



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

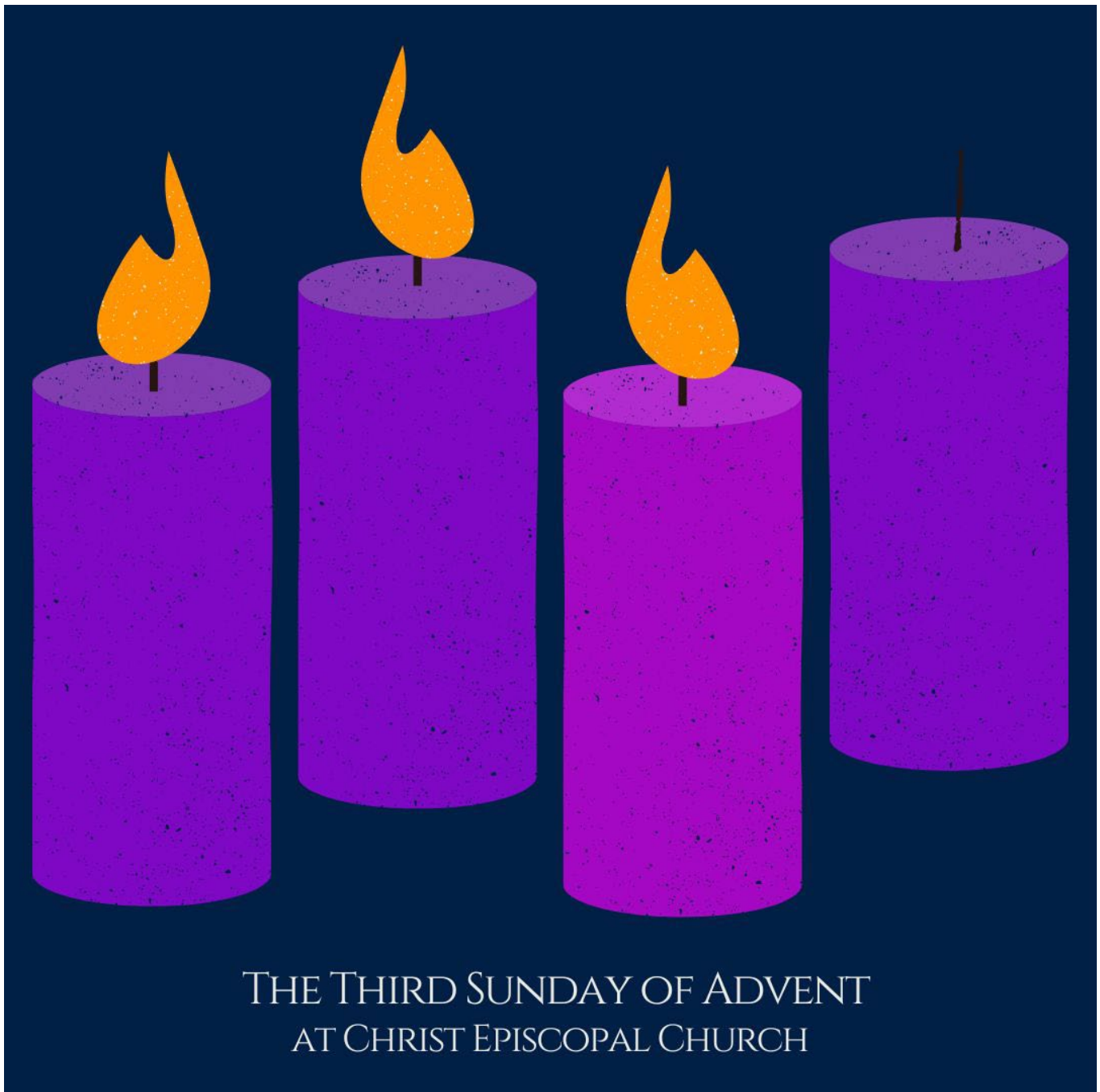
*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.*

Sunday, December 15, 2024 | Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME HOME!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!



PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 68 | Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Llanglofan



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE |

Third Candle | The Candle of Joy

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Peace. We light it and the Candle of Hope as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and hope.

