The First Sunday of Advent



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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
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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 Advent 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— *Allen, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Erica, Florence, Georgia, Gordon, Hansford, Jean, Jeannine, Jefferson, Jesse, Jim, Joan, Julia, Kristen, Lori, Pam, Pat, Rose, Sarah, Stanford, Steve, Thalia, Theayer, Thelma, Timothy, Tisha, Valerie, Vicent*

Anglican Cycle *– The Anglican Church of Australia*

Diocesan Cycle *– Church of the Advent in Cape May; St. Andrew's Church in Allenhurst, Camden, Lambertville, Mount Holly, and New Providence; The Very Rev. Rene R. John*

Christ Church Ministry *– WomenSpirit*

Birthdays this week *– Beatrice Costello, Wayne Zdanowicz, Paul Ambos, Audrey Bruden, Isabella Caldwell, Sheila Cooper, Anne Dillon, Hansford David Kilkenny, Sophia Weissman*

Memorial Flowers— *are given by the late Mrs. William Johnson Kenyon, Sr., in memory of William Johnson Kenyon, Sr.,*

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 the 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
Christ Church New Brunswick

November 30, 2025
The First Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM
Presider: The Rev. Stephen J. Connor
Preacher: The Rev. Daphne P. Roberts



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

PRELUDE *Prelude* H. Willan

ENTRANCE HYMN "Sleepr's Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 #61***

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Readers & Candle Lighters: Karen, Chris, Cecilia & Matilda Colabaugh

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
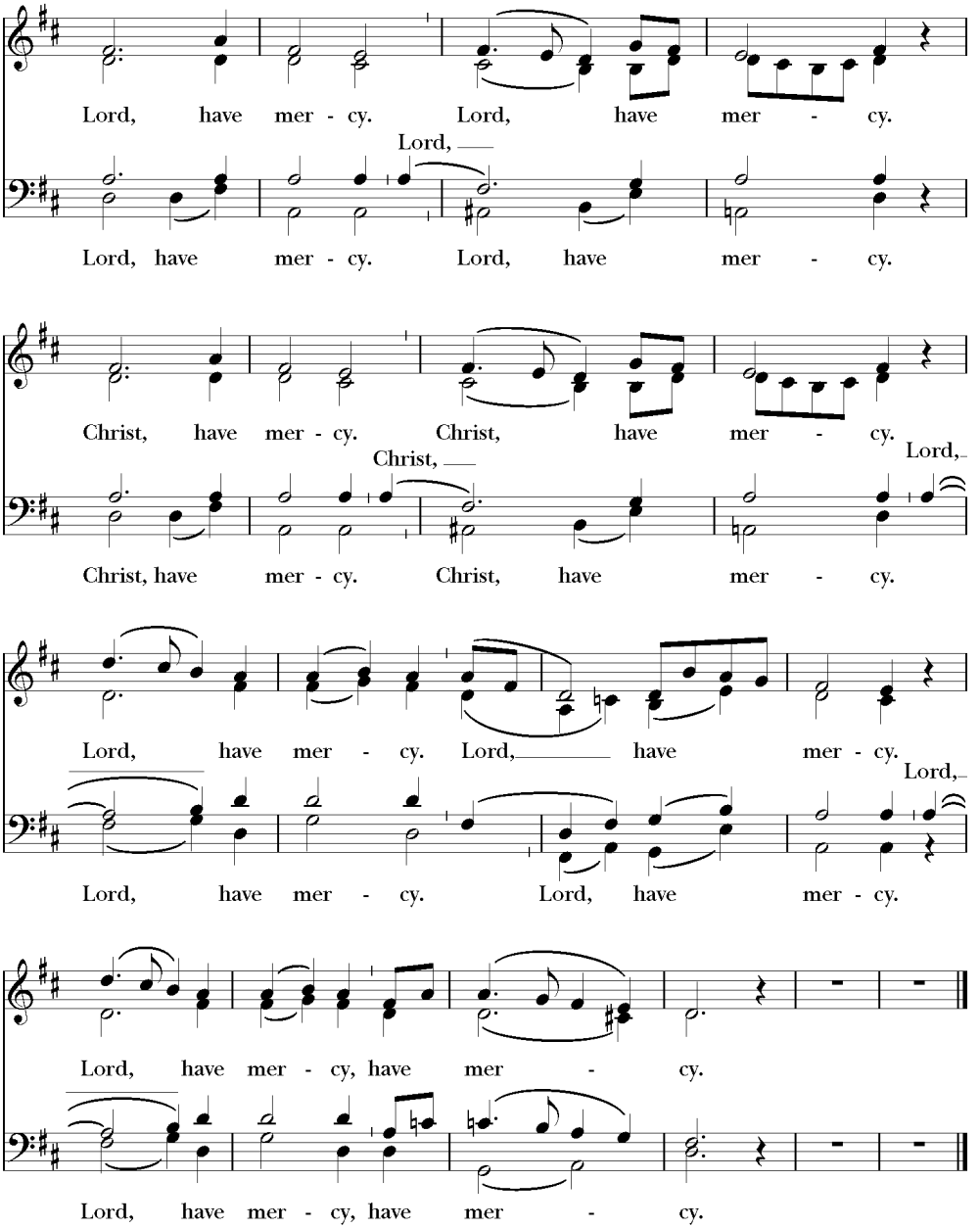
Presider: Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ.
He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples;
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us;
he is the Saviour of every nation.
O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you. Bless us and our advent wreath. May the light that shines forth from them illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth from them illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World.

