



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 2, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.
HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Bell Preludes

Organ Voluntary

from *La Nativité*
II. The Shepherds
VI. The Angels
VIII. The Magi

Olivier Messiaen

Please stand as the procession enters the church

Hymn 102 (omit * vss.)

Irby

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
on to the place where he is gone.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Said in unison

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.

The Collect of the Day

May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

The Congregation prays silently, and the Celebrant concludes

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated for the Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give

them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 84:1-8

Read responsively by half verse

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *

**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, *

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *

hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

1:3-6, 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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People

Thanks be to God.

Unison or harmony

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

The first system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is a simple, flowing line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting on 'What' and the second on 'Why'.

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

The second system of the hymn, continuing the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting on 'Ma - ry's' and the second on 'ox'.

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

The third system of the hymn, continuing the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting on 'an - thems' and the second on 'sin - ners'.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

The fourth system of the hymn, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is a simple, flowing line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting on 'This' and the second on 'this'.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system of music has the lyrics: "guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to". The second system of music has the lyrics: "bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: *Greensleeves*, English melody; harm. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All stand, as able

The Litany of Healing

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers

The people may name aloud those for whom they are interceding

God our Creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise and thank you, O Lord.

God our Redeemer, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God our Sanctifier, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

As we move into a new year, grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world in 2022;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life.
Heal us, and make us whole.

A period of silence follows

Let us pray. O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please be seated

Greetings

The flowers and greens are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

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And in thanksgiving for:

Taylor Knight Cisneros
 Kate, Kevin, Lucy, Wally, Mack & Gus Floore
 All Fox Chase patients who have completed their journey
 Noah Gansallo

Having had Timothy Safford as Rector
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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem

On this day, earth shall ring

Arr. Andrew Senn
Words: Jane M. Joseph

On this day earth shall ring
With the songs children sing
To the Son, Christ our King,
Born on earth to save us;
Him the Father gave us.

*Ideo, o, o, Ideo, o, o,
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!*

His the doom, ours the mirth,
When he came down to earth;
Bethlehem saw his birth;
Ox and ass beside him,
From the cold would hide him.

God's bright star o'er his head,
Wise men three to him led;
Kneel they low before his bed;
Lay their gifts before him,
Praise him and adore him.

On this day angels sing;
With the song earth shall ring,
Praising Christ, heaven's King,
Born on earth to save us;
Peace and love he gave us.

All stand, as able

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, Page 367, *BCP*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 and Benedictus

Missa Nouvelet

Refrain



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and might.

Sing your loud Ho - san - nas to the high-est height.

Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san na in the high-est. *to Refrain*

The Congregation may stand or kneel, then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 God,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant breaks the bread and, after a silence, says

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

With these words, the Clergy moves through the congregation to distribute Communion. All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination and tradition, with all those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, are welcome to receive the Eucharist.

After all have received Communion, we stand and pray together

Eternal God,

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.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

People

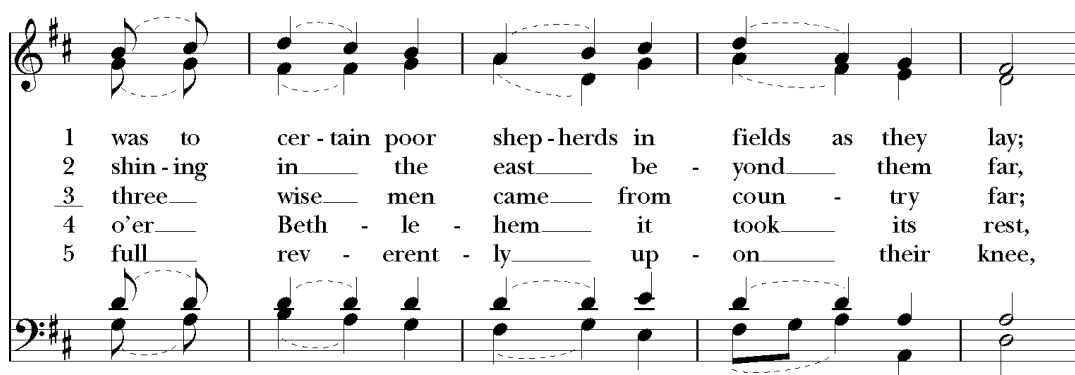
Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 109

The First Nowell



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star
 3 And by the light of that same star
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three



1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
 5 full re - v - erent - ly up - on their knee,



1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain

Organ and Bell Postludes

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

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Please remember this week those in our parish family in need of healing:

Becca Armour, Matt & Raegan Armour, Lauralou Bates, Janie Bingham, Rick Bravo, Diane Brooks, Mel Brooks, Kathy Frohlich, Sally Hardy, Michael Krumrine, Mary, Allen Purkiss, Thomas Rapier, Sharon with prayers of special intentions for: **Tramble**

LIFE AT CHRIST CHURCH

Find your place within this community.

