

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH
EPISCOPAL**

10:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



WELCOME

Christ Church is an Episcopal Parish in the Diocese of Massachusetts. We welcome and honor the God-given gifts that make us unique as individuals and strong as community. You and your family are welcome regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or prior religious affiliation.

A Note to Parents and Caregivers with Children in Church

Thank you for bringing your children to church. We are so glad you are here!

We know it can be difficult at times to manage little ones during the service.

For that reason, we have provided some resources which we hope will make it easier for you and your family to enjoy worship together.

You will find books and coloring pages at the back of the Mary Chapel. Please feel free to utilize these at any point during the service.

We have installed a TV in the nursery! You are welcome to visit the nursery with your child during any portion of our service and join us via our livestream.

It is okay to take breaks. If you need to step out with your child, our parish grounds are a great place to get the wiggles out.

Above all, please remember: You and your family are very welcome here!

Though your children may be squirming, talking, or making noise, they are also observing, copying, and learning. Children are a gift and an important part of our community; we are grateful to have them worship with us.

The Word of God

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Loving God, we seek you in both the light and darkness, the silence and the sounds, the fullness and the emptiness of this Advent season. Fill our hearts with hope for your coming, love for those who are most in need, and faith in your promises. May this time of preparation help us celebrate the birth of your Son with deep gratitude and abundant joy. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Light of the world. Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

1982 Hymnal 67

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

1982 Hymnal 75

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and

**reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Remain seated.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:3-11

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN

All you who love Jerusalem

All stand.

Voices Found 157

GOSPEL:

Luke 3:1-6

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 Luke.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deacon James Thomas

Silence may follow.

THE CREED

All stand.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

All remain standing.

Deacon: Holy God, wherever we are, you are there. Stir our hearts wherever we may go that we may see you and offer thanksgiving for the life you have given us. Hear these prayers we offer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of God's people, those next to us here, those in neighborhood churches, and those worshipping today across the globe. Help us to grow into a unity of mission and ministry in our common devotion to Christ that we might be faithful witness of your love.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the churches in our diocese, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Julia and Carol our Bishops, Melissa our Priest, James and Natalie our Deacons, Scott our Supply Priest, and each of us in our vocations and ministries.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those in civil authority: That they be guided by hope and not fear.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For this faith community; amid joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us; those who have sacrificed for us. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the Rev. Melissa Howell, on the occasion of her first anniversary as our Rector, let us pray together:

Gracious God, Shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant Melissa, who faithfully cares for and nurtures your flock here at Christ Church; we give you thanks as, with grateful hearts, we mark Melissa's first year among us as priest and pastor. We pray that she may know your continual presence as she is restored to fullness of health in body, mind, and spirit. Bless, we pray, Melissa, Alex, and all of their family in the days and weeks ahead, and bring her joyously back to us in your good time. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whose name all life is sanctified. Amen.

For the 47th wedding anniversary of Carl & Robin Nielsen in whose honor the Lamp of Presence has been given; for their time together and for the love they have shared with one another and with the world. We ask your blessing on their continuing years together and we pray that they may joyfully live out the promises made on their wedding day and that the love they share with one another may be a reflection of the love you share with us.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us. Help us to protect and nurture creation and ever proclaim its wonders.

Silence

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those who are lonely or neglected, and for those facing illness and disability. Especially we pray for those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For those who have died, for those who are dying, for those who grieve, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud, that they might find hope in your promise of lasting life.

Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place and time, and guide us to Christ, preparing the way for us by making every valley filled and every mountain low. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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.**

The Priest stands and says

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

All stand.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*If you wish to make a gift to support the ministries of
Christ Church Parish, you may place your offering in the
plate, or scan the QR code to the right to donate online.
Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY

1982 Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy

1982 Hymnal S 129

Celebrant and People

The People stand or kneel.

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 [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; 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

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

People and Celebrant

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor



Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

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INVITATION

The Presider invites the people to Communion with these or similar words: Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To receive the Sacrament, come forward in two lines down the center aisle, to either the main altar or the chapel altar rail. Please fill in all the spaces along the rail. Standing or kneeling, hold out your hands. The minister will place the bread in your palm. You may then receive the wine by drinking from the larger cup or intincting (dipping) the bread in the smaller cup. If you do not wish to receive the wine, cross your arms across your chest as the cup bearers come to you. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward to the rail, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.

