December 1, 2024



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.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

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— *Barb, Brianna, Dennis, Doreen, Edith, Florence, Georgia, Hansford, Jeannine, Margaret, Pam, Pat, Robert, Steve, Stanford, Timothy, Tisha, Vivian, Yvonne*

Anglican Cycle *– Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Diocesan Cycle *– The Revs: Dr. Shawn A. Armington, William Boatwright, Thomas B. Conway, J. Rodney Croes, Herbert G. Draesal, Jr., Dr. James A. Fisher, Suzanne L. Harris, Walter F. Hartt, Muriel S. Hubert deBussy, John W. Inman, Kathryn L. King, Martin Lavengood, Dwight L. Neglia, Ronald W. Parker, Joseph R. Parrish, Jr., John E. Troncale, Bruce Webber*

Christ Church Ministry *– WomenSpirit*

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

Memorial Flowers— *are given by the estate of Ruth Harris in memory of Ruth Harris, the late Mrs. Walter D. Fetterly in memory of Ada and Charles Fetterley, the Wisheart Family in memory of William J. Wisheart, 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. Joanna Hollis—732.354.1450 or the Rev. Daphne Roberts -732.991.6733.

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you. Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Hollis or 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

December 1, 2024
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8:00 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

References marked "BCP" are from the black Book of Common Prayer *in your pew.*

PRELUDE *Auf meinen lieben Gott* In God I put my Trust D. Buxtehude

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Reader*:*
Candle Lighter:

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.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY *BCP, p. 323*

The Presider says

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

The Presider continues

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

THE KYRIE *BCP, p. 324*

Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.
People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Presider: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

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let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
4 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.
5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
6 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.
7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
10 For your Name's sake, O Lord, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

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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 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."

SERMON Rev. Joanna Hollis

THE NICENE CREED *BCP, p. 326*

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

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After the last petition, the Presider adds a concluding Collect.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

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

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

THE PEACE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesus Came, Adored by Angels" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 454**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340*

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

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

The Presider continues with the Proper Preface of the Day and then continues.

Presider Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

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

The people may stand or kneel as able

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

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

ALL **Amen**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

ALL **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the bread.

Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **have mercy upon us.**
Presider O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
ALL **grant us thy peace.**

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 Cup are given to the Communicants with these words

Minister The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.
Recipient **Amen.**
Minister The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.
Recipient **Amen.**

AFTER COMMUNION

Presider Let us pray.

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

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider will give the blessing.

People **Amen.**

The Deacon will give the dismissal.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Gavotte* G. Martini



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

PRELUDE *Auf meinen lieben Gott* In God I put my Trust D. Buxtehude

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

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Reader*:*
Candle Lighter:

