

WELCOME TO



BELL CREEK

Community Church



DECEMBER 21, 2025

COME ADORE THE KING OF KINGS!

HEBREWS 9:26–28

SERMON BY: PASTOR FRED WRIGHT

CURRENT SERMON SERIES: THE SHORT LETTERS

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HEBREWS 9:26–28

The King Who Was, Is, and Is to Come!

We Celebrate His Arrival as We Await His Return

FOR NEXT WEEK

Read 1 Peter 1:1-7, and Hebrews 6:17–20.

DAILY CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE READING

DECEMBER 21: HEBREWS 1-6
DECEMBER 22: HEBREWS 7-10
DECEMBER 23: HEBREWS 11-13
DECEMBER 24: 2 TIMOTHY
DECEMBER 25: 2 PETER & JUDE
DECEMBER 26: 1 JOHN
DECEMBER 27: 2 JOHN & 3 JOHN

UPCOMING AT THE CREEK

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Christmas Eve service begins at 5:30 PM. No childcare available. Please note: Prayer, Awana, and Youth Group will not meet this week or next, but will resume on January 7. Friday Prayer will also not meet until January 9.

ETHICS SEMINAR

Join Pastor Dylan in the Prayer Room at 11:00 AM for the Ethics Seminar.

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY CLASS

The New Testament Theology Class will not meet for the next two weeks, but will resume on January 11.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and invest for your future! Please see Meg Watkins or call 734-778-3272 to sign up. Class starts on January 10.

GAMES, GRUB & GATHERING

All are invited to an evening of Games Grub & Gathering! We will meet on January 3 from 6:00-9:00 PM. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, build relationships and have fun. Come on your own, bring a friend or your whole family and don't forget a dish to pass. Sign up after service in the gym or online. Text or call Dawnie (734-926-7794) or Audrey (248-444-6690) if you have any questions or need more information.

NIGHT TO SHINE

We are so excited to be an official host church, partnering with 242 -Livonia, for this year's "Night to Shine" sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation! The event will be Friday, February 13th from 6:00-9:00 PM at 242 Church on Five Mile. Night to Shine is an unforgettable worldwide celebration event, centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with special needs. On one night, hundreds of churches of different denominations from all over the world will come together to celebrate people with special needs! To find out how you can be a part of this worldwide movement, visit the information table located in the back of the gym or contact dylan@bellcreek.org.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYER MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:30 PM

FRIDAYS 12 NOON

PRE-TEEN & MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP

2ND SERVICE

AWANA

WEDNESDAYS 6:30 - 7:45 PM

SEPTEMBER-MAY

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 11:00 AM

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AND EVENTS AT BELLCREEK.ORG**

OUR MISSION

MATTHEW 22:37–40

He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets depend on these two commandments.”

MATTHEW 28:19–20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember that I am with you always to the end of the age.

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Sunday Sermon 12.21.2025

Christmas Service 2025

Sermon Title: Come Adore the King of Kings!

Scripture Reading:

“But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:26–28, ESV)

This passage of Scripture from the book of Hebrews tells us that Christ appeared once. That’s why we celebrate Christmas! But the Scriptures are clear that His first appearance was not the end of the story: He will appear again.

This morning, I want us to hear the certainty and wonder of His first and second coming!”

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6, ESV)

Christ and Prophecy

The first time Christ appeared, He fulfilled centuries of prophecies which predicted His arrival:

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6, ESV)

When Christ appears again, is also predicted, but we do not know the day or the hour.

““But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.” (Matthew 24:36, ESV)

The first time Christ appeared, He came in great humility.

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”” (Luke 2:11–12, ESV)

When Christ appears again, He will appear in great glory to be marveled at and worshipped.

“He comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.”

(2 Thessalonians 1:10, ESV)

The first time Christ appeared, He came to bear the sins of His people on the cross, thus sacrificing Himself for them.

“But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” (Hebrews 9:26, ESV)

When Christ appears again, He comes not to die, but to bring the fulfillment of salvation to His people!

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:27–28, ESV)

The first time Christ appeared, He was rejected.

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” (Isaiah 53:3, ESV)

When Christ appears again, all people will acknowledge that He is the Lord, even those who reject Him (to their sorrow).

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:9–11, ESV)

The first time Christ appeared, He lived among us in this world of sorrows and experienced those sorrows Himself.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15, ESV)

When Christ appears again, He will remove all sickness, sorrow, disease, and death.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:4, ESV)

A Note for those who are suffering today:

If Jesus entered our suffering in His first coming and promises to present you with great joy in His presence at His return, can you entrust this present pain to the God who is able to keep you—even now?

The same Savior who was born into weakness, sorrow, and tears is the God who will one day present you blameless before His glory with great joy. Your suffering is not unseen, not wasted, and not permanent. He has suffered greatly, and He has compassion on your suffering. Pour out your heart to Him. He is able to keep you through it, and He will not leave you until your trial is over and your joy is complete.

The first time Christ appeared, He lived among us in a fallen world filled with our pollution and where even the nature itself experiences brokenness and disorder.

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.” (Romans 8:22, ESV)

When Christ appears again, He will renew all things, including the heavens and the earth and once again, all things will be beautiful and good.

“And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”” (Revelation 21:5, ESV)

The first time Christ appeared, even though He was the King of Kings, He willingly lived among us under sinful, oppressive governments and rulers in order to fulfill His mission of salvation.

“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”” (John 18:36, ESV)

When Christ appears again, He will reign over all the nations of the earth and there will be no government other than His Kingdom.

“Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”” (Revelation 11:15, ESV)

Application:

If you are hearing this and thinking, “I have never said, ‘Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God, the only Savior, please forgive me for my sins. Save me, and come into my life. I welcome you into my heart as my Savior, and my Lord!’” If you’ve never said that, this would be a wonderful day to say it to Him! Jesus came the first time in gentle humility, not to judge or condemn us, but to bear our sins and give His life to save us! He will come again to judge all people. Are you ready to stand before Him? If you don’t know Him and His forgiveness, you can’t stand before Him when He returns! But if you trust in Him now, He will present you blameless with great joy before God on His return, and welcome you into His kingdom forever.

For those of us who trust in Jesus, I have a question, “If Christ came in humility to save us and will come again in glory to present us blameless with great joy, how should that shape the way we love God, love one another, pray, give, hope, and endure this season and all the seasons that remain while we wait for the return of our blessed King?”

BENEDICTION: “Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24–25, ESV)

Come Adore the King of Kings!

1. What did you think of this year's Christmas sermon?

2. The sermon repeatedly contrasts Christ's first and second appearance. According to scripture, what were the purposes of Christ's first coming? What will be the purpose of His return?

3. Hebrews tells us that Jesus will not come again to deal with sin, because that work is already complete. How does this truth give both confidence for believers and urgency for those who have not yet trusted Him?

4. Jesus entered our sorrow and promises future joy. How does knowing this help you trust Him in your present trials? What pain or burden do you need to entrust to Him right now?

5. Christ came in humility to save us and will return in glory to reign forever. How does this truth shape the way you love God, love others, pray, give, hope, and endure as you wait for His return?

Christmas is about remembering that Christ has come. It is also a reminder to repent and be living in joyful readiness because, He *is* coming again!

Merry Christmas!

