



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 | Fourth 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!

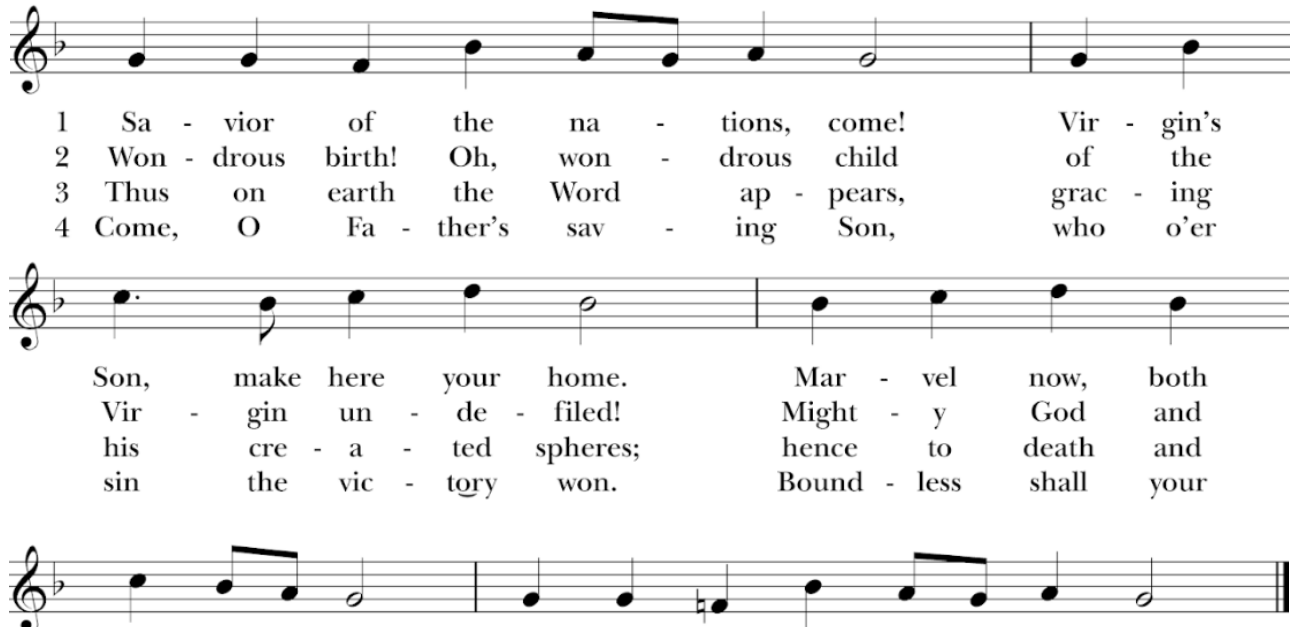
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 54 | Savior of the Nations, Come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE |

Fourth Candle | The Candle of Love

Celebrant: Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy. We light it and the Candles of Hope and Peace as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, our hope, our peace and our joy.
A person lights the Candles of Hope, Peace and Joy

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elisabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.
A person lights the Fourth Candle, the Candle of Love.

Celebrant: Love is like a candle shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the love we have in Christ.
Let us pray:

All: **Lord God, Your witness John the Baptist grew up strong in spirit and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love that we would be witnesses to him and spread the good news of your love. As Christmas draws closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome him. Amen.**

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Micah 5:2-5a

Reader: A reading from Micah

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE |

Canticle 15 | The Song of Mary

Magnificat



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him*
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

Antiphon

(continued)

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader: A reading from Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able.

7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice!
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

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

THE GOSPEL | Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by 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 lowliness 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.
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 thoughts 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 helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-ous-ness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

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 |

Oh Lord, your coming into the world, your incarnation, brings strength, majesty, peace and grace to all. Your greatness reaches to the ends of the earth.

Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.

Both Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, rejoiced in God's revelation of his purpose in their lives. Our Lord's desire is to use everyone to fulfill His vision for humanity. Willingness to listen to the voice of our Lord allows us all to be instruments of his love.

Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.

The universal church is bound by a devotion to Christ Jesus. We are united in the Anglican communion. Today we pray for The Church of the Province of Uganda. We also extend our thoughts and prayers to our sister parishes in the Diocese of Maryland, especially: Holy Trinity, Churchville, St. John's, Havre de Grace, and Resurrection, Copley Parish. We ask our Lord's blessing for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Rector Emeritus, Richard, and our Associate Rector Emeritus, Marcia. We also pray for our Deacon, Kiona, our candidate for ordination, Rebecca, and our Postulant, Mike. May we help each other in adversity and rejoice together in our achievements. ***Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.***

Lord, let us be agents of peace and reconciliation in our communities. Let us end violence, hate, and resentment. We pray for those in military service. Enable us to share in our prosperity and improve the lives of those pressed by economic hardship. Today we welcome those newcomers or visitors who share in our worship and praise. We are enriched by every individual's presence. We all are drawn here by God's love. ***Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.***

We pray for those who are ill and unable to be with us today. We ask the Lord's healing to touch on those in physical, emotional, or spiritual pain, 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 also extend our love to those who grieve, and we remember those who have died and entered God's eternal kingdom, especially Joan Bruggink, and those you now name. ***Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.***

Occasions of joy and celebration are recognized by our parish and today we ask our Lord's blessing for the birthdays of Kyle, Debra, Jonathan, Kristen, Ben, Paul, Tanis, Nii, Stephen, April & James. Each person has a unique contribution to God's kingdom. ***Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts.***

May all our souls magnify the Lord. May we abide together in his presence and loving care.

Lead us, O Christ, and shine forth in our hearts. - 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 | Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song) Chris Eaton & Amy Grant, arr., Lloyd Larson,

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:

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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.

COMMUNION HYMN 438 | Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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.

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

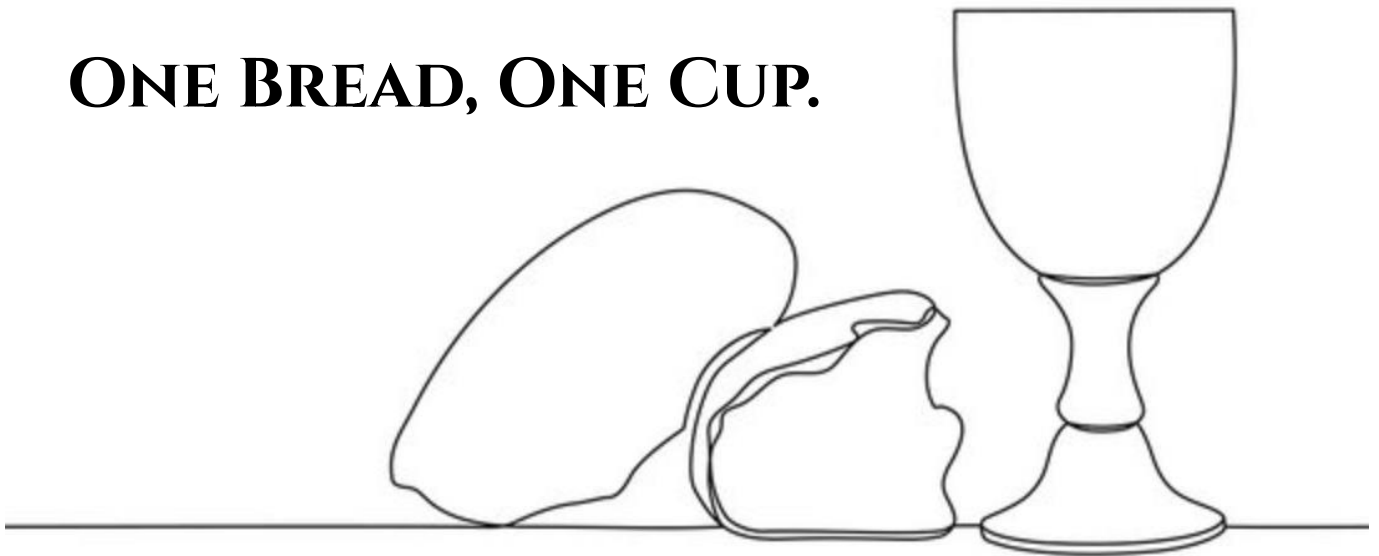
Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

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.

