

CHRISTMAS EVE



Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Children's Pageant 4:00 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 2:10-11

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!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Zachary Russell, *Trumpet*, Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Vs. 1, 2 & 3

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* V. 1

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 for the Nativity of our Lord

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

Lector 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel and Children's Pageant

Please remain seated for the Pageant.

Luke 1: 26-46

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months, and returned to her home.

Please remain seated and sing with the children.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady,' Gloria!

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Please remain seated and sing with the children.

Away in a Manger

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.

Luke 2:8-14

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths 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 and on earth peace among men!"

Please remain seated and sing with the children.

Hymnal 96

Angels We Have Heard on High

Vs. 1 & 2

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.

Luke 2: 15-20

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Please remain seated and sing with the children.

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.*

All children are welcome to join the Pageant participants at the front during the Reflection.

Reflection

The Rev. Laura Magevney

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!

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

Down, in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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 Anthems

What a Glorious Night

Crescendo!, Jen Schlechte, Director,
and Children's Choir, Stephanie Murray, Director

The shepherds came to see the Baby, stood by his Mother's side.
Here, laid the Savior, inside the manger.
Oh, what a glorious night!

Refrain: I hear the angels singin',
 "Hallelujah! Let the earth receive her King!"
 I know that Love has come; sing it out: Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds wondered; they couldn't hide it.
Told ev'ryone in sight, all were amazed when they heard
How God came down on that glorious night! *Refrain*

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night! *Refrain*

I heard that Jesus Christ is born!
All is calm now, all is quiet, a star shining in the sky.
Below, in Bethlehem, the King is sleeping.
Oh, what a glorious night!

Please stand as you are able.

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

Angels Are Making Their Rounds
Children's Choir with Crescendo! and Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

Angels are making their rounds,
O what a beautiful sound,
Angels are making their rounds.
Fear not, Zecariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer.
Elizabeth, will bear a son.
Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God.
O blessed one, you have found favor with God.
Fear not, Joseph,
Go and take Mary to be your wife,
For she carries a holy Child.
Unto you is born a Savior,
Glory to God and peace on earth,
For now the Lord is with you.

Please join us in singing.

Hymn 93

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain Come and worship, come and worship,
 Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God, with you, is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: *Refrain*

Hymn 105

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay;
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
 O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

Hymn 109

The First Nowell

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 79

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 102

Once in Royal David's City

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 111

Silent Night

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.

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 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.**

Final Hymn

Joy to the World

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

Zachary Russell, *Trumpet* and Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

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Asher Groves

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Teddy Muston

Ellie Pinto
Andrew Socwell

Kaden Terwilliger
Shirley Grace Wood

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Noah Baker
Scarlet Braren

Brady Butler
Catherine Cangemi
Copeland Fender

Catharine Kurz
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Matthew Ray

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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)



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Carlyn & Bill Laser

Steve & Della Latimer

Lincoln

Eloise Lockhart

Robert Long

Skip Long

Kaye & Bill Lycke

Mrs. "M."

Marian

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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

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Tom & Caroline Upchurch

James Patrick Veal

Mac Watkins

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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

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

For more details, please visit

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

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

Painting Group - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

in the Hospitality Lobby

Resumes Monday, January 6

Contact: 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 or Deacon Leila at 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

Caregivers Support Group

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

Resumes Tuesday, January 7

Contact: Candice Tiner at 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

Centering Prayer - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
The Center for Spirituality
Resumes Wednesday, January 8
Contact: Deacon Leila at 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

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

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,
Kay Verble at ksvpvb@gmail.com, or Jane Wallace at
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

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.

Tai Chi - 10:00-11:00 am
Room F 106, F+A Building
Resumes Thursday, January 9
Contact: Daniel Jones at djonesdragon@gmail.com or
Deacon Leila at 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.

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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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 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.

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

Growing Our Greeter Ministry

Contact: Linda O'Dell at 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
Volunteers are needed for the **Kitchen and Hospitality** teams. Contact Jen DeRycker at 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.

Adult volunteers are needed to help facilitate **Youth Programs** on Wednesdays and Sundays this fall. Please contact Mother Laura Magevney at 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 or 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

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.

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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

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| 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 |

Vestry

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

Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector

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| 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

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

Adjunct Clergy

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|---|------------------------|
| 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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