Hats and Scarves Pastor Lauren

Afterward, children are invited to
meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary for Godly Play.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Excerpts from Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Excerpts from Isaiah 64

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 God.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

SERMON *Cry Out* Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* African-American Spiritual

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, (x3)
For the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain:
Children don't get weary, (x3)
Till your work is done.

Darker midnight lies before us, (x3)
For the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)

Lo, the morning soon is breaking, (x3)
For the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)

TIME OF PRAYER Pastor Lauren

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

All: Hear our prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Loving God, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME OF GIVING — Heidi Bridgeman

Invitation to Give

Offertory — *O God, Hear My Prayer* — Jacques Berthier

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offertory Prayer

For those of you who have already made a gift by check or automated giving, we are grateful. If you would like to make a gift today, please place it in the offering plate or give using the website, or scan the QR code using your mobile device.

WORK OF THE PEOPLE — Pastor Todd

*CLOSING HYMN — *Restore Us, God*

Restore us, God; we cry to you—we long to see your face
Stir up your might and set things right; come touch us with your grace
God, tear open the heavens and make your presence known
We need you here to calm our fear; come make the earth your throne

In times of struggle here below it feels like endless night
The storm clouds grow, the thunder rolls; we long for dawning light
But 'til we see the daybreak, and love reigns once again
What can we do but cry to you and kindle hope within?

We cry out as an act of faith that you hear every prayer
We pray for peace, that hate would cease, for freedom everywhere
O God you are the potter and we the potter's clay
Mold us to be your hands and feet until your dawning day

*BENEDICTION — Pastor Todd

POSTLUDE — *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* — arr. Mark Hayes
Sandra Lepley, piano

People of God, carry the light out with you as you depart in hope and love.

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*Rise in body, mind, or spirit.



Advent Series Begins Today

Just as surely as the sun rises, God's steadfast love and mercy are made new every morning. As we move toward the horizon, we will cry out, start somewhere, speak up, take courage, build up, and choose joy. These actions will help us resist despair and put our prayers in motion. Until the day when God's love reigns and all the earth echoes shalom, let us keep moving, singing, resisting, and rejoicing—trusting that God joins us in the work of Advent.

What's HAPPENING

Thanksgiving Offering

The Outreach Commission has designated our Thanksgiving offering to be shared between Shelter, Inc and Monument Crisis Centers. ***We will continue to receive this offering during worship today****, Please write "Thanksgiving Offering" on your check made out to DCC and place it in the offering basket. To make your offering online, use the QR code and select Thanksgiving offering.*

Anti-Racism Coffee Chat

Sunday, December 6 | 11:15am

There will be an Anti-Racism Coffee Chat in Kairos Hall. All are welcome to attend, including Lunch Bunchers who are welcome to leave our chat before noon. Barb DeBarger and Mary Kay McClure will facilitate. Looking forward to chatting with you!

Monthly Lunch Bunch

Sunday, December 6 | noon

Come join the lunch bunch at noon at the Peasant and the Pear in Danville, Please RSVP to Wilson Jackson at 925-819-0222, or email him at wrjachev@netzero.com.

Spirit of Giving Hope Solutions

The ***Spirit of Giving*** *is Hope Solutions' annual holiday gift program that brings joy and holiday cheer to families and individuals in our community who may not otherwise have the resources to celebrate the season with gifts.* ***Gifts will be due by December 6th*** *and our Outreach Team will provide more information during worship*

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays | 10:00am

Pastor Todd facilitates morning prayer on Wednesdays at 10:00am via Zoom and in the Sanctuary. Contact the office or see Wingspan *for the link.*

Men's Coffee and Donuts

Tuesdays | 9:00am

Join the men's group for coffee and discussion Tuesdays at 9:00am in Koinonia Hall.

Visions of Hope Peace Party

Saturday, December 19 | 3:00pm

Visions of Hope is sponsoring a holiday event called "Holiday Peace Party," at the Multicultural Center in Richmond. This event is a fun holiday party for the children in the Crescent Park neighborhood in Richmond. All of DCC is invited to attend!

Advent Flowers

The Worship Commission extends the opportunity for you to honor or commemorate the memory of someone by donating Advent flowers to fill our sanctuary. In addition, the Endowment Committee invites you to remember a loved by making a donation using the form in the Narthex or on Wingspan.