All: **Amen.**

The first candle is lit.

Reader: By the light of this first candle we are roused from our slumber, crying out, "Come now, blessed Jesus!" We are hopeful for a world awake and full of your love. Shake us up. Let us not be found sleeping when our neighbors are in need. Holy Spirit, enliven our beings that we may share the gospel of your liberating love poured out upon all of your children. May none despair, without succor, on our watch. In the Name of the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**


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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lordfrom Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the Lord.
5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GRADUAL HYMN "Creator of the Starry night" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982* # *60***

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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

SERMON The Rev. Daphne P. Roberts

NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 358*

ALL **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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Leader As we reflect upon the meaning of God's real presence in our lives this Advent, let us pray for the Church and the world.

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION *BCP, p. 360*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

ALL: 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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Presider 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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All who are able please stand and sing the following hymn

OFFERTORY HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982* #72**

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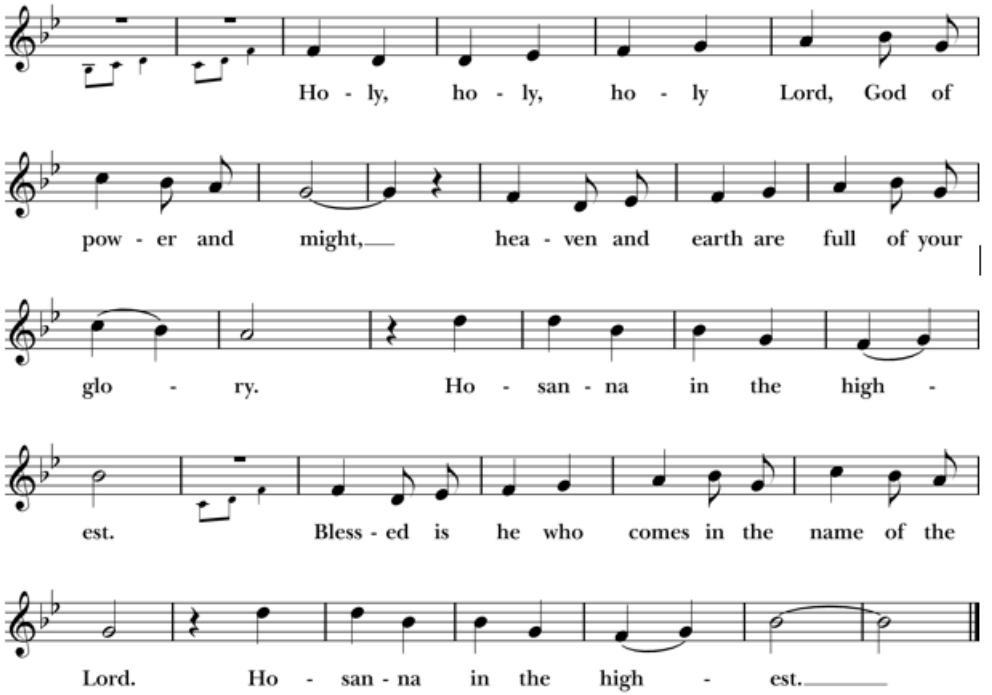
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367*