At the main altar, once you have received, stand and exit through the side door closest to you (either left past the organ or right through the choir room) to walk around and back into the sanctuary, using the side aisles to return to your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom

Voices Found 60

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are being sent out to bring the Sacrament to those who cannot be with us in-person, the following is said as the Visitors are handed the bread and wine:

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, 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, for we all share one bread and one cup.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

People, look East

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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.



DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the people.

*The people respond: **Thanks be to God.***

Announcements

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week.

Any names added this week are in bold.

Anita Chase; Bea Estes; Caleb Eaton and family; Carol Owen; Cindy Boyer; Darlene Parnass; David Greene; Dianne Powers; Don Bolt; Donna Eby; Doug Perry; Elaine Christian; Fred Thornton; Gail Elliott; Greta Couter; Harvey LeSueur; John Davidson; Karen Guerra; Karen Romero; Kate Taylor; the family of Kent Kopke; Kim Fillian; Jack Bersani; Jim Davis; John Crosby; Lauren Parnass; Laurie Ghelfi Smith; Linda Garrone; Louise Woodruff; Lynne Neeley; Maryanne Kerrigan; Rev. Melissa Howell; Michelle and Michael Almeida; Nicole Smith; Norm Zinger; Owen Smith; Paula Darsch; Polly Chadwick; Ray Rogers; Ron Kleiner; Sandy Burgess; Sam (Samantha) and Mike (Michael); Sam Barry; Sharon Steadman; Steven Mills-Price; Suzanne and Dave Salois; Suzanne Williamson-Vico; Tim N.; Tina MacAllister; Tyler Christian; Valerie B. Pflock; William Underhill

We ask your prayers for those serving in the military and their families:

Aidan McKinney, Andrew Barton, Austin Vico, Harry Morini, Joel Carveiro, Josh Zabin

From the Office

In order to have your announcements included in the weekly bulletin and *Keeping Connected*, please send them to the office by 12 Noon on Wednesday. They should include date, time, place, description of event and contact information and should be written exactly the way you want them to appear.

Christmas Flowers and Musicians - If you wish to remember or honor a loved one or give in thanksgiving, you may do so by sponsoring the flowers and guest musicians for our Christmas services. The form is included at the end of the bulletin. In order to have your memorial listed in the Christmas bulletins, please return the form by Monday, December 16.

Last Deposit 2024 - Gentle reminder that your final payment for the year of 2024 needs to be in to the church by 12/30/24 so that it counts for this year. Donna Lawrence will be making the deposit on 12/30/24 in the late afternoon so that it gets into the bank on time for 2024.

If you have any questions please contact Donna Lawrence at 508-243-2293 or donnamL21@comcast.net

Church School

Pageant 2024: The deadline to sign up for non-speaking parts in the annual Christmas Pageant is Friday December 6. Please email education@christchurchplymouth.org to sign-up. Rehearsals are after church on: December 1, 8, 15, 22 with a dress rehearsal TBD. The pageant is on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 pm. Please spread the word!

Church School Schedule: There are regular Church School classes for PreK-5 scheduled for: December 8, and December 15. December 22 will be a Pageant Rehearsal and December 29 there is NO Church School.

Resources for Families in Church: Just a reminder that there are activities for kids, including a small table and chairs, in the back of the church. We are also providing special bulletins for kids that are aligned with the week's lessons at the front and back entrances. These bulletins have a variety of coloring, brain teasers, puzzles, and other fun activities. For students in grades PreK-1, Su will be available in the nursery to monitor young students who need a separate space during the church service. We hope that these resources will support family attendance at the 10 am service. Please let us know if you have any other ideas for ways to welcome children and families at Christ Church: education@christchurchplymouth.org

Cookbook Update – We still have a long ways to go before we can submit our recipes for publishing. The good news is that we still have plenty of time without any stress. Please drop off your recipes to the office when possible or submit recipes through the website typensave.com. During these next few weeks, please look at your wonderful recipes you might be using for your holiday meal preparations. Please take a moment or two and share them on the website for our parish cookbook project.

Username: CCParish
Password: garlic547

With much appreciation ~
~Anne & Robin

Meal Train Program at Christ Church - Parishioners Melissa Pechey and Robin Nielsen are in the process of offering a Meal Train program available to our Christ Church Parish community. Contact Robin Nielsen if you would like to know more robinmarianielsen@gmail.com

Altar Guild – invites you to help prepare the sanctuary for Christmas with cleaning, dusting, vacuuming and polishing. Saturday, December 14th beginning at 9:30 (until about 11:00). Coffee and sweets will be provided. Thank you.

