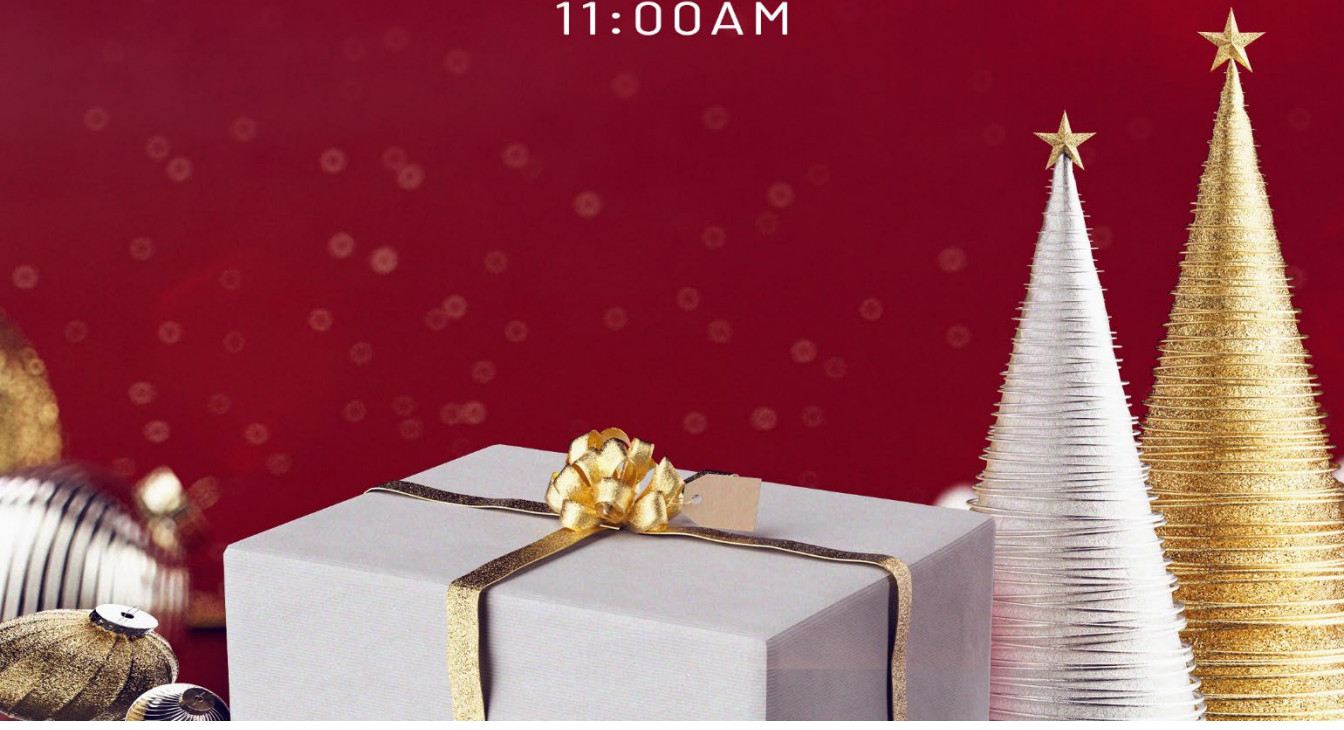


First Sunday of Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022
11:00AM



WE GATHER

CHIMING THE HOUR

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

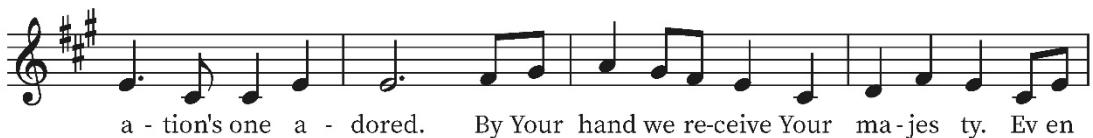
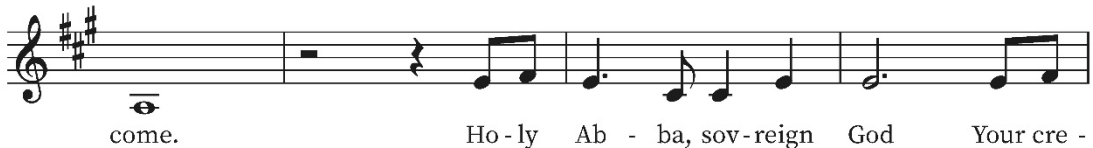
One: . . . Today we light the Candle of Hope, praying that as we prepare for Christmas, Christ's Mass, we will look outward in love, and look forward in hope.