The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 Blue *Hymnal 1982,* S-127



The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

Then the Presider 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

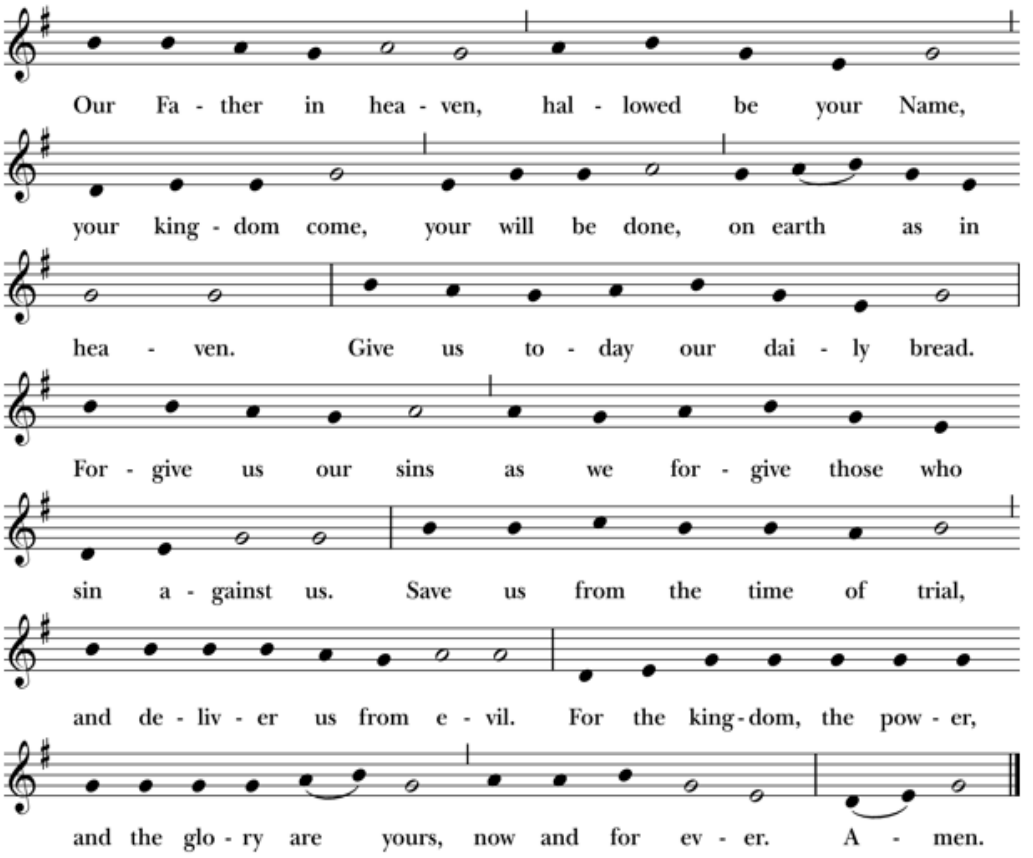
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

