

Christmas Eve



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

4:00 PM

MAIN SANCTUARY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

Dear Ones,

Christmas announces something too immense for words: The one and only God-of-the-entire-Universe enters fully into humanity, our humanity. Luke's Gospel gives us the visceral, historical story—a real infant being born, a real mother giving birth, real shepherds in an actual field, the gospel breaking into history. We feel the wonder of the Incarnation (the "In-flesh-ment of God) here: God is with us in a real human body.

But John's Gospel takes us deeper into what this means. Before there was a stable or swaddling clothes, before this planet was born, before stars and galaxies were born, there was the Eternal Word—through which all things were made.

This Eternal Word, which exists outside of time, and by which the whole universe itself exists, becomes human. Not metaphorically. Not symbolically. Flesh—vulnerable, dependent, mortal flesh. The eternal enters time on Christmas Day.

Both truths matter equally. The warm mystery of Luke's shepherds watching their flocks finds its ultimate meaning in John's revelation: the shepherds watching over creation, made by the very God now lying helpless in their midst.

Christmas is the moment when mysticism and manger become one. When the cosmos enters a cradle. When we stop speculating about God and encounter Him—vulnerable, real, and present.

And all for us, for our salvation, for Love's sake. This is the divine love story that is Christmas.

Merry Christmas, Saints.

Fr. Tom⁺

*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.

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.*

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.

Hymn 115

What Child Is This?

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?

Refrain This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him:
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Hymn 110

The Snow Lay on the Ground

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

Receive Our King
Common Ground

Arr. Ed Hogan

Please stand.

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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*

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

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 Thomas Reeder

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

Messiah

Pardo/Duren

Common Ground, Meredith Goldman, *Soloist*

Long awaited, precious Promise,
Son of God, and Son of Man.
Heaven's Glory, in a manger,
Has come to us in Bethlehem.

Refrain Oh, Messiah, a Baby born to save us all.
Messiah, on our knees, we fall.

All we longed for, all we needed,
Shining in a Child's eyes.
Hope forever, death defeated,
Because of this one holy night! *Refrain*

O, come, let us adore Him.
O, come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.
Long awaited, precious Promise,
Coming back again. *Refrain*

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn

As, with Gladness, Men of Old

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Hymn 119 **As they offered gifts most rare,
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

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

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.

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 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 82

Of the Father's Love

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

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.

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.**

Kneeling Hymn

Silent Night

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*

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*
Common Ground

John Rutter



Christmas Flowers and Greenery

In Thanksgiving for

Grace & Caroline Austin by Bill & Lyndsay Austin	Fitch friends and family by Pam & Tem Fitch
Phebe Bauer and Walter Haynes by Polly Bauer	For all the Mulvee children and grandchildren by Suzanne Mulvee
The Christ Church Altar Guild by Martha Stachitas	Jackie Richardson and Edward Bates by Jacquelyn Bates
Christ Church family and friends by Marianne Palmer	Molly Giddens Sheppard and James David Sheppard by Robin Shepperd
For the loving Czerniak family by Marlene Czerniak	For the Wood family and God's many blessings by Biron, Stan & Coats Wood
The clergy & staff of Christ Church by Gabe Gambrill	

In Loving Memory of

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Help us finish strong together financially in 2025

Thank you to those who supported Christ Church in 2025! As we approach the close of 2025, we offer a gracious and hopeful invitation to help us finish the year strong. Forecasted year end based on year-to-date actuals through November 30 plus December budget:

- Forecasted Income - \$4,703K
- 2025 Budgeted Income \$4,740K
- Forecasted Shortfall **\$ 37K**

Some pledging households customarily complete their pledge in December, and we offer a gentle, loving reminder to do so as you are able. Your generosity sustains Christ Church and our many ministry partners, extending compassion, faith, and Christ-like tangible good into the world. Thank you again for the many ways you share God's abundance and for helping us end the year with gratitude and strength.

