



CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday. Every Day.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The First Sunday of Advent

• November 27, 2022 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel •

The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's unwavering love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or old. Lean left or right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to worship, grow, love, learn, create, praise, connect, serve and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



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*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra! We are delighted to have you worship with us.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 122: 1-3, 6-9)

Celebrant I was glad when they said to me, *
People "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Celebrant Now our feet are standing *
All within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."
Celebrant I was glad when they said to me, *
People "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Welcome Words

Advent Wreath Lighting (The Candle of Hope)

Celebrant The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

People **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.**

Celebrant We join with sisters and brothers around the world, lighting candles to mark our steps in this Advent journey.

People **Today, we light the Candle of Hope.**

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

Celebrant Even though the world seems dark and cold, we know that the light of Christ is coming. The face of our Lord will shine, and we shall be saved!

People **Together, we proclaim to the world that, in Christ, we have hope.**

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

24:36-44

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Let us pray for the concerns of our community, our families, our friends, and all who have requested our prayers.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those around the world who are far from our sight but not from the love of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who are away from home, especially those serving our country on active military duty,

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the Church. We especially pray for John, our diocesan bishop, Charlie, our coadjutor elected bishop, and for all the clergy in our church family, and for all people of faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our nation and for leaders around the world. We especially pray for Joe our President and Ron our Governor.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who have died and all who grieve.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Finally, let us give thanks for all that is lovely, true, and gracious in our world and in our lives.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

May God still our minds, calm our hearts, breathe fresh life into us, and make us instruments of peace.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

To make an offering online visit christepiscopalchurch.org/give.

Thank you for your support.

Please stand for the Presentation.

The Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 129, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Let us pray

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

First Sunday of Advent

Advent season is here and along with the beginning of the new church year, we're celebrating some new beginnings of our own at Christ Church. Join us in the courtyard from 8:30 - 12:30 to make an Advent wreath for your home. We'll have special treats and take-aways to help launch our new church year as we prepare our hearts for the miracle of Christmas.

Living Water

Our 2023 annual campaign celebration continues. If you have sent in a pledge card - thank you - every gift gets us closer to our goal of \$3.5 million. You are welcome to bring your pledge card and put it in the plate or if you prefer, pledging is available on our website. Your financial commitment helps us as we discern and guide the directions of our ministries in the new year.

Christmas Flowers and Greenery

Donations for Christmas Flowers are often given in memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate to the flower fund for the 2022 Christmas season, go to our website, bring your donation form to the office, or contact Terri Brice (Pastoral Care Coordinator) by email at tbrice@ccpvb.org or by phone at 904-285-7390 x 228. The deadline for donations is **Monday, December 12.**

Sunday Breakfast

8:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Dining Room

Enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast, with something for everyone. \$5 per person, \$20 family max.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for children ages four months to five years old, with advance registration. Details at christepiscopalchurch.org. Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at JDeRycker@ccpvb.org with any questions.

Formation for children and youth and the Community Circle for Parents will not meet today.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Formation + Arts Building

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Clergy Forum

Room F 106 or on Zoom

Join our clergy in person or online. This Sunday we will focus on the outreach our church is involved in internationally. We will be joined by representatives of our mission partners in Haiti, Africa, and Cuba. ZOOM LINK at ccpvb.org.

COMMUNITY CIRCLES

These small groups provide space for connection and growing in faith. If you are interested in leading or facilitating a circle, or for more information contact Deacon Leila, leila@ccpvb.org.

Intro to the Hebrew Bible

Room F124

Learn about what's really in the Old Testament, you may be surprised! Leader: Scott Burch.

Traditional Bible Study

Room F204

Join leader Gabe Bove as we explore the New Testament and how it relates to you, based on study guide from Zach Windahl.

THIS WEEK

Living, Loving Learning

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Room F 106 or on ZOOM

Formation + Arts Building

All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and learning God's Word together. We'll begin our fall study with the Gospel of Matthew. Email Patti for the zoom link: pattiarey@gmail.com.