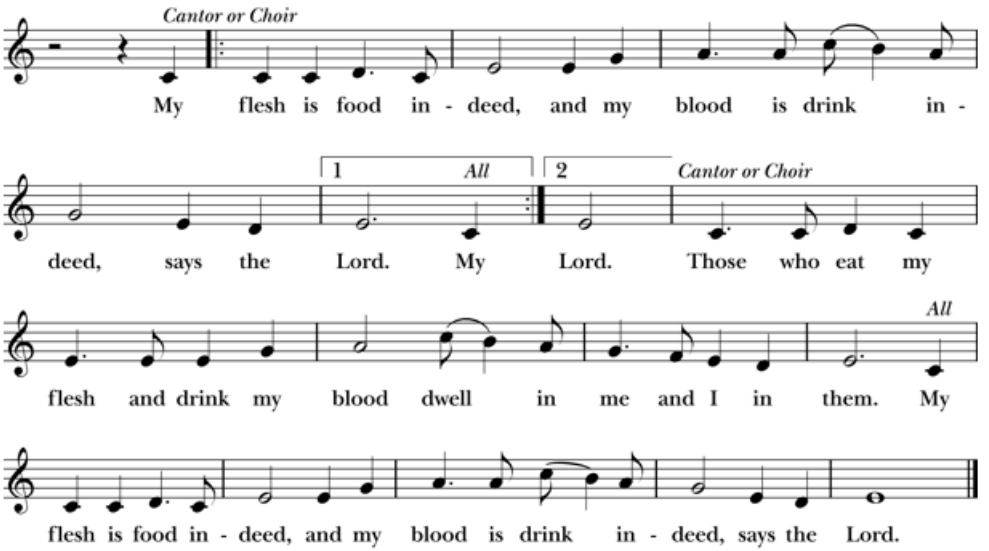
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite 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 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 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.

People **Amen**


Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

FRACTION ANTHEM Blue *Hymnal 1982, S169*



INVITATION

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation.

All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

Gracious God, our sustainer and source of all good things in the universe. As we gather in community this day, we are mindful of those who through circumstance or conscience are unable to partake of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation at this time. You are the source of the food and water which nourishes and sustains us. As we are the product of all we have partaken, we know that we are infused with your life-giving food and drink and that are never separated from you. Though we are many, we are joined in Christ. We are one Body, one Cup in the name of the One God. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Twas in the Year King Ussiah Died" Charles Wood

Christ Church Choir

'Twas in the year that King Uzziah died,
A vision by Isaiah was espied:
A lofty throne—The Lord was set thereon;
And with His glory all the temple shone.
Bright Seraphim were standing round about,
Six wings had every of that quire devout.
With twain he awesome veil'd his face, and so
With twain he dreadful veil'd his feet below,
With twain did he now hither, thither fly:
And thus aloud did one to other cry:
'Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth:
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth,
Full of His glory are earth and heaven, both.'
And at their cry the lintels moved apace,
And clouds of incense fill'd the Holy Place.

All who are able please stand

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

People **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**
And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen

FINAL HYMN "Jesus, came adorned by angels" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 454**

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Canzona* D. Zipoli



PARISH NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2025

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 30– DECEMBER 6, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday – 8:45am to 1:45pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	9:00a.m.	Christ Church Choir Meet Up, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Monday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	6:30p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Saturday	10:30a.m.	Intergenerational Advent Retreat, Christ Church

* JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 AM SERVICE FOR COFFEE HOUR IN THE NICHOLAS ROOM



Christ Church and the Canterbury House invite you to an Intergenerational Advent Retreat!

Carols, Cookies, Crafts and More!

Saturday, December 6 • 10:30 AM to 12: PM at **Christ Church**

Get ready for a joyful morning as we prepare our hearts (and sweet tooths!) for the Advent season!

Sing and listen to your favorite Christmas carols
Take part in a festive cookie swap (No worries if you can't bring any.)
Create beautiful holiday crafts
Help us decorate this year's **Angel Tree**

Bring your family, friends, and holiday cheer. Everyone is welcome! Let's celebrate the season together in song, sweetness, and service.

Sign up in the weekly email. Contact Jonathan Clark or Daphne Roberts for more information.

Christ Church 2026 Pledge Certificates

Have you completed your online Pledge Certificate for 2026? The link is located in the weekly email. A paper copy can be found on the table in the back of the church.

Thank you to those who have pledged $244,908 to date.

