



# *Just Imagine*



## **HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

• November 19, 2023 • 11:15 a.m. • Church •

## Blue Christmas

Acknowledging Darkness in the Season of Light

By Maggie FitzRoy

Christmas can be a joyful season, celebrating the birth of Jesus with merriment and light. But for those who have recently lost a loved one, the holiday will often not feel happy and joyous. Alone in their grief, it may instead feel like a time of darkness.

“At Christ Church there are many who have lost loved ones, and that changes everything for people. It can change your traditions for the holiday and who gathers,” says Deacon Leila Quinlan.

To help people acknowledge the difficulties this time of year can present, the church will hold a Blue Christmas service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20 in the Contemporary Worship Space.

Blue Christmas services have been held in many Christian churches of various denominations since around 1990, as a way for people to grieve together and support each other.

At Christ Church, Blue Christmas will be held on one of the darkest nights of the year and will give attendees an opportunity to light candles to honor their loved ones. Held in lieu of the regular Wednesday night service, “it will be simple, with meaningful music, and it will be beautiful,” Deacon Leila says.

“It won’t be your typical Christmas service.” It will have its own kind of joy, she says, “Allowing people to be with each other in community, praying to a God that we know is present with us even in our most difficult moments.”

It will also offer hope, helping worshippers shift to a more hopeful feeling during the season of light. “We will celebrate the light of Christ, which dispels our darkness,” Deacon Leila says.

The worship space will be dark at first, reflecting how people are feeling. “Then, as we light candles for loved ones, the room will grow brighter,” she says. “We will pray for Christ to bring us out of darkness, into the light.”

*Welcome to Christ Church, Ponte Vedra Beach! 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!*

**Today we invite you to pray for Graham Anderson Prince's Baptism  
at the 9:00 am Service.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

*Reverie*  
Danny Rios, *Oboe*

Debussy

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 544** *Jesus Shall Reign*

Vs. 1-3

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his Name.

### **Welcome Words**

**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.**

## Song of Praise

S 236, *The Hymnal*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## The Collect

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **First Reading**

*Lector*            A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

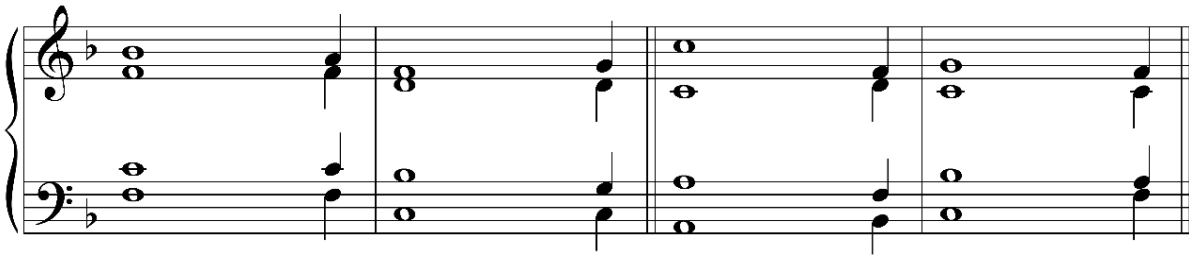
The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated.*

Please join the Choir in singing the Psalm. Note that each measure of music goes with each line of text. The bolded words are where the chords change.

## Psalm 90:1-8



- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to **another**.
- <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born,  
from age to age you are **God**.
- <sup>3</sup> You turn us back to the dust and say,  
“Go back, O child of **earth**.”
- <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the **night**.
- <sup>5</sup> You sweep us away like a dream;  
we fade away suddenly like the **grass**.
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and **withered**.
- <sup>7</sup> For we consume away in your displeasure;  
we are afraid because of your wrathful **indignation**.
- <sup>8</sup> Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.

## Second Reading

*Lector*                      A reading from Paul’s first Letter to the Thessalonians                      5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Song Hymn 551**    *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

Vs. 1 & 2

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,  
give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:  
Lord, bring the day of truth and love  
And end the night of wrong.

## **The Gospel**

*Gospeler*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew    25:14-30

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Response Hymn 551**            *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

V. 3

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;  
And quickened by the Spirit's power,  
Rise up, ye saints of God!

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**                            *The Reverend Amy Slater*



*Please stand.*

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows** Page 292, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*You may kneel.*

**The Prayers of the People, Form IV** Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The 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 [ccpvb.org/give](http://ccpvb.org/give).*

*Thank you for your support.*

**Offertory Anthem** *For Me to Live Is Christ* Matt Herbster and Josh Sparkman  
Chancel Choir

In life or death, I'll not despair; my hope in Him, I'll boldly share.  
To live is Christ; to die is gain. I seek to magnify His name.