Save the DATES

Luncheon and Cookie Exchange:

December 13 | after worship



Use the QR code above to access all the information about these activities.

Preaching SCHEDULE

Next Sunday..... Pastor Todd
December 13 ..... Pastor Lauren
December 20 ..... Pastor Todd

*Rise in body, mind, or spirit.

Note to Worshippers

Please take note of the emergency exits around you and locate the nearest one to you. Be aware of others' personal space and space yourselves out in the sanctuary accordingly. Remember to invite consent before shaking hands and hugging. The left-hand section of pews as you enter the sanctuary has been designated for those who are free of scents and perfumes. We ask that your silence your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary. If you would like to use one of our listening-assistance devices, see the sound technician in the back of the sanctuary. Worship time is generally 70 minutes—75 on Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of each month.

First-Time Guests

Welcome to Danville Congregational Church! *We are glad you have joined us today*. We'd love to share with you what is happening at DCC. If you're willing, provide your contact information on the Guest Info cards available in the Narthex or on one of the sheets in the blue pew pads passed around early in the service. Our Welcome Commissioner, Joyce Klassen, and our pastors are glad to connect with you and share more about DCC. [Feel free to ask any of our members as well!] We look forward to connecting with you!

Land Acknowledgement

DCC acknowledges that the land this house of worship sits upon is the traditional, unceded land of the Ohlone and Bay Miwok people. We offer this land acknowledgment as a sign of respect, with the knowledge that this land was sacred before we ever arrived.

Open and Affirming Congregation

DCC is an Open and Affirming church, welcoming **all** of God's people—of diverse race, age, gender, sexual orientation, family status, economic condition, and physical, mental, and emotional ability.

Emerging Anti-Racist Church

Since 2020, DCC has been on a journey of healing and solidarity as we strive, as an expression of our faith, to undo systems of white supremacy within the Christian church and in the wider culture. We realize this work will never be finished but strive to become *Anti-Racist* as a community, in our worship, and our ministry together.

Families with Children

Godly Play (for children ages preschool through 5th grade) is offered immediately following Time With Children. All children are invited to participate in Godly Play. Our nursery is available for those who wish to access it.

Prayer Requests

The DCC Prayer Team prays daily for those in need of prayers. To submit a prayer request for yourself or someone else, contact a pastor or send an email to prayers@danvillechurch.org. Requests are kept confidential unless specified otherwise.

Pastoral Availability

Pastor Todd keeps regular office hours remotely on Monday and in the office Tuesday through Thursday. To meet with Pastor Todd, reach out to him directly via phone or text (510.710.1280) or at todd@danvillechurch.org.

Pastor Lauren keeps regular office hours Tuesdays and Wednesdays and remotely on Thursdays. You can reach Pastor Lauren by phone or text (510.684.9183) or at lauren@danvillechurch.org.

Ministers

The Entire Congregation

Church Staff

Senior Pastor ..... The Rev. Todd Atkins-Whitley
Minister of Youth &
Community Engagement ..... The Rev. Lauren Jewett
Music Director ..... John Kendall Bailey
Office & Communications
Manager ..... Anne-Marie Vanniasinkam

Church Leadership

Co-Moderators ..... Alene Riley & Heidi Bridgeman
Vice Moderator ..... Dianne Dorn
Financial Secretary ..... Doug Leich
Acting Treasurer ..... Steve Bridgeman
Clerk ..... Eileen Ackley
Building and Grounds ..... Tom Sonnemann
Children and Youth ..... Pastor Lauren
Community Life ..... Kyra Kennedy
Dayspring Preschool ..... Nancy Halseth
Journeys in Faith ..... Carrie Hrousis
Outreach ..... Doug Leich
Stewardship ..... Barb DeBarger
Welcome and Media ..... Joyce Klassen
Worship ..... Tahir Mahmood

Dayspring Preschool Staff

Director ..... Maria Arroyo
Administrative Assistant ..... Stacey Perez

Upcoming Gatherings

11/29 SUNDAY	8:30AM Choir Rehearsal 9:30AM Worship In-person and Online 10:45AM Fellowship (Koinonia Hall)
12/1 TUESDAY	9:00AM Men's Coffee and Donuts
12/2 WEDNESDAY	10:00AM Wednesday Morning Prayer 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal



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