Many: **Risen Christ, Light of the World, shine in our lives and shine among us now, that we may live in hope.**

CENTERING SONG

Even So Christ Jesus Come

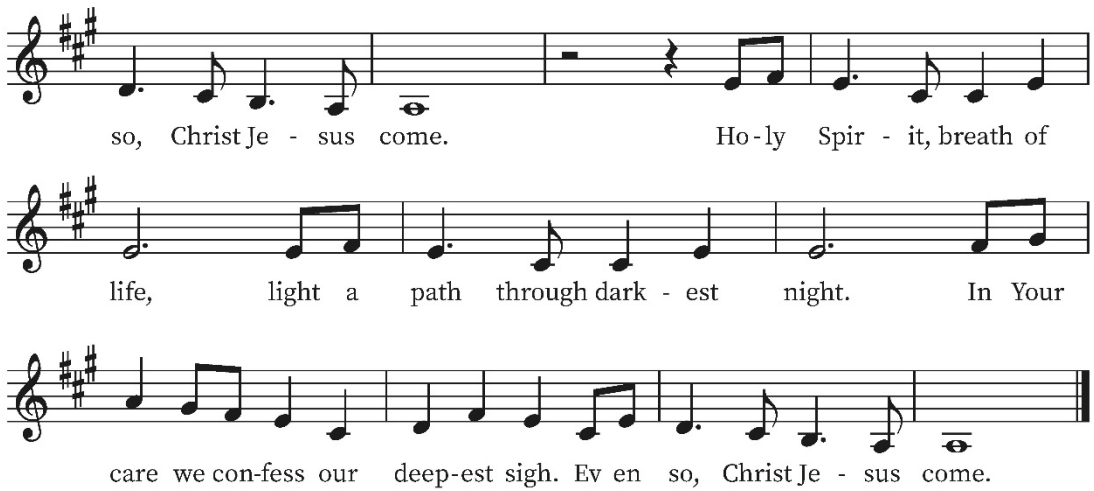
Words and Music by Steve Bell Arr Ilchysbyn/Schwartz



The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent season. It is traditionally made up of evergreen branches or boughs placed in a circle topped with three purple or blue candles and a pink candle with a white candle in the center.

One candle is lit each Sunday of Advent, until the four colored candles are burning brightly. On Christmas Eve the center white candle is lit.

Today we light the first candle – the Hope candle, as a symbol of the prophets who renew our hope and remind us of what can be.



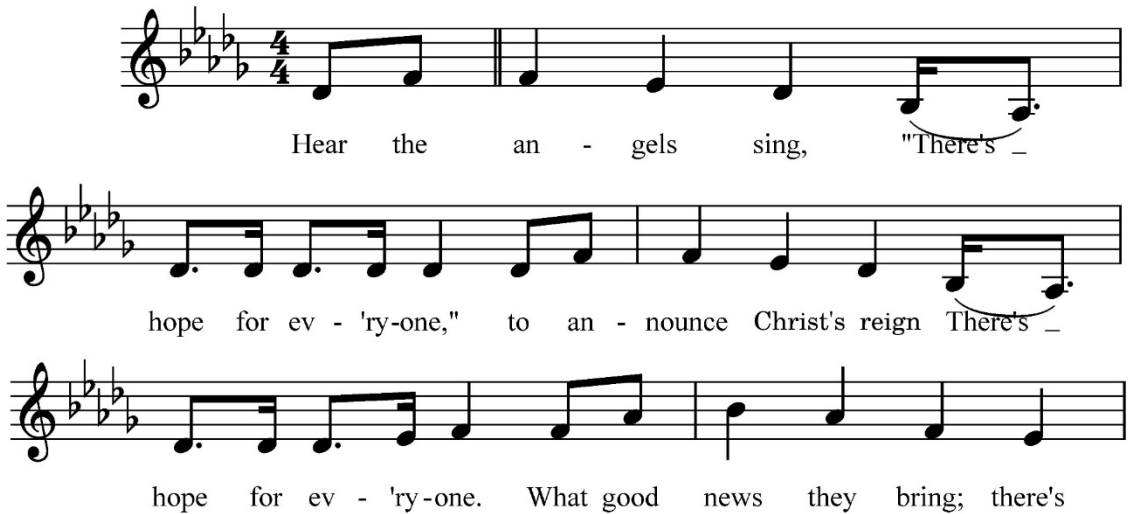
so, Christ Je - sus come. Ho - ly Spir - it, breath of
 life, light a path through dark - est night. In Your
 care we con-fess our deep-est sigh. Ev en so, Christ Je - sus come.

