

# CHRISTMAS EVE



Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.  
Main Sanctuary

*"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 2:11-12*

# 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

*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!*

## **Congregational Carols**

*Please join us in singing.*

Instrumentalists: Danny Rios, *Oboe*, Nadezhda Shpak, *Harp*, Linda Muldoon, *Flute*, Lynda Andres, *Cello*  
Brass Quartet: William Watson, George Eckenroad, Hugh Rankin, and Tim Blakewell

Hymn 109

*The First Nowell*

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The first Nowell, the angel did say,  
Was to certain poor shepherds, in fields, as they lay;  
In fields, where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain*          Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up, and saw a star,  
Shining in the east, beyond them, far,  
And, to the earth, it gave great light,  
And so, it continued, both day and night. *Refrain*

Hymn 99

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Refrain*          Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens, there shown a holy light. *Refrain.*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! Above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain.*

*God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Heather Sorenson

Common Ground and Amy Trinidad, *Violin*, Jose Trinidad, *Percussion*, Lynda Andres, *Cello*

God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember, Christ, our Savior, was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r, when we were gone astray.

*Refrain:*          Oh, tidings! Oh, tidings of comfort and joy, great joy!

From God, our Heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came;  
And, unto certain shepherds, brought tidings of the same,  
That He is born in Bethlehem, the Son of God, by name. *Refrain*

The shepherds, at these tidings, rejoiced in heart and mind,  
And left their flocks, a-feeding, (Tidings of joy!)  
In tempest, storm, and wind, tidings, to see this Child of Bethlehem,  
The Savior of mankind. *Refrain*

Now, to the Lord, sing praises, all you within this place,  
And, with true love and brotherhood, each other, now embrace.  
This Holy Child of Bethlehem will bring eternal grace. *Refrain*  
Tidings of joy! Tidings of comfort, and tidings of joy!

Hymn 101

*Away in a Manger*

*Cradle Song*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky, looked down, where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my side, until morning is nigh.

*What Child is This?*  
Common Ground

William C. Dix and McKay Crockett

What Child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear: for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, oh haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!  
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him,  
This, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Oh haste, oh haste to bring Him laud, (Haste, oh haste, to bring laud,)  
The Babe, the Son, the Savior, Lord, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Hymn 110

*The Snow Lay on the Ground*

*Venite adoremus*

The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.  
Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

*Refrain*      Venite adoremus Dominum. Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure of holy Anne,  
That brought, into this world, the God made man.  
She laid him in a stall, at Bethlehem;  
The ass and oxen shared the roof, with them. *Refrain*



# THE WORD OF GOD

## Introit

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*  
Men's Ensemble, Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

Dan Forrest

*Please stand.*

## Processional Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Adeste fideles*

Hymn 83      O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain*      O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Only-begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

## Opening Sentences

*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.**

## Hymn of Praise

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Mendelssohn*

Hymn 87      Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host, proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King!

## The Collect

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the True Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **The Lesson**

*Reader* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

## **The Gospel Song**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Gloria*

Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,  
And the mountains, in reply, echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem, and see, Him, whose birth, the angels sing;  
Come, adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## **The Gospel**

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “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. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Response** (*Sung by the people*)    **Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

*Please be seated.*

**The Homily**                            The Reverend Amy Slater

*Please stand.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*You may kneel.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Leader*            Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment in this holy season, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the church of Christ, that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of salvation and may care for the needs of God's people in all corners of the world, we pray to you, O Lord.

**People**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized; those who are imprisoned in body or soul; and all those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick, that their illnesses may be turned into health and their sorrow into rejoicing, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who labor this night on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this evening with those they love, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. That we, like them, may remain faithful to the end and live forever in the light of your eternal glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes with*

Mighty God, mercifully hear the prayers of your people. Give us zeal in our ministries and joy in our work, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

*I Wish You Christmas*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

I wish you starlight, on fields of snow,  
The winter's morning light, and evening's glow;  
I wish you candles that shine from ev'ry tree,  
So all the world can see the light, that there, could be.

I wish you music, I wish you song, with voices echoing, joyous and strong;  
I wish you church bells, ringing true and clear;  
I wish your Christmas, a merry Christmas, to remember all the year.