*Refrain:* For me to live is Christ. Pursuing Him, my highest prize,  
For me to live is Christ.

He came to earth in servant form to bear the cross, the shame, the scorn.  
This mind of Christ, I'll make my own, to serve with humble heart alone.

*Refrain*

To know my Lord surpasses all; to press t'ward Him, my single goal,  
To know His vict'ry o'er the grave, to know His mighty pow'r to save!  
So, joy in Christ and never cease, and run to Him; He brings true peace.  
Content in Him in ev'ry state, in all be strengthened by His grace!

*Refrain*

*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 125, *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*

## Lamb of God

1st time Choir, 2nd time ALL Sing

Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our  
sins have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world, give us your peace.

*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.*

**Communion Music**

*Psalm 23*

Z. Randall Stroope

Women's Ensemble, Linda Muldoon, *Flute*, Danny Rios, *Oboe*

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Lauda! (Praise!)  
Through death's dark valleys, no fear will I know. Lauda! (Praise!)  
My head is cover'd with the finest oil, my cup runneth over and over.

*Refrain:*           Lauda! (Praise!)  
                          Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow!

Green pastures, still waters, the Lord provides! Lauda! (Praise!)  
My soul restores. (Lauda!) Praise!  
My heart renews. (Lauda!) Praise!

The Lord prepares me a table. Lauda! (Praise!)  
No fear have I from my foes.  
The Lord anoints me, guards me, loves me.

The Lord provides me with a rod and staff, Lauda! (Praise!)  
They comfort and guide me, Lauda! (Praise!) *Refrain*

And, in the house of the Lord, I will dwell forever,  
I'll dwell forever.  
And, in the house of the Lord, (Lauda!) Praise!  
I will dwell forever, I'll dwell forever. Lauda! (Praise!)

**Hymn 574**   *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
Give us a conscience quick to feel,  
A ready mind to understand  
The meaning of thy chastening hand;  
Whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
Bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

Search out our hearts and make us true;  
Help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
From sins which make the heart grow cold,  
Wean us and train us with thy rod;  
Teach us to know our faults, O God.

For sins of heedless word and deed,  
For pride ambitious to succeed,  
For crafty trade and subtle snare  
To catch the simple unaware,  
For lives bereft of purpose high,  
Forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.

Let the fierce fires which burn and try,  
Our inmost spirits purify:  
Consume the ill; purge out the shame;  
O God, be with us in the flame;  
A new-born people may we rise,  
More pure, more true, more nobly wise.

**PSB 107**      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

*Refrain:*            Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
                          Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

## **Sending the Eucharistic Visitors**

*When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.*

*Celebrant*        In the name of Christ Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**People**        **We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*You may kneel.*

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

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn 537**        *Christ, for the World We Sing*

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;  
The poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
Sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;  
The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,  
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring with one accord;  
With us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
With us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring with joyful song;  
The new-born souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

**Dismissal**

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

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

*Organ Voluntary*



# Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church serves the parish and our community throughout the week in addition to our Sunday services. These are a few of the upcoming and ongoing events you are invited and encouraged to check out, come and see what's happening on our Ponte Vedra campus and throughout the world.

**Sunday Service Schedule and bulletins are available at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship Grow Love

Thank you to all who have made your pledge to the Worship Grow Love 2024 annual giving campaign. As of Tuesday, November 14 we have received 283 Pledges for a total of \$1,838,869. Your vital support of the mission and ministries of Christ Church is much appreciated. Your pledges make it possible to plan for the coming year and all the transformational work that we will undertake together in Christ's name here at home, in the community, and the world. If you have not yet made your pledge, please take a moment to do so this week. Pledge forms are available at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org), in the church or the office. Please contact Development Director Mike Shepherd at [mshpherd@ccpvb.org](mailto:mshpherd@ccpvb.org) with any questions.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

### 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 2023 Christmas season, go to our website, bring your donation form to the office, or contact Liz McCarthy (Pastoral Care Coordinator) by email at [lmccarthy@ccpvb.org](mailto:lmccarthy@ccpvb.org) or by phone at 904-285-7390 x 235. **The deadline is Monday, Dec. 11.**

### Alternative Giving Fair

Westbury Hall Dining Room

Sunday, Nov 19, 8:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Stop and shop with our outreach partners, for holiday gifts that make a difference in the lives of others.

### Bakery Book Exchange

8:45-11:30 am, Christ Church Courtyard

Grab your books, and exchange them for a treat in support of local literacy programs around Jacksonville. Want to learn more? Reach out to Charlotte Peverley at [bakerybookexchange@gmail.com](mailto:bakerybookexchange@gmail.com).