Welcome

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ Church. While we worship in an historical building, we are an active Episcopal parish. At Christ Church no one is a stranger. Introduce yourself to the ministers and ushers or fill out a blue card on the back table and place it in the offering plate. If you do not have a church home in Philadelphia, we invite you to be a part of this Parish.

Offerings



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TODAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

The Sunday Forum-9:00a.m. Neighborhood House

Discuss with the clergy how the scripture of the day applies to real issues of life and culture, or, how an issue in life or culture can be enlightened by scripture and theology. All are welcome.

Congregational Listening

With the announcement of the Rector's plans to retire on March 31, 2022, the Vestry has been actively listening to members of our congregation as they give their thoughts on our future. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Clergy or Vestry, should you wish to discuss any aspect of this privately. We are here to listen.

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Prayer for the Parish Transition

One of the most important aspects of our parish's upcoming leadership transition is to pray that God will shepherd our community through the process. We encourage everyone to pray for God's guidance as our community enters this exciting phase. For those who prefer to pray on their own, here is a prayer to guide you:

God of love, in this season of change, we pray for our parish community, that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, vibrant in our commitment, patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, joyous in our celebrations, imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith. As we enter into this time of change with excitement, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you continue to bless us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Fair Trade Coffee & Tea (and Honey!)

Fair Trade Coffee and tea will be for sale the first Sunday of each month. The proceeds of this special organic coffee support the work of the Episcopal Relief and Development programs.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday Noon Service

This simple, brief Eucharist Service is in the church every Wednesday at Noon.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Bridge Meetings

The young-adults group the **Bridge** will continue our **book discussion** on "The Church Cracked Open" by the Rev. Stephanie Spellers, available on Amazon. She's an Episcopal priest who works on the staff of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. PB Curry said about this book, "It will make a profound difference for the church in this moment in history." 2022 meeting dates following the 10am Service: **Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1**. Questions? Contact **the Rev. Susan Richardson**.

Sunday Kids' Programs return January 9

Christ Church welcomes all infants, toddlers, children and youth to participate in our Sunday education and formation programs

We have a professionally staffed nursery for **infants and toddlers** on the third floor of Neighborhood House from 8:45a.m. (so parents can join in the Forum) to 11:15a.m.

For children **4 years old through 5th Grade**, we offer Godly Play with Ms. Robin on the third floor in Neighborhood House. Two start times every Sunday, at 9:00a.m. and 10:00a.m.

Youth Group, **6th Grade through High School**, meets each week at 9a.m. in Neighborhood House, during the Forum.

Join a Small Group Fellowship at Christ Church

Lectio Divina - Come for Lectio Divina or 'Sacred Reading'. We will connect scripture to Environment Stewardship. We will meet after the Sunday Service on **January 9** at 11:45 in the Harding Room. *Convener:* **Dennis Hendricks**, hrforward@outlook.com

Tuesday Koin Group at 8:20 a.m. Morning Prayer using the appointed readings from Holy Women, Holy Men. *Convener:* **Cecilia Wagner**, cwagner@christchurchphila.org

Good Shepherds. Reaching out to parishioners who may be lonely or struggling.

Convener: **Kate Hall**, cypirus8018@verizon.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Old First Reform Shelter Meals

You can get involved with our Old First Reform Shelter Meals! This season, Christ Church is coordinating “drop off” shelter meals. We will be delivering food to the shelter that has been prepared by various volunteers from Christ Church (which can include YOU!). Here are the dates for the 2021-2022 Shelter Meal season: **Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 14, Apr 11**

First Step: Go to the Sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4BA5A62EA46-jan2022> or you can contact **Anne McAteer** at annekmcateer@gmail.com.

Second Step: Prepare your dish and deliver it from 3pm to 4:30pm on the day of the shelter meal to Christ Church Neighborhood House at 20 N American St, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Third Step: The Shelter Coordinators (Nick, Joey, Lee, etc.) will prepare a hot entree at the shelter and will deliver all of your wonderful side dishes to the shelter guests' 5:30pm meal time!

Be a Part of History

A video remembrance is being made for the Christ Church Archives to honor Tim's 23 years as Rector. We are looking forward to hearing parishioners' reflections. While the time slot is ten minutes, we don't expect the final clip for each participant to be longer than 30-40 seconds. We encourage everyone to take part! Filming will take place at Christ Church on the following dates:

January 16 – 11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.

January 23 – 11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.