Old friends smiling, thinking of times gone by;  
Young friends laughing: Christmas is here, spirits are bright,  
And hopes are high.

I wish you loved ones around your fire;  
May Christmas bring you all your heart's desire.  
I wish you children, to make the season new,  
With dreams you help come true, just like it was for you.

I wish you blessings, I wish you love,  
The sound of angel choirs, from high above;  
I wish you laughter, happiness and cheer:  
I wish your Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
And may its joy, and peace, be with you through the year.

I wish you music, I wish you song;  
I wish you harmony your whole life long;  
The warmth of memories that long remain:  
I wish your Christmas, a merry Christmas,  
And may God bless you, 'till we all shall meet again.

*Please stand.*

## Presentation Hymn

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

Hymn 119, **As they offered gifts most rare**  
V. 3 **At that manger, rude and bare;**  
**So may we with holy joy,**  
**Pure, and free, from sin's alloy,**  
**All our costliest treasures bring,**  
**Christ! To thee, our heavenly King.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

### Sanctus

S 129, *The Hymnal*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*You may kneel or sit.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## **The Invitation**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*Please be seated.*

## **Distribution of Communion**

***Please join us at God's table.***

*All people 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***Please join us in singing.*

Hymn 102

*Once in Royal David's City**Irby*

Once, in royal David's city, stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 Where a mother laid her baby, in a manger for his bed:  
 Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth, from heaven, who is God, and Lord of all,  
 And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
 With the poor, the scorned, the lowly, lived on Earth, our Savior holy.

Hymn 81

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Bloomin**Es ist ein Ros*

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung!  
 Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.  
 It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 With Mary, we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
 To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.

*Love Came Down at Christmas*  
 Men's Ensemble, Danny Ríos, *Oboe*

Howard Helvey

Love came down at Christmas, love, all lovely, love divine;  
 Love was born at Christmas: star and angels gave the sign.  
 Worship we the God-head, love incarnate, love divine;  
 Worship we our Jesus, but where-with for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours, and love be mine,  
 Love to God and neighbor, love for plea, and gift, and sign.

Hymn 79

*O Little Town of Bethlehem**St. Louis*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by;  
 Yet, in thy dark streets, shineth the everlasting Light;  
 The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and, gathered all above,  
 While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
 O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
 And praises sing, to God, the King, and peace to men, on earth.

Hymn 82

*Of the Father's Love**Divinum mysterium*

Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,  
 He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he,  
 Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,  
 Evermore and evermore!

O that birth, forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,  
Evermore and evermore!

Hymn 112

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

*Cranham*

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign:  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed,  
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him-give my heart.

Hymn 89

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Carol*

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending, near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all-gracious King."  
The world, in solemn stillness, lay to hear the angels sing.

Still, through the cloven skies, they come with peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still, their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,  
And ever, o'er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

*You may kneel.*

### **Postcommunion 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 Candlelighting

*The Acolytes and ushers will light the candle of the first person in each pew, who will then pass the flame to their neighbor until every candle is lit. During this time, the choir will sing "Night of Silence." Once all candles are lit, the congregation will join together in singing "Silent Night." At the conclusion, please extinguish your candle and leave it in the basket provided in the entryway as you exit the church.*

## Kneeling Hymn

*Silent Night*

*Stille Nacht*

Hymn 111     Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother, and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## The Christmas Blessing

*Celebrant*     May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## Dismissal

Go into the world to reflect God's glory. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