Candle Lighting: – A person lights the candles.

Today we light the Third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Celebrant: We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

A person lights the candle.

Celebrant: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.
Let us pray:

All: **Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Rejoice

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: 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.**

TRISAGION S102 | Holy God

Alexander Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader: A reading from Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE |

Canticle 9 | The First Song of Isaiah

Ecce Deus



Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

Antiphon

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Antiphon

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE | Philippians 4:4-7

Reader: A reading from the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us

5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of

5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - ell

THE GOSPEL | Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

As we prepare for the coming of Christ throughout the Advent season, we take time on this third Sunday of Advent to sing praises to our Lord and rejoice in God's love for us, saying: ***We sing praises to Our Lord with a joyful voice.***

Those who came to St John the Baptist to baptize them asked him what they could do to prepare themselves and become worthy. St John replied that those who have two tunics should share one with someone who has none, and that those who have enough to eat must do the same. We are thankful for all the donations to Salvation Army and the children served by our donations to help those in need this holiday season. Lord, help us to be thankful for what we have, and share generously with those who have not, saying: ***We rejoice in all that you have given us.***

We thank you Lord for our Christ Church family and ask your blessing especially for all newcomers and those visiting with us today. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Diocesan Bishop Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Associate Priest Emeritus, Marcia, our Deacon, Kiona, our candidate for ordination, Rebecca, our Postulant, Mike, and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember: The Anglican Church of Tanzania. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: Emmanuel, Bel Air, Grace Memorial, Darlington and Holy Cross, The Rocks. ***Lord, may we work with our partners to bring the joy of your word to the world.***

In the reading from Zephaniah, we hear that God will rejoice in all who believe in him; that he will rescue the lame, gather those who have strayed from him, and renew us by his love. Lord, we pray for all those who are sick, and those who care for them, especially Betsy, Emmy, John, Claudia, Constance, Jim, Wayne, Theo, Ronald, Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Rachan, Ian, Jerry, Kristin, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Tim, Marilyn, Carolyn, Cindy, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell and those you now name. We pray for the souls of those who have died, especially those you now name. We pray for the families and friends that grieve for them, saying: ***Father in Heaven, embrace them in the joy of your love.***

We rejoice in the celebrations this week in our church family: for the Birthdays of Rose, Jordan, Trina, Jim, Kathleen, Theo, Cathy & Roger. We give thanks, Lord, for the joy in our lives. The peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard our hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus. Lord, as we prepare for the birth of your son with prayer and introspection, we take time today to give you thanks and praise in a joyful voice. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN |

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
Caitlin Gompf, soloist

George Frederick Handel

Please scan to give.



PRESENTATION HYMN 380 (v. 3) |

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC 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 him thanks and praise.**

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

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
 pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in__ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
 in the name__ of__ the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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 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 forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

All: **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,
forever 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.**

FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270 | Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Richard Shephard

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ,
in the break - ing of the bread. God of hope and
God of pro - mise, you have pre - pared a ban - quet for us;
Come, Lord Je - sus, come and cheer, Come and make thine Ad - vent here.

The des-ert shall re-joice and blos-som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

POST COMMUNION 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.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8:00 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these 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.

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 76 | On Jordan's Bank

Winchester



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.



THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. in Old Brick

Lector: Joan Harvey

Usher : Jo Emily Knox

Chaliciest: Joan Harvey

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Joan Harvey

10:30 a.m. in New Brick

Lector: Cheryl Lucente

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams,
Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Hope & Eva Oladipupo

Chaliciests: Cheryl Lucente, Mary Vail

Altar Guild: Sonni Airbiah, Ivy Amponsah, Kathy Simms

Tellers: Cathy Gold, Leanne Sheriff



Help Spread Christmas Cheer
with **CHRIST CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING CARPOOL**
TODAY!
Lunch at 12 Noon
Caroling right after

Come to Christ Church
and spend a few hours
going around town and
caroling to those unable
to be with us!