### Sunday Breakfast

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

Dining Room

Enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast, with something for everyone. \$7 per person, \$28 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 [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org). Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at [JDeRycker@ccpvb.org](mailto:JDeRycker@ccpvb.org) with any questions.



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## Children's Formation Classes

Sundays 10:15 - 11:00

Second Floor of F+A Building

For age 3 through 5th grade. Check-in begins at 10:00 in the second-floor lobby of the Formation + Arts Building. There are three Godly Play classes for age 3-4 (room 221), age 5 - Kindergarten (room 220), and grades 1-2 (room 202). Grades 3-5 meet in room 224 for Feasting on the Word. New families are asked to complete a one-time registration at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org). For more information, contact Amy Schmitt at [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org).

## The Youth Forum

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Youth House

Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Youth Staff and Volunteers for a discussion of the day's scripture and how it applies to the lives of young people. Donuts are provided!

## Newcomers Coffee and Conversation

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Westbury Dining Room

Are you a visitor or newcomer at Christ Church? We're glad you're here. Join Deacon Leila and others in the Dining room from 10:15 to 11:00am for breakfast and a casual opportunity to ask questions and get to know each other. Look for the table with a sign that says "Welcome Guests" on it and grab a meal ticket - it's our treat! For more information about the Newcomer program, contact Deacon Leila at [Leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:Leila@ccpvb.org).

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Formation + Arts Building

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

### Lectionary Discussion

Room F106

Join our clergy in a lively discussion on the readings for the day and much more.

## 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 the Rev. Laura Mann Magevney at [Lmagevney@ccpvb.org](mailto:Lmagevney@ccpvb.org)

### Parents Circle

Room F209

Parents are invited to enjoy a time of mutual fellowship and encouragement in Christian parenting while the children are in their Formation class.

### Bible Study Circle

Room F204

Join leader Gabe Bove as we explore the Bible, how it relates to our everyday life and enjoy rich discussion and fellowship. New members are welcome.

### New Testament Circle

Room F124 Join leader Scott Burch for this deep dive into the New Testament. New participants are always welcome!



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## THIS WEEK

### **Cursillo Men Fourth Day**

Mondays 5 p.m., Room F 202

This group is open to all men who attended a Cursillo Weekend. For those interested in attending or grouping at other days and times advise us at [cursilloccpvb@gmail.com](mailto:cursilloccpvb@gmail.com).

### **Living, Loving, Learning**

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Room F 106 or on Zoom

Women of the Bible: God's Story, Their Story, My Story. For more information, contact Patti Arey [pattiarey@gmail.com](mailto:pattiarey@gmail.com)

### **Breathing Underwater**

#### **Recovery Book Study**

by Richard Rohr

Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 p.m. Room 224

An in-depth spiritual study of Recovery from addiction with regards to The Gospels. A 12 week study led by Deacon Priscilla. All are welcome, Al-Anon, AA or those interested in the 12 Step way of life. For more information contact Deacon Priscilla, [pdwodehouse@icloud.com](mailto:pdwodehouse@icloud.com)

### **Wednesday Clergy-led Bible Study –**

#### **Open to all**

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Westbury Hall Dining Room or on Zoom

Led by The Rev. Amy Slater and the Rev. Eric Kahl.

A study of the Gospel of John – Becoming J shaped People.

### **Contemplative Community Circle -**

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Room F 224

*No meeting on Nov 22*

We're discussing the book "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. For more information email Leila at [Leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:Leila@ccpvb.org). Or contact Mary Anne Young at [mayoung32082@gmail.com](mailto:mayoung32082@gmail.com).

### **Homework and Hangs**

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

*Homework and Hangs will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break. We will see you next week!*

### **Low Tide**

for middle school students

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

*Low Tide will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break. We will see you next week!*

### **Christ Church Book Club**

*We will not meet this week so that all may attend Thanksgiving Eve service. Contact group leader Mark Barrett, [mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com](mailto:mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com) for more information on the book club.*

### **Women in the Word Bible Study**

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Westbury Hall 2nd floor conference room

*We will not meet this week so that all may attend Thanksgiving Eve service.*

### **High Tide**

for high school students

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

*High Tide will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break. We will see you next week!*



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# Sunday. Every Day.

## Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, Nov 22

7:00 p.m. Christ Church Main Sanctuary

Share your gratitude in this quiet family friendly service of Holy Eucharist, and prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving. During the service, Individuals and households are invited to come forward and share with the clergy their reasons to be thankful to God.

## November 23 - 24 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office and Campus Closed

### MOMs Community Circle

Fridays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Room 224

*We will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break.* Contact Amy Schmitt at [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org) for more information.