Evening Women's Group - The annual Christmas gathering of the Evening Women's Group will be held on Weds., Dec, 11th at Connie's house at 5 PM. Please note the change of date.

We are asking folks to bring a sock filled with trinkets for our special activity.

Please let Connie know if you plan to attend via email, text or calling (conmel@aol.com, 508.746.3805).

All women are considered members of the EWG. We do ask for a donation of up to \$10 to assist with meal costs and outreach projects.

Photo Update - We will be taking individual photos this weekend after the 10 AM service both in the church and then upstairs during coffee hour. If you are new to the parish (within the last year) or didn't have your photo taken before, please join us. We will also be taking photos the weekend of December 14-15 after the 5 PM, 8 AM, and 10 AM services.

Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - With just 7 shopping days left, come by and browse a large assortment of gently used decorations, nativity sets, tree stands, village scenes, stockings, wreaths, linens, dinnerware, and so much more.

Shoppe Hours
Thursday and Friday 10-4
Saturday 10-1

The Thrift Shoppe Mission includes outreach for our neighbors in need. During this season of giving, please speak with one of our leaders for confidential assistance.

Barb Hurney, Drew Lench, Lynne Neeley, Paula Sherwood, Lynn Stanne and Barbara Wojtkiewicz

Overnights of Hospitality - Starting Sunday, December 1st, The Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness, in collaboration with the Fr. Bill's and Mainspring (FBMS) organization, will offer winter emergency shelter to 20-25 single individuals through Saturday, April 5th. We can't continue this important ministry without your help.

We need folks to serve as Shelter Volunteers and Meal Providers. Shelter Volunteers commit to give one evening of their time from 4:45 to approximately. They provide support to the FBMS staff. Meal Providers prepare meals at home to serve at the shelter.

By volunteering we show our unhoused neighbors that they are not forgotten. We who have volunteered in the past have been touched by the appreciation shown by many of the guests. It has been a very rewarding experience!

The shelter rotates weekly among three congregations beginning Sunday, December 1st through Saturday, April 5th - Christ Church, First Baptist Church and St Mary's and St Joseph Collaborative at St Mary's Parish Center, using the fellowship halls. Orientation is provided.

To sign up as a Shelter Volunteer or Meal Provider, go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/k4w5gd>. Slots for Meal Provider tend to fill up quickly. To review the Shelter Volunteer and Meal Provider guidelines, go to <https://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

Questions? Call Connie Melahoures, President of the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness at 508.367.0516 or email conmel@aol.com or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email katlibretto@gmail.com

The first two weeks of the shelter season begins at Christ Church on December 22nd through Saturday, January 4th. We especially need Shelter Volunteers representing CCP for those first two weeks.

Christ Church Food Pantry –

All are welcome to the Christ Church Food Pantry!

We are open by appointment: Tuesday 4:00-5:15, Thursday 12:00-1:15 and 4:00-5:15, and Saturday 10:00-11:15. Call the pantry message line: 508-746-4959, ext 6, BY 1 PM THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Our volunteers check messages and return your call from their homes to ask you what you need.

Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at eileenpca@aol.com
For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com

2025 Stewardship Campaign Walk in Love Support Christ Church and its Ministries





CHRIST CHURCH PARISH ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7, Advent II

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 8, Advent II

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 AM Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 14, Advent III

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 15, Advent III

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Traditional Lessons & Carols (No Communion)

Saturday, December 21, Advent IV

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Music with The Hills

Sunday, December 22, Advent IV

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM The Annual Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Saturday, December 28, The First Saturday after Christmas Day

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 29, The First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Week At - A - Glance * December 8, 2024 – December 15, 2024

SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent II Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent II Greening of the Church Coffee Hour
MONDAY	9:00 AM 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Office Closed Companions Group Fore & Aft
TUESDAY	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 5:30 PM	Fore & Aft Finance Committee
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:30 PM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Office Closed Evening Women's Group Vestry Meeting
THURSDAY	10:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM 1:00 PM 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Morning Prayer – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
SATURDAY	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM 5:00 PM	Altar Guild Brass Polishing Eucharistic Visitors Meeting Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent III
SUNDAY	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent III Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal Traditional Lessons & Carols (No Communion) Coffee Hour Nominating Committee Thrift Shoppe Volunteer Meeting Youth Group

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