## Recessional Hymn

*Joy to the World*

*Antioch*

Hymn 100     Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## Postlude

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir

*A special thanks to Marianne Palmer for the new Chancel Choir robes.*



# Christmas Flowers and Greenery

## In Thanksgiving for

The Christ Church Family  
by Ester Angell

Grace and Caroline Austin  
by Bill & Lindsay Austin

Barbara Bumgarner  
by Lois Ann Bumgarner

Margaret and Davis  
by Margaret Clements

For my loving family  
by Marlene Czerniak

Family, Friends, and each other  
by Pam & Tom Fitch

Molly Giddons Sheppard and James David Sheppard, Jr.  
by Robin Giddons Sheppard

Silina, Samuel, Megan, and their families  
by Pat & Rick Latimer

Our family, especially Molly James Carter  
by Julie McAvity

Our family  
by Jim & Liz McCarthy

The Altar Guild of Christ Church  
by Pam Mitchell & Martha Stachitas

Friends and Christ Church Family  
by Marianne Palmer

Walter Haynes and Phoebe Wieland Bauer  
by Polly Bauer

## In Loving Memory of

Mr. & Mrs. J. Randolph Brown, Sr., Eloise & Norvin Veal, and May & Tilghman Williams  
(All Founding Members of Christ Church)

Ollie Abdelnour	John H. Bumgarner	Mark Drake
Adam	Matt Burgess	Robert Drake
Stewart Angell	Mr. & Mrs. Pershing Burnside	Edwin
Irene and Royal Anderson	Mr. & Mrs. Cahoon	Joyce and Quentin Englerth
Bill & Kay Austin	Mr. Chartier	Family & Friends
Sally B. Basso	Ruby Chartier	Douglas Fields
Eugen Hall Bauer	Donald M. & Myra Brown Cook	Mr. & Mrs. R. Banks Fitch
Katherine Beard	John Kennedy Cooper	Jane Ford
Mr. Jamer Bergan	Peggy Pippin Crawford	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Foreman
Tommy & Dorothy Blount	Alexandra B. & Peter Thomas Crenier	Tom Fouts
Todd Brdlik	Billy Cuthbertson	Mr. & Mrs. GL Fowler
Caroll Brinsfield	David Damm	Fred & Else Genter
Dan Brooks	Bill Davis	Richard Genter
Nancy Louise Brown	Ida Davis	Halbert S. Gillette
Joanne T. Buck	Sissy & Herb Dickson	Scranton & Claribel Gillette
Mary H. & Jay K. Buck	Linda Drake	Mr. Aron David Goodman

## In Loving Memory of (continued)

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Goodman

Bob & Al Haines

Joan Smith Haynes

Louise Hardwick

Jackie & Coach Harrell

Barbara Hearst

Thomas M. Hearst

Lisa CH Hendrix

Mr. & Mrs. Hendrix

Seldon & Mary Henry

Margaret Hodges

Robert Holmes

Christopher Howe

Courtney E. Howe, Sr.

Evertt E. Howe

Gray Howe

Madeline T. Howe

James B. Hurclock, III

Avis Kidd

Mary C. Knight

Katherine Krneta

Naka & Simo Milan Krneta

Marvin Kidd

Carlyn & Bill Laser

Steve & Della Latimer

Lincoln

Eloise Lockhart

Robert Long

Skip Long

Kaye & Bill Lycke

Mrs. "M."

Marian

Victor Markiewicz, Sr.

Jim McAvity

Herb McCarthy

Kim McCarthy

Bob & Mary McConnell

Kenton & Florence McElhattan

Charles S. Mitchell

Dotti & Stever Mizer

Barbara Monsma

Ed Monsma

Jessica Monsma

George Montis

John Mullins

Sandy Nicely

Frank Nicosia

Michael Nicosia

Jack Garner Palmer

Lisa Dawn Palmer

Dorthea Petersen

Olive & Hartman Petersen

Terese Pingree

Louise & Walter Pittman

Pat Pumphrey

Faye Rasmussen

Thomas Rhodes

Thomas & Carolyn Rosch

Robert & Lucille Roth

Rob Roth

Herbert & Adeline Ruggles

Robert Sample

Otis "Mizz Otis" Seawright

Norman & Doris Segelhurst

Margaret & Elmer Shepherd

Mary Ellen & Orin A. Shepherd

Mickey Shepherd

Violet & R. Wayne Shepherd

Christy Slater

Christopher H. Smith

Loren Glenn Smith

Karla & George Spiel

Caryl D. Stevens

Lorraine & Ernest Stevens

Mr. Edward EAPS Struzik

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Struzik

John Oakeley Spencer Sullivan

Ray Sutton

Rex & Charlotte Thames

Tom & Caroline Upchurch

James Patrick Veal

Mac Watkins

A. Linnea Weichel

E.C. Weichel, Jr.