### Praise and Play Pals

Fridays, 10:00-10:45 a.m., Room 224

*We will not meet this week due to Thanksgiving break.* Contact Amy Schmitt at [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org) for more information

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Advent Wreath Making

In the Courtyard, November 26

All are invited to create an Advent wreath for your home. A fun, multi-generational activity.

### Vestry Meeting

Nov 28, 5:15 p.m. Room F 204

Monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry, open to all. For more information contact Vestry Jr. Warden Brian Mickley, [brianmickley@comcast.net](mailto:brianmickley@comcast.net).

### First Fridays in Nature

December 1

Tree Hill Nature Center

## Advent Quiet Day

December 2, 9:30 a.m. 12 p.m.

The Cooper Chapel

A morning of song, silence, poetry and reflection to help us prepare for a meaningful advent season. The world around us is yelling "Get busy, get it all done, be on task"! As followers of Christ however, we are invited to do the opposite - to get quieter, to ponder the miracle of Jesus' birth and what might be newly birthed in us. Come join us as we gently open the door to this advent season.

## Community of Hope Lunch and Learn

December 3

This luncheon is an opportunity to learn about the COHI (Community of Hope) course. The extensive training is all about developing listening skills and practicing a way of life that's built around prayer, work/service and rest. RSVP to Leila Quinlan at [Leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:Leila@ccpvb.org)

## Race Cards: Holiday Edition

Tuesday, Dec 5, 7:00-8:30 pm

Talking with family and friends about race can be challenging. The good news is practice helps. "Race Cards" sponsored by Facing Racism offers opportunity to engage in dialogue around questions like, "At what age do you think children become aware of race?" The evening is free; however, registration is a must. Register at: [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org).

## St Nicholas Service

December 6 – 5:30 p.m.

Our annual St. Nicholas Service + Toy Drive will take place in the main sanctuary, with 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.



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Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be collected for our local outreach partner agencies. Donations may also be dropped off in the church office beginning Sunday, November 26.

## Lighthouse Youth and Parent Communities

December 7, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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, to RSVP for the first time, or to inquire about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Catherine Montgomery at [thelighthouseflorida@gmail.com](mailto:thelighthouseflorida@gmail.com).

## Christ Church Nutcracker

December 9, 6 p.m., UNF Lazzara Theater

Tickets are available at [missfeliciasdance.com](http://missfeliciasdance.com), for \$40 in the orchestra and mezzanine area and \$35 in the balcony. Proceeds support charity.

## Blue Christmas

December 20

Blue Christmas is the time when we can, with others, acknowledge any sad feelings we may have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. We invite you to reflect on your feeling and we pray that you will find hope and comfort in knowing that you are not alone.

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Dec 24, 2:00 p.m.

On Christmas Eve the 2 pm service will include a dramatic presentation of the Christmas Gospel by our three-year-olds through fifth graders. If you would like your child to participate, please email [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org).

If you would like to help with the tableau or have any questions, please let Amy know. Practice will take place during Sunday Formation on Dec. 3, 10 and 17. On Saturday, Dec. 23 we will have a dress rehearsal.

## The Knights Templar + The Crusades

January 4, 11, 18, 25

(Facilitated by Stewart Angell)

## Walking the Mourner's Path

January 18, 8-week series begins.

## Savvy Job Hunters Workshop

January 26, 10:30 a.m. - noon

*"Do What You Are: Connecting Personality Types to Careers Using MBTI"* presented by Margaret MacNaughton

## Women's Retreat

January 26-28, Epworth By the Sea Retreat Center  
St. Simons Island

Spiritual Spring Cleaning: Real Life isn't so Easy to Organize. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" Psalm 51:10

## Pilgrimage to Montgomery

February 17-19

Our faith calls us to grapple with both the light and darkness in the world around us. How we do that is ever more vital in these times. Likewise, understanding the darker pieces of American history is integral to a brighter future. Join Deacon Leila Quinlan, Father Bob Morris, and fellow pilgrims on this Facing Racism exploration of the legacy of slavery in America. Registration is limited and open until December 17. More information? Email [leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:leila@ccpvb.org) or [frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com](mailto:frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com).



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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Blue Christmas**

**Wednesday, December 20**

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 24**

9:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary  
Traditional Rite II

### **Christmas Eve**

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

### **Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25**

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

### **First Sunday After Christmas**

**Sunday, December 31**

\* 9:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary  
Traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Main Sanctuary  
Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols

*Nursery care will be available on Christmas Eve for the 2, 4, and 6 p.m. services.  
No registration is required.*

*\*These services will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.*

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**Thank you for your continued support.**



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## 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

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## Vestry

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The Rev. Sandy Tull, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks	

## Deacons

The Rev. Leila Quinlan	The Rev. Priscilla Wodehouse
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The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus	
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