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
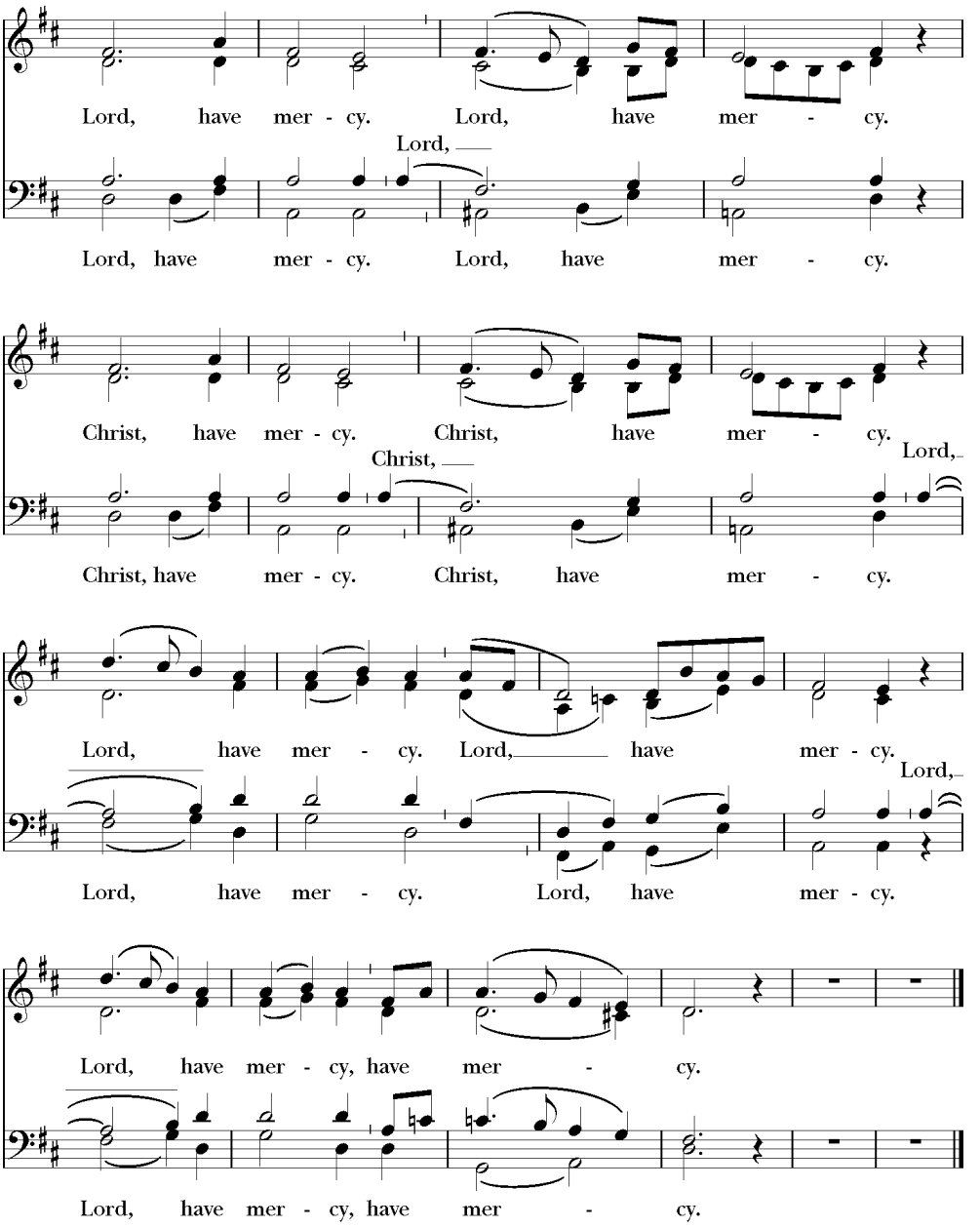
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GRADUAL HYMN "How Bright Appears the Morning Sun"
The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, #496

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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 the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

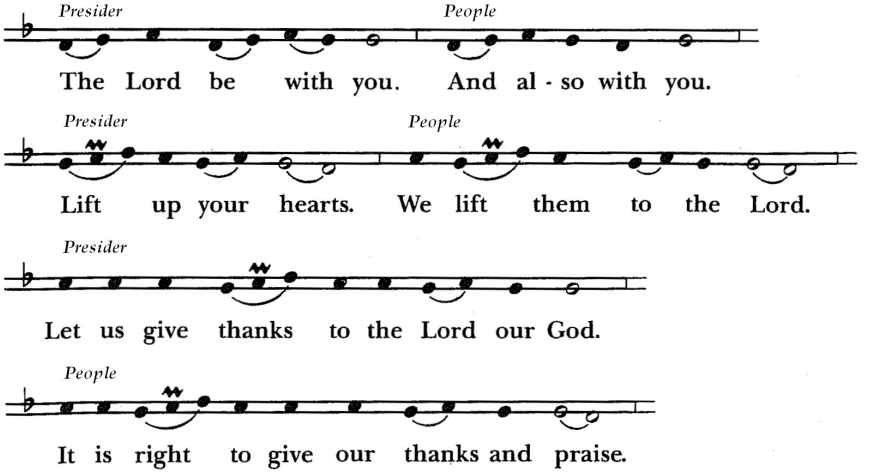
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OFFERTORY HYMN "Jesus Come, Adored by Angels" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, # 454**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