Raymond West

Richard White

Mary Lee Williams

Tilghman G. Williams, Jr.

James C. Wilkinson

David Wister

Camille Wood

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Yonge

Louise & Same Zatezalo

Mitchell D. Zatezalo

Gregory Zettler

*For all those who lost their lives  
during Hurricane Helene.*



# 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)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Visit from the Magi

**December 24-January 5**

On Christmas Eve, three families will be leaving with one of the three kings, along with a devotional journal. The hosting family may have a devotional time with their king and can add their thoughts, memories, and/or a drawing or photo to the journal, before passing the king and his book along to a new household. The kings will return to Christ Church on Jan 5 at the Epiphany Service! Follow #3kingsccpvb on Instagram to keep up with their journeys.

**Sunday, December 29**

**The First Sunday after Christmas**

**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.*

**Holiday Office Closings:** Our offices will be closed December 25-26. For the New Year holiday, we will close Tuesday, December 31 at noon and reopen on Thursday; January 2.

### 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. Contact: [gabe@bovecompany.com](mailto:gabe@bovecompany.com)

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For more details, please visit

[ccpvb.org/connect/learning-and-formation](http://ccpvb.org/connect/learning-and-formation)

### Mondays

**Stitchers of Love** - 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, Hospitality Lobby

Resumes Monday, January 6

Contact: Helen Tucker at [Tucker658@bellsouth.net](mailto:Tucker658@bellsouth.net)

**Cursillo Men's Fourth Day** - 5:00 pm in

Room F 202, F+A Building

Resumes Monday, January 6

Open to all men who have attended a Cursillo weekend. Contact: [cursilloccpvb@gmail.com](mailto:cursilloccpvb@gmail.com)

**Painting Group** - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

in the Hospitality Lobby

Resumes Monday, January 6

Contact: [barnettml615@gmail.com](mailto:barnettml615@gmail.com)

### Tuesdays

**Tai Chi** - 10:00-11:00 am

in Room F 106, F+A Building

Resumes Tuesday, January 7

Contact: Daniel Jones at [djonesdragon@gmail.com](mailto:djonesdragon@gmail.com) or Deacon Leila at [leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:leila@ccpvb.org)

**Living, Loving, Learning Women's Bible Study**

2:00 p.m. in F+A Room 204 and Zoom

Resumes Tuesday, January 7

Contact: Laura Millon at [lauramillon519@gmail.com](mailto:lauramillon519@gmail.com)

**Caregivers Support Group**

5:30-6:30 pm in F+A Room 106

Resumes Tuesday, January 7

Contact: Candice Tiner at [caregivers@ccpvb.org](mailto:caregivers@ccpvb.org)



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## Wednesdays

**Clergy-led Bible Study** - 10:00 am  
in Westbury Hall Dining Room and on Zoom  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
Contact: The Rev. Amy Slater at [aslater@ccpvb.org](mailto:aslater@ccpvb.org)

**Centering Prayer** - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
The Center for Spirituality  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
Contact: Deacon Leila at [leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:leila@ccpvb.org)

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)**  
Youth House (6th - 12th grades)  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
No Homework & Hangs  
Low Tide (6-8th grades): 4:30-6:00 pm  
High Tide (9th-12th grades): 7:00-8:30 pm  
Contact: [Limagevney@ccpvb.org](mailto:Limagevney@ccpvb.org)

**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**  
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.  
The Cooper Chapel  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service with candle lighting.