PARISH CALENDAR

December 15 to December 21

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am Family Worship Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
9:30 am Sunday School – New Brick & Parish Hall
9:30 am Parents Group – New Brick, lower level
10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12-1 pm Caroling Luncheon New Brick, lower level
12:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1-3 pm Caroling Outing
1:15-5:45 pm Sundays at Three
1:30 – 4 pm EfM – Conference Room & Zoom

Monday, December 16

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
4 – 6:00 pm Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 8:30 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm Centering Prayer – Old Brick

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm Vestry Meeting – New Brick, lower level

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
10 – 11:30 am Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 8:30 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, December 19

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12 – 1:00 pm Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
1 – 3:00 pm Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
5:30 – 6:30 pm Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 – 9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club

Friday, December 20

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
2 – 3:30 pm Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
5:30 – 8:30 pm Youth Group Christmas Social – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, December 21

10:00–12:00 pm Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
1:00 – 3:30 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a PDF copy with all announcements and links,
visit our website's [Worship Archive](#), or scan the QR code here:



Our 2024 Advent and Christmas Schedule is Online

The season is upon us! Christ Church's Advent and Christmas page contains the schedule of the main services and gatherings occurring throughout the season, so be sure to check back regularly and join us. Visit christchurchcolumbia.org/advent-and-christmas.

Advent and Christmas Flowers and Music

Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one during the Advent and Christmas season are gratefully accepted, as these fund the wonderful greenery, flowers, and musicians that assist in bringing this season to life for everyone. You can do so digitally using our [Online Giving Form](#) and select "Christmas Flowers & Music" or "Christmas General Offering" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write the dedication name(s) on the *MEMO* line. If doing so by check, you'll soon find both Christmas envelopes in the Narthex and in Old Brick. When using either method, please be sure to submit yours no later than Friday, December 20th.

Centering Prayer – Monday, December 16

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. The Zoom link will be in Monday's *This Week on Zoom* email. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Book Club – Thursday, December 19

The CEC Book Club just wrapped up its latest book and is planning on starting an Advent-themed one after Thanksgiving. If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, the CEC Book Club might be for you! We choose a book as a group, read a chapter or two each week, and then gather virtually for an hour or so on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. to share thoughts and have lively conversations. The Zoom link will be in Monday's *This Week on Zoom* email.

Parents, Take an Evening Off! – Friday, December 20

Christ Church's Youth Ministry will provide a fundraiser of entertainment and babysitting this Friday evening, December 20th, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. while parents do their Christmas shopping or go on a date - or just relax! The kids can look forward to Christmas cookie decorating, card-making, and ornament crafting. There will be cookies and cider, hot chocolate, Christmas music, and Christmas movies to get us all in the Christmas spirit! Suggested donation is \$25./hour, but speak with Deacon Kiona if you need assistance.

Your Gifts are a True Blessing to Us All.

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church.

You may use the QR code on the left to give to Christ Church this week. And if you haven't yet completed your pledge for 2025, please use the QR code on the right.



Pledge to Christ Church

THANK YOU.



Give to Christ Church



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Morning and Evening Prayer Livestreams

Monday - Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. and Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via our website and Facebook

The Jesse Tree

Daily throughout Advent at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/jessetree

Poems for Advent

Through Christmas, on our website and Facebook
Every Weekday

Centering Prayer

Monday evenings, December 9 and 16 at 7:00 p.m.
in person in Old Brick, and virtually via Zoom

Advent Compline

Presented by Mother Marcia Davenport

Each weeknight at 7:30 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook

Community Caroling and Lunch

Sunday, December 15 in the Great Hall at 12 noon
Community Caroling begins at 1:00 p.m.

Christ Church Christmas Social: A CEC Youth Group Fundraiser

Friday, December 20 in the Great Hall from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Advent IV

Sunday, December 22 at 8:00 a.m. in Old Brick
9:00 a.m. a.m. Family Worship in New Brick
and 10:30 a.m. with music and choir in the New Brick Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. is livestreamed via [the CEC website](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchcolumbia), and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/christchurchcolumbia)

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The Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 22 at 12:00 noon in the New Brick Sanctuary

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

6:00 P.M.

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Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary
and via [the CEC website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)

Christ Church on Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Pageant at 4:00 p.m. in New Brick

Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 11:00 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary
and via [the CEC website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)

Music begins 30 minutes before the 8 and 11 p.m. services

Celebrate Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary
and livestreamed on [the CEC website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary
and also on our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)



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