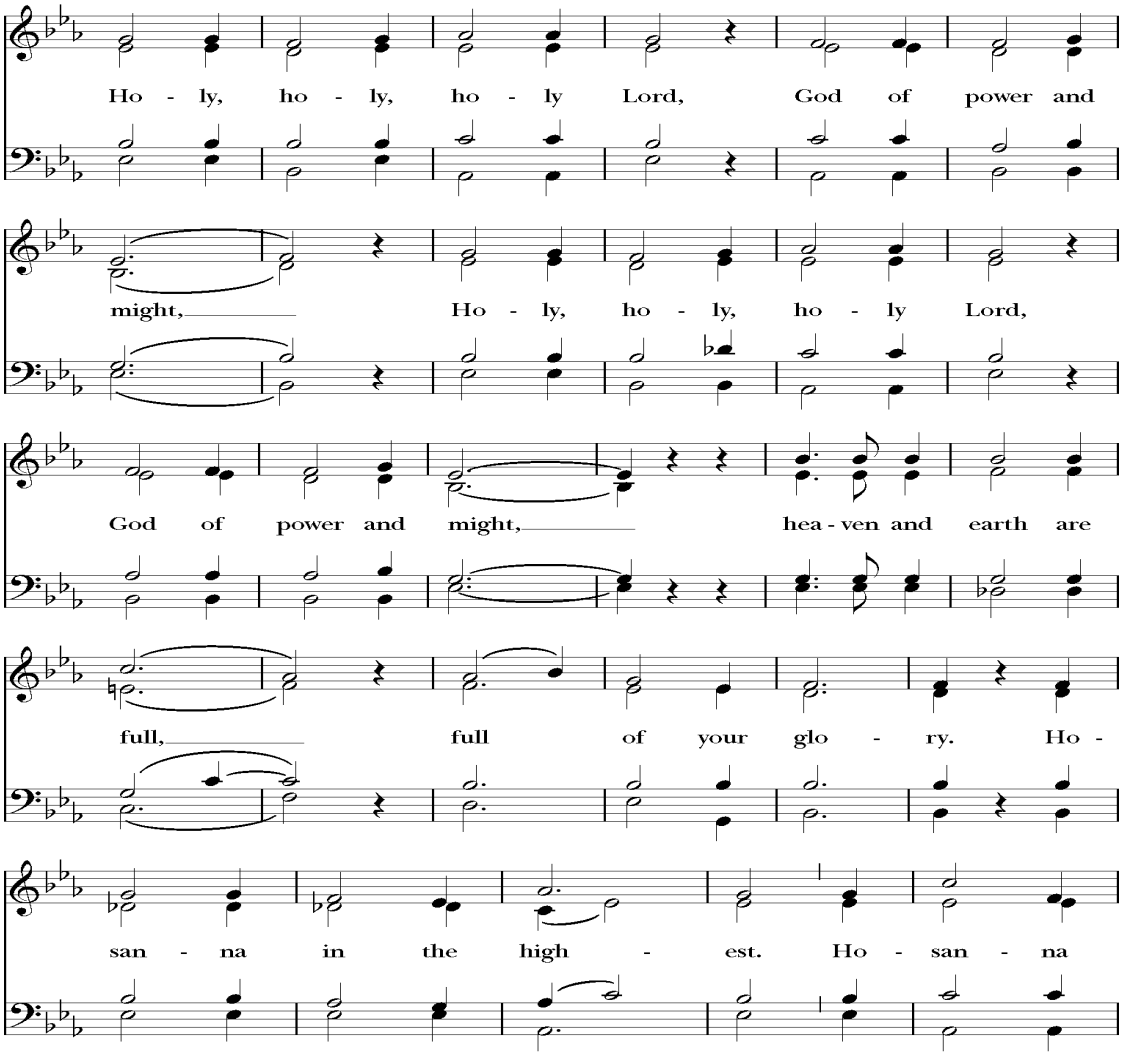
Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 367