Christmas Schedule Updates

The Christ Church campus will be closed after the 10:00am service on Christmas Day and Friday, December 26.

The nursery is available for the 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 6:00 pm Christmas Eve services. No reservations are necessary!

On **Sunday, December 28**, we will have two services:

- 1) 9:00 am – Traditional Rite II with Holy Eucharist - Main Sanctuary
- 2) 11:15 am – Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols – Main Sanctuary

A continental breakfast will be served. There will be no children's chapel, children's formation or nursery care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ Church Preschool's enrollment is open year round and we are taking inquiries for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact Head of School, Christy Maurer, at cmaurer@preschoolcec.org

Spaces are available for our next pilgrimage to the **Camino de Santiago**, taking place from April 19 - May 2, 2026 AND on our **Grace and Gardens** trip to England from September 13-25, 2026. Please contact Deacon Leila Quinlan at Leila@ccpvb.org for more information about the Camino and Rev. Amy Slater at aslater@ccpvb.org for England.

Our **Flower Ministry** is looking for medium size clear vases. If you have received flowers or have vases that you are not using, please bring them to the front office. If you have received flowers and are unable to return the vase, please call the front office and let us know. Questions? Please reach out to Julie McAvity at flowers@ccpvb.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 7 - Epiphany Celebration + Three Kings

SACRED GROUND: BEGINS JANUARY 10

Sponsored by TRUE: Transforming Racial Understanding & Engagement. Created by the Episcopal Church, this 10-session film-and-readings-based dialogue series on race and faith has been experienced by more than 30,000 people across the country. For more details, or to register, contact Deb Billard at debrabillard@gmail.com.

Long Haul Love Encore Concert with Rachel & Friends

Jan 17 - 10:00am - Contemporary Worship Space
Benefitting Episcopal Relief and Development's Disaster Fund

Faith in Action Clergy Forum with Dr. Rob Radtke, President and CEO of Episcopal Relief and Development - **Jan 18 at 10:15 am**

Savvy Job Hunter Workshop - January 23

Christ Church Women's Retreat 2026

Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1

Our theme is *Prayers of the People*, and our speaker, the Rev Dr Linda Privitera, will lead us through a deep exploration of the ways and the reasons we pray. Make plans to join us at Epworth By the Sea for this time of fellowship, rest, and inspiration! Scan the code to register, or drop by the front office for a brochure. For questions, contact Deacon Leila or Mother Laura.



Cursillo Coed Weekend 2/27-3/1 2026

An adult spiritual renewal ministry and community of the Episcopal Church, Cursillo begins with a three-day retreat of learning, sharing, and living together in Christian community. This weekend features separate men's and women's sleeping cabins, meals, and discussion groups, while lectures and services in the Chapel will be held jointly. Registration is required. **There will be separate Men's and Women's Cursillo Weekends in the Fall of 2026.** For more information see diocesefl.org/cursillo or contact Ron Kessner at cursilloccpvb@gmail.com

General Warning - Phishing & Other Scams

Please note that all of our clergy and some of our lay staff continue to be victims of phishing attempts and other online scams. There is nothing that we can do to stop these attacks apart from warning you about them. Please note on the church website (www.ccpvb.org) the real and valid email addresses of our clergy and staff. Phishing attacks work by taking our valid email addresses and changing them just a little bit. The scammers then impersonate the clergy or staff, using these faked email addresses, sending emails to you (yes, they have your email address as well), asking for money or gift cards. **Please do not fall for this scam.** No one from this church will ever ask you for gift cards. And please pray for the scammers, that they may repent from their thieving ways, and give their life to Jesus.

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Make a joyful noise! Learn more about joining a choir here.

Need prayer or assistance, or want to help those who do? Learn more about **Caring Connections** here:



There are many ways to serve here at Christ Church, and we need you! Check out current **service opportunities** here.



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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

Vestry

Jack Parker, Sr. Warden	Heather Fouts, Jr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer
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The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
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The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain
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