Contact Patti 904-472-9388 or Margaret Henderson 305-322-9811 for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Dining Room or on Zoom

Westbury Hall

We are studying the book of Acts. Join us in the dining room or on Zoom, link at ccpvb.org.

Homework and Hangs

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Youth House

6-12th Grade students are invited to bring their homework, and come hang out at the Youth House before Low Tide starts!

Low Tide

for middle school students

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Youth House

Middle school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun!

Holy Eucharist NEW TIME

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

The Cooper Chapel

A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service.

Children and Youth Choir Practice

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Room F124, Formation + Arts Building

Children age 4 - 8th grade are invited to join one of our kids' choirs. For more information, contact Stephanie Bennie, sbennie@ccpvb.org or Wendy Waller, Wendy.Waller@comcast.net.

Women's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.,

Choir Room, Formation + Arts Building

Interested singers please contact Dr. Rachel Root: rroot@ccpvb.org.

Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesdays 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Choir Room, Formation + Arts Building

Interested singers please contact Dr. Rachel Root: rroot@ccpvb.org.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Choir Room, Formation + Arts Building

Adults and high school students are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir in the 11:15 a.m. traditional service each Sunday. Contact Dr. Rachel Root for more information: rroot@ccpvb.org.

High Tide

for high school students

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Youth House

High school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun!

Christ Church Book Club

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Room F 204 or on Zoom

Contact group leader Mark Barrett, mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com for more information.

Women in the Word

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Conference Room, Westbury Hall

God of Creation - A Study of Genesis 1-11, a ten session study written by Jen Wilkin. For more information contact Mary Ann Reynolds, mahrey51@aol.com, Kay Verble, ksvpvb@gmail.com, or Jane Wallace, wilsonsidekick@gmail.com.

Blessings in a Backpack

Thursdays 8:30 a.m.

Dining Room

Join the team packaging food items to be distributed to local children at the end of the school week. Contact Deacon Leila for information leila@ccpvb.org.

Community of Hope International

Thursdays 6:00 p.m.

Room F 224, Formation + Arts Building

12 week training session in progress. Contact Deacon Leila Quinlan for information, leila@ccpvb.org.

Lighthouse Youth and Parent Communities

Thursday, December 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The Youth House

and F+A Building, Room 124

These two nonreligious gatherings are open to LGBTQIA+ middle and high school students and their families in Jacksonville and the Beaches area, including people of all faiths and no faith. For more information or to RSVP for the first time, please, contact Catherine Montgomery at cmontgomery@ccpvb.org.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Dining Room + Zoom

Westbury Hall

Men of all ages are welcome to study and share fellowship over a freshly prepared breakfast.

Community Circle for Moms

Fridays, 8:45 a.m.

(Nursery opens at 8:30 a.m.)

Room F 224 Formation + Arts building

This small group for moms meets Friday mornings for friendship, conversation, and fun activities. Our gathering will run until 9:45 a.m., and all are welcome to stay until 10:45 a.m. for continued fellowship. Newcomers and friends always welcome. Complimentary childcare for age 4 months - 5 years old is available by reservation - email jderycker@ccpvb.org by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday to reserve childcare.

Advent Quiet Day

Sat Dec 3, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Cooper Chapel

Advent Poetry - The Incarnate Savior

Join us as we reflect on Advent themed poetry from Mary Oliver, Malcolm Guite, Madeleine L'Engle, David Whyte and others. Enjoy time for quiet reflection, journaling and shared discussion. Facilitator: Deacon Leila Quinlan

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Dinner and Fellowship

(First Sunday of Every Month)

Sunday, December 4, 6:00 p.m.,

Parish Center Dining Room

Join us for dinner and fellowship after the 5:00 p.m. service.

Christmas Pageant

This year's Christmas Pageant will take place during the 2:00 pm traditional service on Christmas Eve. A sign-up for children will be available soon. Please contact Catherine Montgomery with questions.

Youth Mission Week Information

Summer 2023

Information and Registration for our Summer 2023 Mission Week is now available on cecyouth.org. We have a ton of fun trips planned and would love to have your child join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Brooks Slater and Dana Van Ostrand.