Meegan & Samuel Adames
John Ager & Anne Dillon
Paul & Catherine Ambos
Arnold Anderson
Gordon Arsenoff
Yvette Bailey
Karen Bemis & Douglas Bonar
Wendy Benjamin
Joan Borden
David & Beverly Briggs
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Joyce Duhr
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Our work TOGETHER depends on your support.

FROM THE MANGER

Advent from the Manger

Christ Church invites you to experience Advent this year from the perspective of the manger. Hunger is a universal experience, drawing attention to our most basic and complex needs. We await Jesus, who nourishes us and our hungry world. At the back of the church please pick up these From the Manger resources: Advent Calendar, Advent for Families, and Advent Devotional for Adults.

Adult Advent Series

This Advent we invite you to reflect on the life-sustaining hope, peace, joy, and love that Jesus brings and to notice how the baby born in Bethlehem ("House of Bread") continues to feed a hungry world today. We shall use the *From the Manger Advent Devotional as the basis of our discussions. You may pick up a copy from the back of the church or read it online at https://tinyurl.com/4jy8497y. Join Deacon Daphne and Jonathan Clark for the following Monday sessions, 7:00-8:00 pm, via Zoom at this link: https://tinyurl.com/mwhb4yhw. You will be able to participate whether or not you have read ahead of time.*

Monday, 12/1 — Advent One: "Hope Grows"
Monday, 12/8 — Advent Two: "Peace Grows"
Monday, 12/15 — Advent Three: "Joy Grows"

CREATION CARE

The next Creation Care Compline will be held on Monday, December 1st at 8pm Eastern time. Please join us as we welcome Advent! You are welcome to register here, or simply join using the below Zoom login.

Creation Care Compline is generally held the first Monday of each month and is a partnership between the Mission Program Office of The Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop's Office and the Green Caucus.

Thank you, and wishing you a blessed holiday season,

Join Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/94872138409?pwd=OOeir2CuRtx91P9l37LKglaD64Prob.1

Photo Directory Photoshoot

On **Sunday, December 7,** from **9:00am-12:30pm,** Donna Gioia Volpe Photography will be on site to take portraits for the Christ Church Photo Directory.

Please plan to get your photo taken on one of these two dates for inclusion in the directory. All names and contact information will be included even if a photo is not available.

This is a great opportunity to get a formal portrait for yourselves too! This is an added fundraising opportunity for the church.

The cost for the digital download, where pictures will be lightly edited, is $25.00. The photos will be sent to you via email for download and printing through your favorite service.



December 7-Reflect, Realign and Relaunch!

Join the members of the Search Committee as we Reflect, Realign and Relaunch our Mission Statement. This interactive session will have each participant, individually and as a collective, dig into our core values to identify our WHY. This will then guide the revision of the Christ Church Mission Statement to reflect who we are as we enter our 4th Century. Please join us in the Ross Room after the 9:30 service.



Wardens' Office Hours!

Have something to share with our wardens? Meegan Adames, Rector's Warden & Jonathan Gloster, People's Warden, will be holding office hours on the first Sunday of each month.

Next Meeting Sunday, December 7th in the Ross Room

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

It is time for the Christ Church December RaiseRight Order!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, December 8.** Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, mail it by **Wednesday, December 3.** Please advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website **https://www.raiseright.com/shop** or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.



Save the Date: Meet the Pros!

Join us in the Nicholas Room on **Saturday, December 13th at 11:30 AM** to meet our wonderful guest musicians. Grab a slice of pizza while you hear about their musical journeys—from performing at the Met to traveling the world, to launching their careers in the competitive world of professional music. Come be inspired! These talented musicians will be enhancing our choirs at the Lessons & Carols service (**Sunday, December 14th at 9:30 AM**) and the Christmas Eve pre-service concert (**7:00 PM**, service at 7:30 PM).



