

# CHRISTMAS EVE



Holy Communion

4:00 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Space

*"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 Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord."*

*- Luke 2:10-11*

# WELCOME!

Welcome to Christ Church this Christmas Eve for the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. On this holy night, we hope you find our church to be a holy place of comfort and peace, and we invite you to join Christ Church as we respond to God's presence among us. In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!

## Merry Christmas!

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends, and Visitors,

As we gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are reminded of the joy and hope that fills our hearts this Christmas season. The birth of Christ is a beacon of light in a world that often feels dark and troubled. In the midst of challenges—whether they be hunger, homelessness, violence, or conflict—our King comes to us, not in power and glory, but in the simplicity of a manger. His vulnerability is the very essence of His love for us, showing us that true strength lies in compassion, humility, and self-giving.

This Christmas, as we reflect on the nativity story, we are invited to enter into the spirit of the season with hearts full of joy and gratitude. Just as Mary rejoiced in the gift of her son, and Joseph protected and cared for his family, we too are called to embrace each other with kindness and generosity. Like the angels who sang with praise and the shepherds who hurried to witness the miracle, we too are called to share the good news of God's love with the world.

Amid the busyness of the season—amid the lights, the songs, the trees—let us pause and remember that this celebration is about more than just festive moments. It is about standing in awe of the King who came to redeem us, whose light shines in the darkness, and whose love is made manifest in our care for one another.

In the coming days, let us be mindful of those who are most in need of love, shelter, and hope. Whether it be those struggling with poverty, homelessness, or the brokenness of the world around us, we are called to journey with them, just as Mary and Joseph had to journey to Bethlehem. By reaching out in love, we encounter the newborn King Himself, who is present in every act of compassion and kindness.

As we celebrate this sacred season, let us also remember the response of the shepherds, who said, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us" (Luke 2:15).

Let us worship and adore him!

*Fr. Tom*

Fr. Tom Reeder



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## Service Order

- Opening Prayer
- *Angels (Glory to God)*
- The Reading: *Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7*
- *O Come All Ye Faithful*
- Gospel Reading: *Luke 2:1-20*
- Sermon: *The Reverend Wendy Billingslea*
- Nicene Creed
- The Prayers for the People
- The Passing of Peace
- Welcome and Announcements
- Offertory - *Little Drummer Boy*
- Gathering at the Table
- Eucharistic Prayer
- *What Child Is This?*
- *Away in a Manger*
- Candlelighting: *Silent Night (Heavenly Peace)*
- Closing Prayers, Blessing, Dismissal
- *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

## Come Serve With Us



Let us know 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 gifts to the church, today and always!



## Connection Card

Please complete this card and place it in the offering plate. List first and last names of all in attendance. If you have previously completed a card, use this for updating information.

Names:

Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

First time guest?

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to know more about

- Nursery
- Children
- Youth
- Young Adult
- Adult Formation
- Fine Arts/Music
- Early Learning/Preschool Program
- Volunteer in the church
- Volunteer in community
- Newcomer Class

For more information on ministry opportunities at Christ Church, please contact Deacon Leila Quinlan at 904-285-7390, ext. 223 or leila@ccpvb.org.

# Prayer Card

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(1 Thess 5:16-18)

If you desire prayers for yourself or others, please fill out this card and place it in the offering plate.

- Prayer Request
- Confidential
- Thanksgiving

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Your name

Your phone

Your email

Date



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# What's Happening at Christ Church

## Holiday Closings

The Church office will be closed December 25-26. For the New Year holiday, we will close Tuesday, December 31 at noon and reopen Thursday, January 2.

## The First Sunday after Christmas Sunday, December 29

Worship Service Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary and livestreamed Traditional Rite II Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Main Sanctuary Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols

*Formation classes for children and youth will not meet. Continental breakfast will be available.*

## Epiphany Service + Return of the Magi

Sunday, January 5, 5:00 p.m.

Main Sanctuary and Courtyard

This family-friendly service will feature the Three Kings as they make their return to Christ Church, followed by candle lighting, Kings' Cake, and the burning of the greens.

For a **complete list of events**, ministry activities and more please visit our website.



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