✦ INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

Hope for Everyone

Words and Music by Jason Ingram | Matt Maber



Hear the an - gels sing, "There's
 hope for ev - 'ry-one," to an - nounce Christ's reign There's
 hope for ev - 'ry-one. What good news they bring; there's



hope for ev - 'ry-one. An - gels sing, "There's hope for ev - 'ry -



- one." They came from a - far; there's -



hope for ev - 'ry-one. Ma - gi saw the star; there's -



hope for ev - 'ry-one. Shep - herds heard the choir, "There's



hope for ev - 'ry-one," from a - far. There's hope for ev - 'ry -



- one. We are wait - ing on the prom - ise,



for the one who lights the dark - ness.



Bend - ing low to be a - mong us,

bring Your glo - ry in the high - est,

Je - sus. Come let us a - dore; there's -
(Com - ing) on the clouds there's -

hope for ev - 'ry-one. In the man - ger low there's -
hope for ev - 'ry-one. Hear the trum - pets sound; there's -

hope for ev - 'ry-one. What are you wait - ing for? There's
hope for ev - 'ry-one. All of Heav - en shouts, "There's

hope for ev - 'ry-one. Come a - dore, there's hope for ev - 'ry -
hope for ev - 'ry-one." On the clouds there's hope for ev - 'ry -

- one. We are wait - ing on the prom - ise,

for the one who lights the dark - ness.

Bend - ing low to be a - mong us,



bring Your glo - ry in the high - est,



Je - sus. 4. Com - ing Je - sus. We are



Je - sus. All of Heav - en shouts, "There's



hope for ev - 'ry-one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry -



- one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry -



- one." Heav - en shouts, "There's hope for ev - 'ry -



- one."

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WELCOME

WE PRAY

SONG OF PRAYER

Kyrie Eleison

Words and Music by Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Matt Maher and Jason Ingram



Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy. Hear our cry and
heal ___ our _land. Let kind-ness lead us to re - pent-ance,
bring us back a - gain. For Your name
___ is great and Your heart is grace; ___ Ky - ri - e E - lei _ son! O - ver - all
___ You reign, You a - lone _ can save; ___ Ky - ri - e E - lei _ son!
Lord, _ have mer _ cy; Christ, _ have mer _ cy on _ us now.

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CONFESSION

Invitation

Confession

All: Dear and Holy God, sometimes it is hard for us to take your promises seriously. With variants still stalking us, how can we think of traveling and being in crowds? With bullies being given unlimited access on social media, why shouldn't we respond with anger? With our hopes

turned to ashes as guns are fired in our safe places, how can we become beacons of light for those in the shadows?

Forgive us, O God, of this holy season. Have mercy on us. In the days to come, may we discover the hope that has always been ours. May we be filled with the presence of your Spirit. Bring to us your hope now, just as you did in Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Trust and believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE LISTEN

SONG OF PREPARATION

Shine On Us

Words and Music by Deborah D. Smith | Michael W. Smith

Lord, let the light, light of Your hope shine on us.

Lord, let the light, light of Your hope shine on us. That

all may be saved, that all may have life; To find our

way in the dark-est night, let Your light shine on us.

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GOSPEL

✦ Matthew 1:1-6

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson

Hope-Filled Presence

WE RESPOND

The Lord's Prayer

Words and Music by Jason Silver



Our God in hea - ven - Ho - ly be - Your name -
Your kin-dom come, - Your will - be done - on earth as it is in hea
- ven. - Give us this day - our
dai - ly bread - and Lord, - for-give our sins - as we - for-give

those who sin a - gainst us.
 And lead us not in - - to temp-ta - tion but
 de - liv - er us from e - vil for Yours - is - the kin -
 dom and the pow - wer and the glor -
 ry for - ev - er. A - men.

HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving for Advent

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also, with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Eternal God, . . . With your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

We serve communion by intinction – at the ushers' guidance, you are invited to come forward where you will be served a piece of bread. You are invited to then dip the bread in the cup, which contains grape juice, and receive the two elements together. Gluten-free bread is also available in the small cup to the right.

Holy Holy Holy Lord

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes

The musical score is written in a single system with seven staves of music. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes repeat signs, first and second endings, and a double bar line at the end of the final staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, _
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
filled with Your glo - ry. _____ ry.
Ho - san - na, ho -
-san - na, in the
high - est.
Ho - est. _____

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One: . . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Mystery

Words and Music by Charlie Hall

Sweet Je - sus Christ, our san - i - tv:
Sweet Je - sus Christ, our clar - i - ty.
Bread of heav - en, bro - ken_ for us;
Cup of Sal - va - tion,
held_ out_ to drink. Je -
-sus, mys - ter - y. Christ has
died_ and, Christ is ri - sen,
Christ will come a -
-gain.

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One: Let us pray . . .

. . . we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

Many: In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen

Invitation

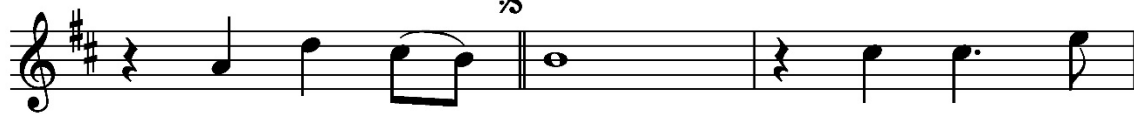
Receiving

Song of Receiving

Emmanuel

Words and Music by Michael Card | Tom Fettke

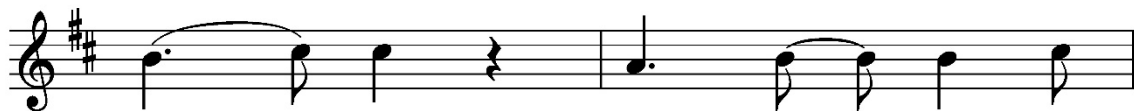
A sign shall be giv - en, a
wo - man will _ con - ceive a hu - man ba - by
bear - ing un - di - min - ished De - i - ty. The
glo - ry of the na - tions, a light for all to _
see; And hope for all who
will _ em - brace _ His warm re - al - i - ty.



Em - man - u - el, our God is



with ___ us. And _ if God is ____



with _____ us, who could _ stand a -



-gainst ___ us? Our _ God is with

2nd time to Coda



us, Em - man - u - el. For



all those who _ live in the shad - ow _ of



death, a glo - ri - ous light has _



dawned. For all those who _

stum - ble in the dark - ness, be -

-hold, Your _ light _ has _

come! Em - man - u -

D.S. al Coda ⊕ Coda

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WE DEPART

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

✦ BLESSING

We are the newchurch – the *Chiesa Nuova* – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus.

SONG OF DEPARTING

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Words and Music by Charles Wesley | Christian Friedrich Witt

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes or bar lines.

Come, O long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus,
born to set all peo - ple free; From our
fears ___ and sins ___ re - lease ___ us, grant us your true
lib ___ er ty. Is - rael's strength ___ and con - so -
-la - tion, hope to all ___ the earth ___ im - part; ___
Dear ___ de - sire ___ of ev - ry na ___ tion,
en - ter ev - ry long - ing heart.

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✦ SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you

Many: **And, also with you.**

One: La paz de Cristo sea contigo

Many: **Y tambien contigo**

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ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

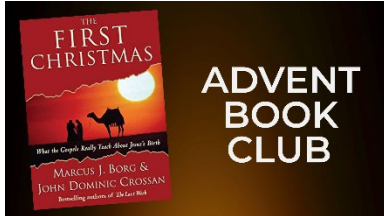
Today marks the beginning of the Christian church year. It also marks the beginning of the journey to Christmas.