**Wednesday Night Community Dinners**  
Resumes Wednesday, January 15  
Westbury Hall Dining Room, 5:45-7:00 pm  
\$8 per person, \$32 family max. Volunteers are needed  
- contact Mel Johnson at  
[Melissa.Kurz.Johnson@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.Kurz.Johnson@gmail.com)

**Women in the Word** - 7:00 pm in the upstairs  
Conference Room of Westbury Hall  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
Contact Mary Ann Reynolds at [mahrey51@aol.com](mailto:mahrey51@aol.com),  
Kay Verble at [ksvpvb@gmail.com](mailto:ksvpvb@gmail.com), or Jane Wallace at  
[wilsonsidekick@gmail.com](mailto:wilsonsidekick@gmail.com)

**Christ Church Book Club** - 7:00 pm  
in Room F 204, F+A Building  
Resumes Wednesday, January 8  
Contact: Mark Barrett at [mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com](mailto:mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com)

**Love First Social Club - Ages 3+**  
Resumes Wednesday, January 15  
Room 111-113, F+A Building  
from 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

**Children's Choir Rehearsals**  
Resumes in January  
Wednesdays from 5:15 pm - 6:00 pm  
in Room F 124, F+A Building  
All kids from 4 years of age through 5th grade are  
welcome to join!

## Thursdays

**Blessings in a Backpack** - 8:30 am  
in the Dining Room  
Resumes Thursday, January 9  
Join the team packing food items to be distributed to  
local children at the end of the school week. Contact  
Sharon Kehoe for information at [biggieinga@aol.com](mailto:biggieinga@aol.com).

**Tai Chi** - 10:00-11:00 am  
Room F 106, F+A Building  
Resumes Thursday, January 9  
Contact: Daniel Jones at [djonesdragon@gmail.com](mailto:djonesdragon@gmail.com) or  
Deacon Leila at [leila@ccpvb.org](mailto:leila@ccpvb.org)

## Fridays

**Men's Bible Study & Breakfast** - 7:00 am  
in the Westbury Hall Dining Room

**Soulful Moms** - 9:00 am - 10:45 am in the Center for  
Spirituality group room  
Resumes Friday, January 10  
Contact: Amy Schmitt at [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Hurricane Relief Benefit Concert - January 18 at  
10:00 am, Contemporary Worship Space**  
Christ Church presents Rachel and Friends giving a  
fundraising concert for victims of the disastrous  
hurricanes of 2024. All donations and funds collected  
will be given to Episcopal Relief and Development.



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# Sunday. Every Day.

Join us for a free virtual workshop, **“Do What You Are: Connecting Personality Types to Careers Using MBTI”**, January 24, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) helps job seekers recognize their strengths and identify careers that are good matches for their personality type. The workshop will be presented by Margaret MacNaughton, MBTI Qualified Practitioner. Register at [pottesen66@gmail.com](mailto:pottesen66@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom meeting link.

## Sacred Ground Begins in January

It’s no secret that America is becoming more diverse. Explore the history of how we all got here: Native Americans, Latinos, Europeans, Africans and Asian-Pacific Islanders. Meeting every other week, usually on Thursday evenings, Sacred Ground’s 10 sessions walks participants through this life-changing pilgrimage. Brochures with full schedule are in the church entryway. Questions? Bob Morris @ [frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com](mailto:frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com).

## Women's Retreat

January 31-February 2

Epworth By the Sea Retreat Center - St. Simons Island.  
*Creating your Life Map. It is the Lord who goes before you. The Lord will be with you; the Lord will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*  
**Deuteronomy 31:8**

**Christ Church Fellowship Event - February 21, 6:00-9:30.** Save the date for a special fellowship event in the new year!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Soup for the Soul

Contact: Maura at [Maura.waller@comcast.net](mailto:Maura.waller@comcast.net)

### Growing Our Greeter Ministry

Contact: Linda O’Dell at [lindarafael19@gmail.com](mailto:lindarafael19@gmail.com)

### Meals on Wheels

Please contact Pam Gordon at 904-250-5693 for more information.

## Lay Pastoral Visitor Ministry

We are looking for passionate people to be the faces, voices, and spirit of Christ’s church as we visit, occasionally phone, and remind people who cannot regularly participate in the life of the church that they are an important part of our church family. Contact: Valerie Gambino at [Valerie.gambino@comcast.net](mailto:Valerie.gambino@comcast.net)  
Volunteers are needed for the **Kitchen and Hospitality** teams. Contact Jen DeRycker at [jderycker@ccpvb.org](mailto:jderycker@ccpvb.org) for details.

Adult and youth volunteers are needed to lead **Children’s Formation** classes this fall. Please contact Amy Schmitt at [aschmitt@ccpvb.org](mailto:aschmitt@ccpvb.org).

