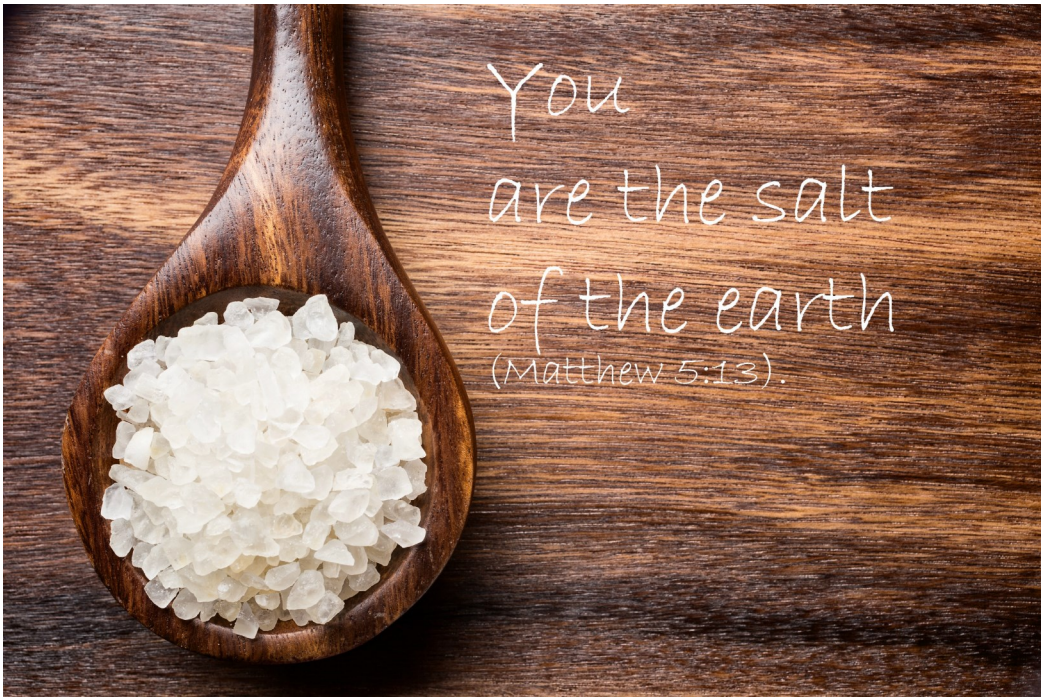
Morning Prayer
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 8, 2026



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CHRIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:
The Sick and Others in Need— *Jeannine, Michael, Milton, Pat, Patricia, Sarah, Suzanne, Timothy*
Anglican Cycle *– Hong Kong Anglican Church*
Diocesan Cycle *– Ministry of Acolytes, The Rev. Charlene Snder, Dcn.*
Christ Church Ministry *– Tuesdayers*
Birthdays this week *– Edward Beckles, Sarah Braun, Christopher Davies, Camryn Kozachek, Joana Lamptey*
Flowers at the lectern *are given by the Leonard Family in memory of Ethel Leonard*

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Scott Russell– 732.931.2932 or Rev. Daphne P. Roberts—732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Roberts and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Roberts if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Worshipping God Serving God's People
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MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE *Flûtes: Suite du deuxième ton* L.-N. Clérambault

Please stand and sing at the Procession

ENTRANCE HYMN "Christ, whose glory fills the skies" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 7**

Officiant: The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

CONFESSION

Officiant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant: O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People: And your glory all the day long.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.

VENITE ***Psalm 95:1-7***

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation:

People: O come let us worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.
For you are a great God, *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God, and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant: God is the Rock of our salvation:
People: O come let us worship.

PSALM 112:1-9, (10)

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!
2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
[10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: *Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. [If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.]

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Zechariah **Luke 1: 68-79**

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets you promised of old, that you would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
To show mercy to our forebears *
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

THE EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — these things God has revealed to us through

the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.]

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THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

Officiant: A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.
"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Officiant: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Daphne P. Roberts

THE APOSTLES' CREED BCP p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant Hear our cry, O God.
People **And listen to our prayer.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;
R. And your favor of those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAY

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN "Deck thyself, my soul with gladness" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 339**

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding, "In the light of Christ."

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.
After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING BCP p. 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

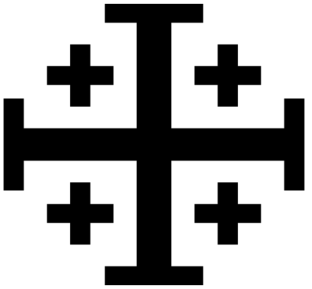
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN "Songs of thankfulness and praise" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 135**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Plein Jeu: Suite du deuxième ton* L.-N. Clérambault



Parish Notes for February 8, 2026

Schedule for February 8 – February 14, 2026

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Thursday – 9:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – 9:30am to 1:00pm

Sunday	**9:30 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Tuesdayers, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 9:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



Join members of Christ Church on Sunday, February 15 after the 9:30am service for a "Packing Party"!

