

**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH  
EPISCOPAL**

10:00 AM

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 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

## PRELUDE

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST 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

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

**1982 Hymnal 58**

### 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

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

## LEVAS 145

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_

1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! \_\_\_\_\_

1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see \_\_\_\_\_

1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! \_\_\_\_\_

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Lessons

### FIRST READING:

*The people sit.*

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

### Psalm 25:1-9

*Remain seated.*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
    let me not be humiliated,  
    nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
    let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **SECOND READING:**

*The people sit.*

## **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

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

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*Stay awake, be ready*

## MHSO 62

*All stand.*

Stay a - wake (clap, clap) be read - y. You  
 Change your lives, he's com - ing. The  
 Go \_\_\_\_\_ back, tell John  
 By the pow'r of the Spi - rit

do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -  
 one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your  
 all that you have heard and have seen me do - ing. Go \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mar - y will give birth to a son called Je - sus. By the

wake, be read - y. The Lord is com - ing soon!  
 lives, he's com - ing. The reign of God is near!  
 back, tell John the wond - ers that you see.  
 pow'r of the Spi - rit Em - man - u - el is near.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing  
 The reign of God is  
 The won - ders that you see.  
 Em - man - u - el is

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## GOSPEL:

*All stand.*

## Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when

these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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

## THE SERMON

**The Rev. Bill Lutz**

### 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:* Faithful God, we offer our prayers in hopeful anticipation of your response as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Your church waits in anticipation for the fulfillment of your promises, grant us perseverance and urgency to continue Christ's mission as we await His return.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Sow the seeds of your love throughout this nation, that our people and leaders might work towards building a society where all people have an equitable place and the opportunity to thrive.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

As we enter into this season of anticipation, grant this congregation a discerning spirit that we might confidently follow where you are leading us, be beacons of hope, and a place of refuge for our neighbors.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out from the devastation wrought by our unsustainable use of its resources, show us how we might change and advocate for a holy stewardship of the natural world.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Open our hearts to know the suffering of those who are sick, afraid, alone, or oppressed; grant them relief, healing, and wholeness and show us how to be present with them. Especially we ask for those who have sought our prayers 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.**

Grant peace and rest in your loving care to those who have died, to those who grieve, and to 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.**

*Celebrant:* Hear the hopes and needs of your people and respond; keep your people in your grace just as you always have. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. **Amen.**

## **CONFSSION 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**

***People Look East***

## **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

## ***God the sculptor of the mountains***

MHSO 130

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## **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**

***Come, thou long-expected Jesus***

**1982 Hymnal 66**

### **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**; repose of the soul of Sr. Brigid Courtney; repose of the soul of Bruce Oliver; 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.

## Church School

**Sunday December 1:** Families and parishioners are invited to learn about the tradition of the Advent Wreath and create your own family wreath. All materials are generously provided by Lynne Neeley. The activity takes place from 9-10 am in the Parish Hall. If you are not able to attend at 9 am, some supplies will be available to take home at coffee hour.

**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](mailto: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 1 (Advent Wreath making), 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](mailto: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

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](mailto:robinmarianielsen@gmail.com)

**Buildings & Grounds – Help needed!** Weather permitting, the Buildings & Grounds committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to about 1pm. We'll be cleaning up around our buildings before winter arrives. Coffee and breakfast goodies will be provided. Please bring your own work gloves. Remember, many hands make light work!

**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 ([connmel@aol.com](mailto:connmel@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.

## **Christ Church Thrift Shoppe - *Happy Thanksgiving***

*It is with an abundance of gratitude that we wish a Blessed Thanksgiving to our volunteers, donors, and shoppers, all of whom have greatly contributed to the Thrift Shoppe success.*

November 28- closed for Thanksgiving

November 29-30 **Wreath Sale**

### **Shoppe Hours**

Thursday and Friday 10-4

Saturday 10-1

**Overnights of Hospitality** - Starting Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto:conmel@aol.com) or call Kat Libretto, our shelter coordinator at 201.286.5591 or email [katlibretto@gmail.com](mailto:katlibretto@gmail.com)

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

**Join Us in Spreading Cheer! - Join Us in Spreading Cheer!** - Dear Friends, this year, our Christmas outreach program at Christ Church will be in collaboration with the Salvation Army. We're deeply grateful for their support, especially as Donna Eby recovers from her recent back surgery.