A Visit from St. Nicholas

Holy Eucharist and Toy Drive

Wednesday, December 7

5:30 p.m.

Our annual St. Nicholas Service and Toy Drive will take place in the main sanctuary, with gingerbread cookies and cocoa in the courtyard afterward. Our very own St. Nicholas will tell us his story during a service of Holy Eucharist, helping us to prepare our hearts for Christmas. New and like-new toy donations will be collected for our local outreach partner agencies. Donations may also be dropped off in the church office beginning Sunday, November 27. Nursery care will be available during this service for children age four months - two years, by reservation only (email Jennifer DeRycker at jderycker@ccpvb.org).

Hanging the Greenery

Saturday, Dec 10, 12:30 p.m.

Christ Church, Courtyard

Help us hang some holiday greenery as we get into the spirit of Christmas!

Christ Church Nutcracker

Presented by Miss Felicia's Dance

Saturday, December 10

6:00 p.m., UNF Lazzara Theatre

Don't miss this holiday magic! A wonderful local show, with talented performers and gorgeous costumes. Proceeds benefit children's charities. One show only. Tickets are available at missfeliciasdance.com.

The Littlest Angel Choir

Sunday, Dec 18

10:30 a.m. Church courtyard

Our Children and Youth Choir, Voices of Praise will present a short holiday musical, "The Littlest Angel Choir." Please plan on stopping by as they share the good news of Christ's birth.

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Space

A service of remembrance, comfort and prayer, for those who are grieving.

High School Winter Retreat

February 17-20, 2023

Montreat Retreat Center

All high schoolers are invited to attend our 2023 Winter Retreat. Space for this trip will fill up quickly, families are encouraged to sign up if they are interested.

Registration is available at cecyouth.org and will close on December 30, 2022.

NOW HIRING

Nursery Staff

We have openings for paid staff to provide nursery care on Sundays and/or Fridays, age 16 or older. Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at JDeRycker@ccpvb.org for details and requirements.

Share the Love

Invite a friend or neighbor to Sunday Breakfast with your church family!



New or visiting?

We'd love to get to know you. Let's keep in touch! Drop us a note so we can follow up.

Reach Out

Need help? **Let us know** what's happening in your life. We are here for you.

Come Serve with Us

Let us know if you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!

Pass The Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. THANK YOU for your faithful giving to the work of the church.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP 2022

We invite you to gather in joy to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

We have planned a Christmas celebration full of joy and wonder, with something for everyone.

Blue Christmas

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Space
A Service of remembrance and comfort for
grieving, prayers, and healing.

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

2:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist with Children's Pageant
and Children's Choir

2:00 p.m. Christ Church Among the Oaks
Informal Christmas Eucharist

3:00 p.m. Vicars Landing
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist

4:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist.

* 4:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Space
Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight
service with the Jordan band.

6:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve Candlelight
Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Space
Misa en Español. Spanish language Eucharist.

* 8:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve
Candlelight Holy Eucharist

10:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary
Traditional Rite II Christmas Eve with incense and
chanting of the Eucharistic Prayer.

*Note: Those with sensitivities or respiratory
issues may wish to consider attending a
different service.*

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary
Christmas Morning Eucharist with hymns.

Nursery Care will be available on Christmas Eve for the 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. services only.

*These services will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

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STAY CONNECTED

Follow Christ Church on **Social Media** to stay connected throughout the week.

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SERMON NOTES

CALENDAR NOTES

Worship Services

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cobblestone Atrium	Jordan Service
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary	Contemplative Service
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Vestry

Jack Parker, Sr. Warden		John Strom, Treasurer		
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Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard, Bishop

Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector

The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar

The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Associate Rector

The Rev. Amy Slater, Associate Rector

The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain

The Rev. Sandy Tull, Vicar

Deacons

The Rev. Marsha Holmes

The Rev. Jo Hoskins

The Rev. Leila Quinlan

The Rev. Priscilla Wodehouse

Adjunct Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Joan Bryan

The Rev. Bob Morris

The Rev. Burt Shepherd

The Rev. Rich Roos

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