We will be packing flatware for Elijah's Promise during Coffee Hour.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of heavyweight forks and spoons as well as dinner-size napkins would be appreciated. Donations can be made via Zelle or check please note "Elijah's Promise" in the subject line.



Youth Group Adventures!

Calling all middle school and high school youth! Come check out our upcoming events:

- February 17th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner! Save the date for the parish Pancake Dinner - we'll enjoy pancakes, bacon and maybe even help cook! Look for more details to come soon.

March 6th - 8th - Middle School & High School Retreat at CrossRoads Camp and Retreat Center. Please register your child using this link: Cross Roads Youth Retreats 2026 (see weekly email for a clickable link). Please let Meegan Adames know if you have registered and would like to carpool.

Interfaith Rotating Shelter

Our shelter dates have changed. Every winter, houses of worship in New Brunswick unite to open their doors to our unhoused neighbors. We rotate from church to church each week and typically house about 15 men. The shelter runs from mid-December through mid-March, when the temperatures are often below freezing. Christ Church will host our second and final week **from February 8th through the 15th**.

The ministry has been running for over 20 years, and is recognized by our homeless neighbors and by community leaders as compassionate, life-saving, and much needed. This year, our needs are:

· Volunteers to stay overnight with the guests
A full shift is 7 PM – 7AM and partial shifts are possible.
At Christ Church, volunteers will typically sleep in the choir room from 11 PM – 5:30 AM before starting morning tasks.
· Volunteers to help with move-out and cleaning on Sunday, February 15th
· Volunteers to cook or bring meals for 15 guests + 3 volunteers
· If you can't volunteer your time, you can also donate supplies or money.

To sign up for a shift or meal, please reach out to Jason Kaelber at interfaithrotatingshelter@gmail.com or 848 228 3620. We swapped weeks with St. Peter the Apostle Church because of an irreconcilable scheduling conflict, and we expect St. Pete's to send several volunteers are way for February, but it would also be nice if we can provide some volunteers there on our originally-scheduled week of 8-16 March.

Thank you for supporting this ministry and the homeless men of New Brunswick!

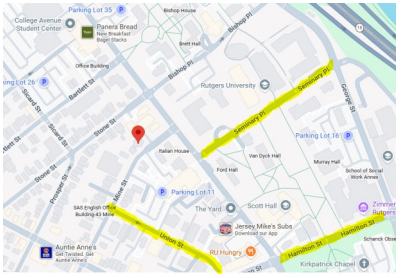
Final call for photos for the Directory

If you missed the photo shoots in November, and would like to have your picture in the Directory, please let Sheila Cooper know (sheilajcooper@comcast.net or 908-421-4366). She will organize a date in late February. If you want the download, the cost is $25.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will take place at 6:00pm at The Canterbury House.

Parking is available on Seminary Place, Union Street, and Hamilton Street.





Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ashes to Go

7:00am New Brunswick Train Station
Fr. Scott & Deacon Daphne
will be providing ashes.

10:00am Ashes at The Canterbury House

Ash Wednesday Service

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service at The Canterbury House

7:00pm Joint Ash Wednesday Service at
The United Methodist Church



Migration With Dignity Sunday 2026

Resources from the Episcopal Migration Caucus

What is Migration With Dignity?

Migration with Dignity is a paradigm-changing framework for discussing immigration.

The Migration with Dignity principles were developed in the environmental justice movement, but they have deep resonances with scripture and Christian theology. The Episcopal Church adopted Migration with Dignity as a framework to guide its migration ministries at the 81st General Convention in 2024.

Migration with Dignity resolution from General Convention

Original Migration with Dignity paper published in the Journal of Disaster Research

The six Migration With Dignity principles are:

- A universal right of movement, including freedom to leave and return to one's country of origin, freedom of movement within one's country of origin or country of settlement.
- The right to be secure: from sexual violence including rape and sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery, forced labor and arbitrary and abusive detention.
- The right of equality, to include: 1) equal treatment with no discrimination under the law based on color, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, political affiliation, national origin; and 2) equal opportunity for upward mobility.
- Rights to a basic quality of life, including employment, housing, and food rights.
- The right to access services such as health care, education and legal representation.
- Civil and political rights guaranteeing the right to identity, to use of one's language, and to freedom of speech and religion.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	February 8 Morning Prayer 9:30 A.M.	February 15 Rite II 9:30 A.M.
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LEM	Artie Phills	Kevin Stansbury
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Vestry Announcements	Jim Nichols	Meegan Adames
Usher	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson/Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth/ Shannon Pullaro
Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Paul & Catherine Ambos

Interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister? Contact the office at admin@christchurchnewbrunswick.org for more information. Sign up using the link in the weekly email.

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