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# Christmas Day

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# WELCOME



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*Auditoire de Calvin, December 25 2025*

*Christmas Day*

**We stand to sing. After the doxology, we remain standing for the prayer of dedication. After the final hymn, we remain standing for the benediction and threefold Amen.**

## **Prelude**

**Introit** *Behold, the great Creator makes himself a house of clay (CH4 308)*

## **Welcome**

## **Call to worship**

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will.**

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has light shined.

**God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**CH4 320** *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!*

## **Collect**

Eternal God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word.

**Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

## **The Christ candle**

God came into the world so that none would live in darkness.

**The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.**

The world is made new with hope, peace, love and joy. And things will never be the same.

**Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your transforming power.**

**CH4 284** *Hope is a candle, once lit by the prophets*

**Old Testament** *Isaiah* 9: 2, 4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined...  
For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian...  
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

**À la recherche du temps perdu**

**CH4 316** *Love came down at Christmas*

**Gospel Luke 2:1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.  
In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child

wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'*

**CH4 301** *Hark! the herald angels sing*

**Sermon** *Justice or mercy?*

**Offering**

*Praise God, the Source of life and birth;  
praise God, the Word, who came to earth;  
praise God the Spirit, holy flame:  
all glory, honour to God's name.*  
Ruth C Duck (b. 1947). CH4 809

**Prayer of dedication**

**Prayers for the world and its people**  
**The Lord's prayer**

**CH4 306** *O come all ye faithful*

**Benediction and Threefold Amen**

**Postlude**

*Worship leader* Rev Páraic Réamonn  
*Welcoming elder* Laurent Djamen  
*Usher* Arthur Griffith  
*Readers* Georgina Cofie, Páraic Réamonn  
*Piano* Oleg Pustynnikov

*Join us in the Salle Théodore de Bèze  
for an apéro after the service!*

**December 28:** First after Christmas  
Led by Rev Daniel Gnaegi

**January 4 2026** Communion Sunday.  
Led by Rev Scott McCarthy  
Collection in aid of *Partage*, the Geneva food bank: [partage.ch/en/](https://partage.ch/en/). Donations can also be brought to the Salle on other Sundays. You can find a list of suitable products on our website: [bit.ly/47Ln0sT](https://bit.ly/47Ln0sT).

**Friday 23 January, 19h, Scots Kirk, Lausanne**  
Service of linking of our Geneva and Lausanne congregations and introduction of Rev Dr Enikő

Ferenczy as our minister. If you need a lift, or  
can offer a lift, please let us know  
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