Adult volunteers are needed to help facilitate **Youth Programs** on Wednesdays and Sundays this fall. Please contact Mother Laura Magevney at [LMagevney@ccpvb.org](mailto:LMagevney@ccpvb.org)

## GET INVOLVED IN MUSIC MINISTRY

### Children’s Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays 5:15-6 pm, Room F124 F+A Building  
All kids from 4 years of age through 5th grade are welcome to join. For more information, please contact [Wendy.Waller@comcast.net](mailto:Wendy.Waller@comcast.net) or [SMurray@ccpvb.org](mailto:SMurray@ccpvb.org)

### Join a Choir

Rehearsals in the Choir Room, F+A Building  
If you are interested or have questions contact Dr. Rachel Root at [rroot@ccpvb.org](mailto:rroot@ccpvb.org)

**Women’s Ensemble** (high school students + adults)  
Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 am

**Men’s Ensemble** (high school students + adults)  
Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, Large Rehearsal Room, sings monthly at 7:30, 9 & 11:15 am

**Chancel Choir** (high school students + adults)  
Rehearse Wednesdays 7-8 pm, sings weekly at 11:15 am

**Handbell Choir** (high school students + adults)  
Rehearse Thursdays 6-7 pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15





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## STAY CONNECTED

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

<b>Facebook</b>	@christchurchpvb
@preschoolcec	@ChristChurchAmongtheOaks
@cecyouth	@IglesiaEpiscopaldeCristo
@ccpvbkids	

<b>Instagram</b>	
@ccpvb	@cecyouth
@ccpvb_families	@preschoolcec

<b>Twitter</b>	@ccpvb
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<b>YouTube</b>	ChristChurch1951
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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### Year-End Contribution Checklist

To ensure the deductibility of your Church contributions, do not file your 2024 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions. Some of your contributions may not be tax deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the Church.

Type of contribution	Report for 2024	Report for 2025
* Checks written in Dec 2024 and deposited in church offering in Jan 2025.		X
* Checks written and deposited in church offering in Jan 2025 but "backdated" to Dec 2024.		X
* Checks written and deposited in church offering in Dec 2024 but "postdated" to Jan 2025.		X
* Checks written in Dec 2024 and deposited in the mail and postmarked in Dec 2024 but not received by the Church until Jan 2025.	X	
* Checks written in Dec 2024 deposited in the mail in Dec 2024 but not postmarked until Jan 2025 and not received by the Church until Jan 2025.		X

Your 2024 tax receipt will be mailed by January 31, 2025. The Church cannot assign "value" to any non-cash donations, including donated stocks. Please consult your broker or tax adviser for the value of donated stock.

## STOCK DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

Christ Church receives its stock donations at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. Please deliver all OTC-Eligible Securities to Charles Schwab. All deliveries MUST include client name (Christ Episcopal Church) and Schwab account #8572-5407. Delivery to: DTC Clearing 0164, Code 40, Account #8572-5407, Christ Episcopal Church of Ponte Vedra Beach. Please notify Ronda Toonk, CFO, rondatoonk@ccpvb.org or 904-285-7390 x 232 with details of your donation. This will ensure that the donation is received and sold promptly and that your donation is recorded on your contribution statement correctly. 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.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	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.	Cooper Chapel	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

<b>Jack Parker, Sr. Warden</b>	<b>Janet Burnside, Treasurer</b>	<b>Doug Knowles, Jr. Warden</b>
Jen Arnold	Martha Baker	Mark Barrett
Heather Fouts	David Gagnon	Jim Evanger
Justin Udelhofen	Jacqueline Williams	Doug Long
		Gretna Zerebny

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## Staff Clergy

### The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector

The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Sr. Associate Rector	The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector
The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector	The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain
The Rev. Sandy Tull, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks	

## Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan	The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse
The Rev. Deacon Marsha Holmes	

## Adjunct Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus	
The Rev. Michael Ellis	The Rev. Keith Oglesby
The Rev. Eric Kahl	The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Burt Shepherd	The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus	
The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus	



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 grow, learn, create, worship, 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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