We invite you to contribute to this wonderful cause by providing gifts for children ranging from newborns to 14 years old. You can choose to donate clothing, toys, or any item that you feel would be appropriate. Please ensure that each gift is unwrapped and placed in a bag, with the age, size, and gender clearly marked on the package. **The deadline for donations is December 4th.**

You can deliver your gifts to the Salvation Army located at 52 Long Pond Rd. in Plymouth. If getting there is a challenge, Donna Lawrence has cards with children's names from the Salvation Army to give out to those that can't get to Long Pond Rd. Please see her in the bookkeeper's office after the 10 AM service to take a name.

On December 9, 2024, the Salvation Army will be distributing these gifts. If you feel inclined to come and help distribute these gifts to these needy families, please feel free to just show up at 9 AM at the Salvation Army at 52 Long Pond Rd. It would be wonderful to have as many as we can of Christ Church parishioners passing out these gifts to these families.

**CORRECTION:** Gift cards for food or gas:

We would like to reach out to those who are interested in sponsoring gift cards for food or gas to assist our parishioners in need.

- Gift cards will be collected until Wednesday December 18th.
- Cards should be in denominations of \$25.00.
- We will give these cards out to church family members during December.
- Both Stop & Shop and Walmart deliver.
- Stop & Shop also sells gas.
- Cards may be placed in the offering plate or taken to the church office.
- If you know of someone who might need this help, please reach out to Donna Lawrence or Bill Ferguson.
- Also, you may also write a check to Christ Church Parish and add "Gift Card Outreach" on the memo line. Your donation will be converted into cards.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact Donna Lawrence, at 508-243-2293 or via email at [donnamL21@comcast.net](mailto:donnamL21@comcast.net).

Thank you for your generosity and support as we spread joy this holiday season!

## **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.

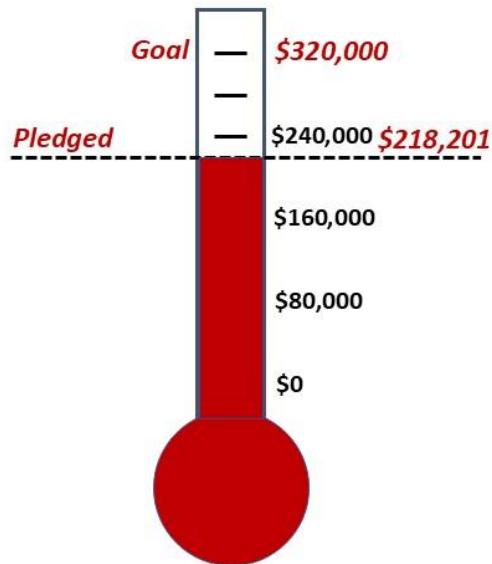
Leave a message if you wish to donate non-perishable food and household items, or you may leave your donations under the mailboxes outside the office or in the front entrance to the sanctuary. Squirrels like to get into any bags left on the porch of the food pantry!

If you wish to volunteer, contact Eileen Paris at [eileenpca@aol.com](mailto:eileenpca@aol.com)

For more information, please contact Barbara Wojtkiewicz at 617-291-4634, or by email at [barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.wojtkiewicz@gmail.com)

## **2025 Stewardship Campaign**

**Walk in Love**  
**Support Christ Church and its Ministries**





## CHRIST CHURCH PARISH ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, November 30, Advent I**  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Sunday, December 1, Advent I**  
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

**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 1, 2024 – December 8, 2024**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent I</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent I</b> Coffee Hour
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 AM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:30 PM	Companions Group Fore & Aft Pastoral Care
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Fore & Aft Office Closed
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM 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	Office Closed Bible Study Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft Food Pantry Book Study Food Pantry Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>Morning Prayer</b> – Facebook Live Thrift Shoppe Fore & Aft
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM <b>5:00 PM</b>	Property Cleanup Thrift Shoppe Food Pantry <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent II</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b> 9:00 AM 9:00 AM <b>10:00 AM</b> 11:15 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I – Advent II</b> Church School (Adults and Grades Pre-K – 5) Choir Rehearsal <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II – Advent II</b> Coffee Hour

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**MINISTERS**

All the people of Christ Church Parish

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The Rev. Deacons James & Natalie Thomas  
David Tyler, Parish Administrator  
Lea Tyler, Choir Director  
Su D'Ambrosio, Sunday School Coordinator

**Officers and Vestry Representatives**

Bill Ferguson, Senior Warden  
John Steele, Junior Warden  
Ray Rogers, Treasurer  
Brenna Buckley, Clerk

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**Office Hours**  
Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024**

**Christmas Instrumentalists**



Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

As a Thank Offering: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Christmas Flowers**



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