**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**
EPISCOPAL

8:00 AM

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**
*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS**
*The Celebrant says*

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**TRISAGION**
*The following is said three times, all standing*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
**Have mercy upon us.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And with thy spirit.**
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

# The Lessons

**FIRST READING:** **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet 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.**

*Silence may follow.*

**Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah**

*Remain seated.*

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.

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.

**SECOND READING:** **Philippians 4:4-7**

*The people sit.*

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

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.**

*Silence may follow.*

**GOSPEL:** **Luke 3:7-18**

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.
*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON** **The Rev. Scott Bellows**

**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:* Let our hearts and minds be stirred as we pray to God for the peace that passes understanding, and rejoice in the gift of Christ, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* For peace in the church: May we intensify our efforts at peace-making with the separated churches, that peace may prevail over conflict, and that we may be reconciled into one family, exercising one baptism, one eucharist, and one common ministry in its many forms.
*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 peace in the world: May conflicts cease, may refugees and survivors find new homes and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all lands and may the lion and the lamb lie content.
*Silence*
Lord in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

For this assembly. That the world might know us by our love. Help us with the grievances we harbor within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust and teach us forgiveness that we might know reconciliation in your love.
*Silence*
Lord in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

For peace where we live, work and play, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the quiet sounds of Creation. And grant us time and space to listen for you, our heart's true desire.
*Silence*
Lord in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who suffer, may we be messengers of hope, peace, and healing. 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 are gone and beyond our reach, especially Stephen Estes in whose honor and memory the lamp of presence has been given, and those we name now, either silently or aloud; fill the empty spots in our hearts and souls with reassurance of your love for them and fill them also with the hope of our reuniting someday in your eternal kingdom.
*Silence is held for a time as people share their intercessions.*
Lord in your mercy,
**Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* O Lord, fill our minds and hearts with everything that is good and loving and worthy of thanksgiving and praise, everything that comes to us under the sign of your peace and in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**
*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**
*All stand.*

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

*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!*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The People remain standing.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
*People* **And with thy spirit.**
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**SANCTUS**
*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**
**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**
**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**
**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
**AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**
*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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**
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**
*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

**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 and 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 as you pass by the cup bearers to return to your seat.*

*If you would prefer a blessing, come forward, cross your arms across your chest, and the minister will bless you.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**
*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. 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**

**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; **Joleen Lutz;** 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:** Rehearsals are after church on: December 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 15. December 22 will be a Pageant Rehearsal and December 29 there is NO Church School.

**Youth Group Meeting** - Our next Youth Group meeting will take place Sunday 12/15 from 9:00- 10:00. This is a change from our normal Sunday meeting time. Please join us for a festive breakfast, movie discussion, and some games. 2024 was an exciting year for our church and our youth here at Christ Church. Let's start planning what amazing paths our Youth Group will take in 2025!
Please reach out to Becky Metzger, radmetzger@gmail.com if you have any questions!

**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

**Acolytes -** There will be an acolyte training session Monday, 12/23 at 12:30 following the pageant rehearsal. Please join us for some lunch and information! The role of an acolyte is an important one in the eucharist, and a very valuable ministry! Please reach out to Becky Metzger radmetzger@gmail.com if you are able to attend. Thank you!

**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.

**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 after the 5 PM and the 8 AM services.

**Christ Church Thrift Shoppe -** With just **4** 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. All items now 1/2 off regular price!

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 Wojtklewicz

**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 8 PM. 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 katlibtetto@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.

**Prayer Chain** - Our prayer chain consists of devoted parishioners who, in confidence, pray daily for the needs of our parish family. Our mission is to life up to God the prayers of people in need, in joy, or in thanksgiving.

All prayer requests are said for a period of 2 weeks, and all requests are kept in strict confidence. If you would like a prayer said for yourself, a member of your family or friends, please reach out to Robyn Lench Whittles 781-291-9459 or email to betty02364@gmail.com

**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 Wojtklewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at barbara.wojtklewicz@gmail.com

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




# Bedtime Chapel Podcast

Nightly Family Prayer & Weekly Bible Study
*Deuteronomy 11:18,19*

Bedtime Chapel helps families draw nearer to Jesus by gathering for nightly prayer and deepening their understanding of the Gospel. The podcast includes:

- A 5-Min nightly prayer service
- Weekly companion episodes that explore the themes of the gospel readings of the upcoming week for family members with longer attention spans

**Pray with us on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or Audible.**
*Scan the QR Code to find us online*
*or visit our website:*
*www.bedtimechapel.com*



# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**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 15, 2024 – December 22, 2024

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| **SUNDAY** | **8:00 AM** | **Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent III** |
| | 9:00 AM | Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) |
| | 9:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 9:00 AM | Youth Group |
| | **10:00 AM** | **Traditional Lessons & Carols (No Communion)** |
| | 11:15 AM | Coffee Hour |
| **MONDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 10:30 AM | Resource Committee |
| **TUESDAY** | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| **WEDNESDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 5:00 PM | Parish Ministry Network |
| **THURSDAY** | 10:00 AM | Bible Study |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| | 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| | 1:00 PM | Book Study |
| | 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM | Food Pantry |
| | 6:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal |
| **FRIDAY** | **9:00 AM** | **Morning Prayer –** Facebook Live |
| | 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Fore & Aft |
| **SATURDAY** | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Thrift Shoppe |
| | 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM | Food Pantry |
| | **5:00 PM** | **Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent IV – Music with The Hills** |
| **SUNDAY** | **8:00 AM** | **Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent IV** |
| | 9:00 AM | Adult Church School |
| | 9:00 AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | **10:00 AM** | **Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent IV** |
| | 11:15 AM | Coffee Hour |

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