This year at New Church we would like to ask each member of our congregation to consider making a promise to yourself and each other to be present for **each** worship service during this special season. This is simply one of the most beautiful seasons of the church year and is a great time to invite your friends and family. What better time to return to church than at the beginning, in the season when we wait for the coming of the Christ Child?

See the full Advent Worship Schedule at: www.thenewchurch.com/advent



ADVENT BOOK CLUB – Sundays at 12:15pm or Wednesdays at 6:33pm



We will be offering two opportunities each week to participate in this year's Advent Book Study. On Sundays at 12:15 we will meet in person in the Fellowship Hall and share a meal while we discuss the book. On Wednesdays at 6:33pm we will meet via Zoom to allow people who live out of town or those who can't be present on Sunday a chance to take

part. More info is available at: www.thenewchurch.com/advent-book-study

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP – December 24 at 6:33pm

You, your family, family of choice, and friends are invited to join us for a special Christmas Eve Worship Service on Friday evening, December 24 at 6:33pm.

Our service will include the singing of your favorite Christmas hymns, a special Children's Message, a sermon by Rev. Dr. Jo Hudson and the sharing of Holy Communion.



Come and celebrate where it all begins, in a manger. Come and share in the worship of a God who comes to us, shares our lives by becoming one of us. Come and worship this Christmas the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

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MARGARITAS & MISTELTOE – December 24 at 8pm



Immediately following our Christmas Eve candlelight worship service **everyone** is invited to the Hudsons' for a tamale dinner and holiday cheer. We hope you and your family or family of choice will plan to celebrate Christmas with us!

CHRISTMAS DAY – ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY

This year Christmas day falls on a Sunday. We will still worship together that morning, but we will gather online only (not onsite). Join us on Facebook for a more interactive experience where you can chat with others or watch through our website.



Since we won't be together onsite on Christmas morning, we hope you'll make it a priority to join us for worship onsite on Christmas Eve and then for dinner at the Hudsons' immediately following worship.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – NEW YEAR...NEW YOU...NEW CHURCH!!!

ONSITE AND ONLINE WORSHIP



What better way to start the New Year than with your New Church Family?! You are invited to worship with us as we celebrate the New Year, sharing in a special Children's Message, joining in a Covenant Prayer that calls us to live faithfully in our following of Jesus, participating in Holy Communion. We'll also have black-eyed peas for a little

luck for the New Year.

After all, most people will spend the early days of January committing to beginning new diets, starting new exercise programs, spending less, being more generous, slowing down, taking more time for family and friends, and generally being a better person. So, why not make being in church on a regular basis, every other Sunday, three times a month, or even every Sunday, part of your New Year plan? If you're looking to be transformed into a New You in this New Year, New Church is the place to be.

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newchurch OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) STATEMENT

We are the **newchurch** – the Chiesa Nuova, United Church of Christ – who gather and are gathered as an intentional, Christian community seeking to follow in the Way of Jesus. We are a community of faith witnessing to God's love and grace for persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance and theological perspective. As agents of reconciliation and wholeness, we pledge to stand against all forms of discrimination and to embrace all who are disenfranchised from church and community. Together in our diversity and empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8)

Did You Know...

Chiesa (/ˈkjɛzə/) Nuova (/ˈnwo.vo/) is "New Church" in Italian. We include the Italian translation in our name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, whom we claim as the Patron Saint of **newchurch**.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 11/27
11:00am
12:15pm | First Sunday of Advent
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Advent Book Club & Lunch |
| 11/28
6:33pm | Thresholds: A Class on Prayer
Onsite & Online |
| 11/30
6:33pm | Advent Book Club and Bible Study
Zoom |
| 12/4
11:00am
12:15pm | Second Sunday of Advent
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Advent Book Club & Lunch |
| 12/5
6:33pm | Thresholds: A Class on Prayer
Onsite & Online |
| 12/7
6:33pm | Advent Book Club and Bible Study
Zoom |
| 12/11
11:00am
12:15pm | Third Sunday of Advent
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Advent Book Club & Lunch |
| 12/12
6:33pm | Thresholds: A Class on Prayer
Onsite & Online |
| 12/14
6:33pm | Advent Book Club and Bible Study
Zoom |
| 12/18
11:00am
12:15pm | Fourth Sunday of Advent
ON SITE & ONLINE WORSHIP
Advent Book Club & Lunch |