

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
DECEMBER 28, 2025 - 9:00 AM  
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, Ponte Vedra Beach!*  
*We are delighted to have you worship with us, either in person or online.*  
*In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

Jennifer Seinfeld, *Piano*

*Please stand.*

### Processional Hymn

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Vs. 1, 3 & 6

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.

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

### Welcome Words

### Opening Sentences

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Christmas Gloria

Based on GLORIA  
French traditional  
Arr. Jeanne Cotter  
and Tony Alonso

**Refrain: Please join the Choir in singing.**

Glor - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

*Choir 1* Glory to God in the highest, glory to God  
And on earth peace, peace to people of good will. *Refrain*

*Choir 2* We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
We give thanks for your great glory, Lord God,  
heavenly King, O God almighty Father. *Refrain*

*Choir 3* For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most high, Jesus Christ. *Refrain*

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Reading

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

## 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 John

1:1-18

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Gospeler*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People**            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Response**            **Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**            *The Venerable Deacon Marsha Holmes*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**            Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*You may kneel.*

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

*Leader*            Brothers and sisters, in this holy season of Christmas, that we may find peace, joy, and contentment, 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 in this season 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**

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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

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

*Please be seated.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Offertory Anthem**

*What Child*  
Common Ground

Ruth Morris Gray

*Refrain* 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?  
Oh, this is Christ, the King, whom shepherds guard, and angels sing:  
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.  
So, raise the song on high, while Mary sings her lullaby.  
Sing joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Mary. *Refrain*

*Please stand for the Presentation.*

## **The Presentation**

*As, with Gladness, Men of Old*

V. 3

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**

Page 367, *The Book of Common Prayer*

### **Sanctus**

S 129, *The Hymnal*

*You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**The Breaking of the Bread** Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## **Distribution of Communion**

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

*All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available.*

*If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest. Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.*

### **Communion Music**

*Receive Our King*  
*Common Ground*

Meredith Andrews, Jared Anderson,  
and Ed Hogan

Light my heart, like a candle.  
Let it burn for only You.  
Join my song with the angels.  
Tell ev'ryone the news, that You came, as a child,  
Beside us, in our struggle.

*Refrain:* Now, we come, lifting high the name that's like no other.  
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace,  
Son of God, here, with us. We receive our King.

Turn my eyes to the wonder.  
Let me see You, as You are.  
Be my life, be my center.  
In my night, be the brightest star.  
For You came, as a child, beside us, in our struggle. *Refrain*

Prepare Him room! Let the light of the world shine through!  
Jesus, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, Son of God, here, with us.  
We receive our King.

### **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!

Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice, in concert, ring,  
Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
Evermore and evermore!

## **Sending the Eucharistic Visitors**

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

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

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

*You may kneel.*

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

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn 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 shone 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*

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

## **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Organ Voluntary*

## 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.

## TODAY, Sunday December 28

A delicious **Continental Breakfast** will be served in the dining room from 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery care, Children's Chapel, Youth Forum and all formation classes are on hiatus for the week. We will resume January 4, 2026.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Christ Church office and campus will be closed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31 and all day Thursday, January 1. We will reopen on Friday, January 2. Happy New Year!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### January 4 – Positive Parenting

Resumes during formation hour Sundays at 10:15

### January 7 - Epiphany Celebration + Three Kings

5:30 pm in the Main Sanctuary  
*There will be no regular Wednesday evening 5:30 chapel service.*

### 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](mailto:debrabillard@gmail.com).

### January 17 - Long Haul Love Encore Concert with Rachel & Friends

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

**January 18 - Faith in Action Clergy Forum**  
with Dr. Rob Radtke, President and CEO of  
Episcopal Relief and Development  
10:15 – 11:00 am

**Savvy Job Hunter Virtual Workshop -**  
January 23  
"Do What You Are: Connecting Personality  
Types to Careers Using MBTI", Friday, 10:30  
a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Zoom  
Email Pam Ottesen at [savvyjobs@ccpvb.org](mailto:savvyjobs@ccpvb.org) to  
register and receive the Zoom link.

**The Marriage Course: *Your Marriage, But Better***  
Thursdays from 6-8:30. Jan 29-March 26  
Registration Required.

The Marriage Course runs over seven sessions  
and is for couples who have been in a  
committed relationship for 2 years or more. It  
is like a Date Night, with homework. Each  
session begins with sharing dinner as a  
couple, followed by a fun, insightful talk by  
Father Tom and DeeAnn Reeder. There are no  
group discussions, just a chance to talk to your  
partner about topics like strengthening  
communication, resolving conflict and love in  
action. Contact: Mtr. Laura  
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**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 Privatera, 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**  
Cursillo is an adult spiritual renewal ministry  
and community of the Episcopal Church,  
which begins with a three-day retreat of  
learning, sharing, and living together in  
Christina 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.

**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](http://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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### Year-End Contribution Checklist

To ensure the deductibility of your Church contributions, do not file your 2025 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 2025	Report for 2026
* Checks written in Dec 2025 and deposited in church offering in Jan 2026.		X
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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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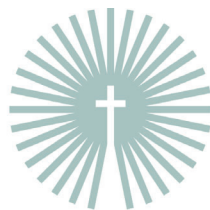
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