"Christmas Splendor: An Afternoon Concert with Sonya Headlam, Soprano, and Suzanne McDonald, Organ & Piano"

Christ Church New Brunswick presents a special Christmas concert

Saturday, December 20th at 4:00 PM

Christ Church New Brunswick is delighted to present an extraordinary Christmas concert featuring internationally acclaimed soprano **Sonya Headlam**, accompanied by **Suzanne McDonald** on piano and organ,
Favorite Christmas classics including O Holy Night.
Proceeds support the Music Ministry

Get your tickets TODAY!
Tickets are $35 per adults,
Free for students and children
Tickets may be purchased in person or online as e-tickets are available at:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1975637915187?aff=oddtdtcreator



Save the Date

Advent Lessons and Carols
10:30am, Sunday, December 14th.



We are looking for Advent Readers and Advent candles lighters ! We encourage individuals, families, friends, folks from various ministries to sign up! Please sign up using the link in the weekly



Christmas 2025 Flower Memorials and Gifts

Each Christmas our Church is beautified with flowers memorializing departed loved ones, commemorating anniversaries or representing thank offerings. Contributions in any amount are welcome. Flower memorials and gifts may also be provided throughout the year. The cost for a single date in 2026 is $50. A perpetual memorial may be established with a one-time contribution of $500.

To be included in the printed Christmas leaflets, we must receive your request no later than **Friday, December 19** Gifts may be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the collection plate.

Please Print Clearly.

Given by _____

Telephone _____

Memorial [ ] In thanksgiving [ ] Other [ ]

For _____

Day or Date: _____

Amount enclosed:

$ _____ Christmas 2025

$ _____ Perpetual Memorial
Date_____

$ _____ Other single 2026
Date_____

Make checks payable to Christ Church
(write Christmas Flowers in the memo line),
and place in collection plate or mail to:
Christ Church, 5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901



Make a Donation: Support Our Musical Celebrations of Advent and Christmas

Our Festive Musical Celebrations

Three Special Events:

1. Lessons and Carols Service Dec 14th 9:30AM

A century-old service
Song, story, & guest singers
Adult and youth choirs

2. Christmas Splendor 4:00PM

A Benefit Concert featuring Sonya Headlam, Soprano, and Suzanne McDonald, Organ & Piano" – Donation $35.00, Children Students Free

3. Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM

Traditional Christmas Eve
Service with full choir and
instrumental ensemble

Your Donation Makes a Difference

Your contribution helps create a magical holiday experience for our entire community. Every gift brings music, joy, and tradition to life.
Will you consider a donation to our Christmas music? Donations may be given as memorials or thanksgivings. Please make checks payable to Christ Church, and mark the memo line "Christmas Music." Gifts may be mailed to the Parish Office or put in the collection plate. To be included in the printed Christmas leaflets, we must receive your request no later than **Friday, December 19.**

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CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS EVE
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC, 7:00 P.M.
CELEBRATORY CHORAL EUCHARIST 7:30 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY
HOLY EUCHARIST, 10:00 A.M.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	November 30	December 7
Presider	Rev. Canon Steve Connor	Rev. Canon Steve Connor
Preacher	Rev. Daphne P. Roberts	Rev. Canon Steve Connor
Deacon	Daphne P. Roberts	Daphne P. Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
	9:30 A.M.	**9:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor	Kevin Stansbury	Debra Lowe
LEM	Debra Lowe	Sheila Cooper
Candle Reader & Lighter	Karen, Chris, Cecilia & Matilda Colabaugh	Ashliin Stansbury-Fields & Jeffrey Fields
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Meegan Adams	Mark McMahon
Usher	Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth Shannon Pullaro	Nancy Walworth Shannon Pullaro
Coffee Hour		

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a parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey
WORSHIPPING GOD, SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Historic Christ Church is a mutually supportive Christian community worshiping in the living Anglican tradition of beauty in liturgy and music. Christ Church bears witness to the love of Christ in prayer, service and fellowship.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

5 Paterson Street ▪ New Brunswick NJ 08901
732.545.6262 ▪ christchurchnewbrunswick.org



The Reverend Daphne P. Roberts, *Deacon*
Suzanne McDonald, *Director of Music and Organist*
Brittney Girault, *Parish Administrator*
Elaine Winkler, *Bookkeeper*
Carlos Garcia, *Sexton*

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