Please sign up for a 10 minute time slot at <https://bit.ly/2YzcNBZ>

January 16 - Sages meeting

Our postponed meeting to talk about poverty in Philadelphia, will be held Jan 16. We have invited **Callie Perrone**, Government and Community Affairs Coordinator at Philabundance, to lead a discussion on food insecurity in Philadelphia. Our research on the subject of poverty in Philadelphia suggests that food insecurity and poverty are very closely allied and that those who deal with the food problems know as much as anybody about this subject. Callie received her Masters in Social Work and Social Policy at the University of Pennsylvania. She has worked in the areas of hunger, homelessness and healthcare, and believes that advocacy is a powerful tool for social change. Please join us on Sunday the 16th following the 10:00 A.M. service (about 11:15) and learn what you might be able to do to help with this seemingly intractable problem, that plagues 25% or more of the citizens of our city. Questions? Please contact the **Rev. K. Palmer Hartl** kphartl@aol.com

Journeys for Newcomers and Longtimers in 2022

Want to find out more about Christ Church? Or have you been here awhile and would enjoy a check-in? Our Journeys class combines newcomers and longer-time members in talk about faith and life, vocation, Anglicanism and Episcopal history, and how Christ Church can be part of your path now. Meeting over the course of three Sundays, members, newcomers, and clergy will journey together. Childcare and snacks provided; RSVP is needed. Questions? Check with **Susan Richardson**. srichardson@christchurchphila.org

Sun February 20, 11:30-12:45 - "Journeys become stories"

Sun March 13, 11:30-12:45 "The Journey of the Episcopal Church"

Sun March 20, 11:30-12:45 - "Living Faith"

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 5:00p.m.

A parish gathering to celebrate all that we have achieved together
during the time of Tim's ministry.

Baptisms at Christ Church in 2022

April 17 (Easter), **June 5** (The Day of Pentecost). If you would like to have a baptism for yourself or your child, please contact the **Rev. Susan Richardson** at 215.922.1695, ext 25.

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Free Parking

When attending Christ Church services, classes and fellowship on Sunday morning, you may park free of charge in the lot behind Neighborhood House. Always display the "ATTENDING SERVICES" sign (available from an usher or the office) on your front dashboard and on the back windshield, too! This also allows free parking on Market, American and both sides of Second Streets, but NOT IN THE SEPTA BUS ZONE NOR FILBERT STREET! If you receive a parking violations ticket while parking in the allowable spaces for Sunday or Wednesday service, give the ticket (or a good copy) to the office. Please leave your name with the ticket.

Flowers Given to the Glory of God

Each week, a member of the Christ Church Flower Guild lovingly arranges loose cut flowers into two beautiful bouquets. Placed at the front altar, these bouquets become thanksgivings for blessings in our lives or memorials for loved ones now passed. You are invited to name a thanksgiving or memorial with a suggested donation of \$70.00. Just contact **Cecilia** at 215.922.1695, ext 21 or cwagner@christchurchphila.org to make your request now.

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CHRIST CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA

Thirty-nine Philadelphia colonists, loyal to the Bishop of London and desiring to worship according to the rites of the Church of England, established Christ Church on November 15, 1695 on land previously under the care of the Lenni Lenape peoples. Construction began on the current church building in 1727 and concluded in 1744. The tower and steeple, financed by a lottery managed in part by Benjamin Franklin, were completed in 1754. The building is an outstanding example of colonial architecture in the Georgian spirit, arguably the finest building of its time in the colonies.

Christ Church and its clergy played a critical role during the Revolutionary era. In September 1774, the Rev. Jacob Duché, opened the first Continental Congress with prayers citing the 35th Psalm, *Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.* John Adams recounted to his wife Abigail, “I must confess I never heard a better prayer; heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning.”

During this time, influential Philadelphians heard sermons in Christ Church both supporting and discouraging Independence. On July 4, 1776, Christ Church struck King George’s name from the prayers in worship. Christ Church clergy served as chaplains to the Continental Congress.



In 1790, Christ Church designated a double-pew in the center aisle for the President of the United States to use for worship. President George Washington regularly attended, as did President John Adams while Philadelphia remained the capital. The pew is still so designated, but any worshipper may use it if not occupied.

Seven signers of the Declaration of Independence and five framers of the Constitution are buried in the hallowed grounds of Christ Church. In 1948, Congress designated Christ Church as a national shrine during the creation of Independence National Historical Park.

After the Revolution, Christ Church played the instrumental role in organizing the Episcopal Church out of the remnants of the colonial Church of England. Buried in the chancel of Christ Church is the Right Reverend William White, ninth Rector of the parish, Chaplain of the Continental Congress, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in its formative years. Bishop White demonstrated that the Church in this nation could be independent yet still in communion with the Church in England, a fundamental tenet of Anglicanism. The first General Convention that unified the scattered Episcopal Church and approved the first American *Book of Common Prayer* met in this building in 1789.

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you belong and are welcomed just as you are, to receive the blessings of God.

Worship: Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at Noon

Services are livestreamed at www.christchurchphila.org/live

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