ONE BREAD, ONE CUP.



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour - ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. in Old Brick

Lector: Kayode Fatodu

Ushers : Kayode Fatodu, Diane Phillips LaGuerre

10:30 a.m. in New Brick

Lector: Steve Alpern

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

Acolytes: Ava Fox, James Mercer

Chalicians: Steve Alpern

Altar Guild: Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

Tellers: Sarah Mugo, Mary Oladipupo

**FESTIVAL OF
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

6:00 P.M.

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PARISH CALENDAR

December 22 - 28

Sunday, December 22

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	Pageant Rehearsal – Parish Hall, lower level
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 – 3 pm	Greening of the Church & Cookie Exchange – New Brick, upper level
12:30 – 5 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 pm	EfM – Conference Room & Zoom
3 – 5:00 pm	Lumen Christie Practice – New Brick, upper level
6:00 pm	Lessons & Carols – New Brick, upper level

Monday, December 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick
7:00 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
4:00 pm	Christmas Pageant & Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
7:30 pm	Festival Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
10:30 pm	Festival Eucharist – New Brick, upper level

Wednesday, December 25

All day	Church Office Closed
10 am	Christmas Day Worship – New Brick, upper level

Thursday, December 26

All Day	Church Office Closed
12 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 pm	Boy Scouts

Friday, December 27

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	“A Christmas Carol” Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, December 28

1:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Remembering Loved Ones

If you have loved ones that you want remembered by name this Christmas, please send them to Yetti in the church office by this Saturday. Email them to office@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

The Greening of the Church – Today after the 10:30 service

A Christ Church tradition, the Greening of the Church is a time to gather and collectively decorate the campus in its holiday best. Poinsettias, wreaths, garlands, and many other beautiful holiday items will be placed around the altars and sanctuaries to help make this holiday complete. We'll start in New Brick at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 22nd, so we encourage everyone to lend a hand. All ages are welcome!

Christmas Week at Christ Church

Our incredible youth are featured in the 4:00 Christmas Eve worship at Christ Church, a family service that includes a live Nativity. That evening, our excellent choir and instrumentalists will lead the seasonal music presentation before both uplifting evening services, so arrive at 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. to grab great seats and join us as we celebrate in joyous song! Then, on Christmas Day, our Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. is a truly wonderful service and takes place in the Sanctuary of New Brick. And so, as the hymnist suggested... *"Come and worship... worship Christ, the new-born King!"* Celebrating the first morning of the New Year is always special, so join us at 10 a.m. on January 1, 2025, in New Brick for Holy Eucharist and a ringing in of the new year.

Christmas Flowers and Music

Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one during the 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.

Film Screening of *A Christmas Carol* - December 27

There is a special holiday showing of the all-time classic *A Christmas Carol* on Friday, December 27th - and that's a film everyone should enjoy every Christmas season! Want to host a film in the CEC Theatre? [Let us know!](#)

First Wednesday Fellowship - January 8

The very first FWF of 2025 contains food to warm the insides and a game to warm the heart! Please bring soup, salad, or a dessert to share, and bring a baby photo of yourself for a little game! We guarantee a great time for everyone. See you then!

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

CHRISTMAS

AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Morning and Evening Prayer Livestreams

Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 7:00 a.m. and Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. via [our website](#) and [Facebook](#)

The Jesse Tree

Weekdays through Christmas Eve at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/jessetree

Poems for Advent

Through Christmas, on our website and Facebook

Advent Compline

with **Mother Marcia Davenport**

Weeknights at 7:30 p.m. through Christmas Eve on our website, YouTube, and Facebook

The Greening of the Church

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

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 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary
and via [the CEC website](#), [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)

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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