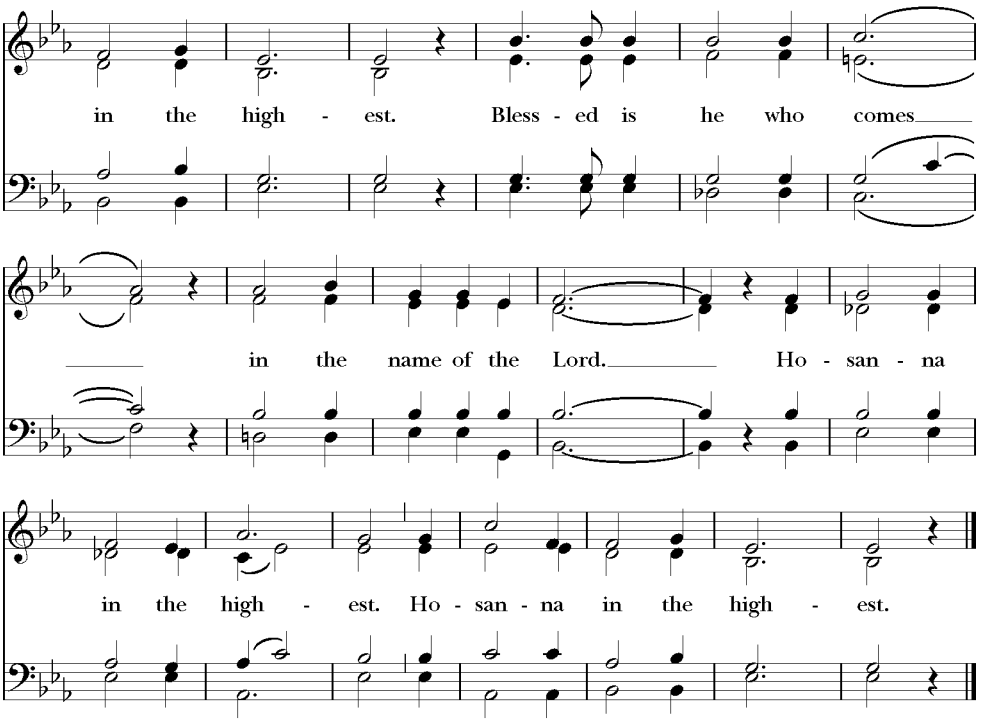
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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-130



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The people stand or kneel, as they are able.

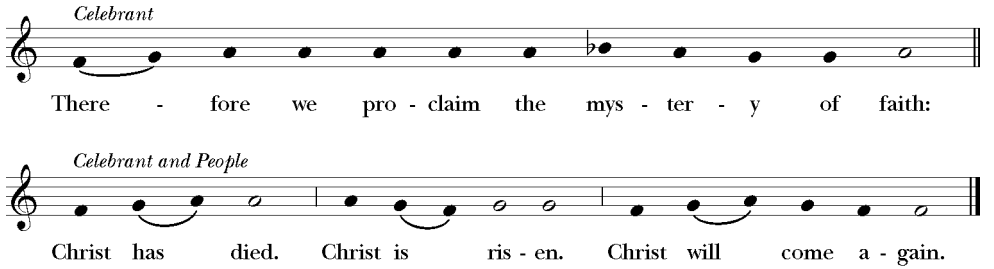
Then the Presider continues

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."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION Blue *Hymnal 1982*, S-133

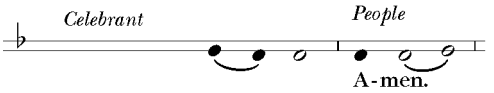


The Presider continues

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.

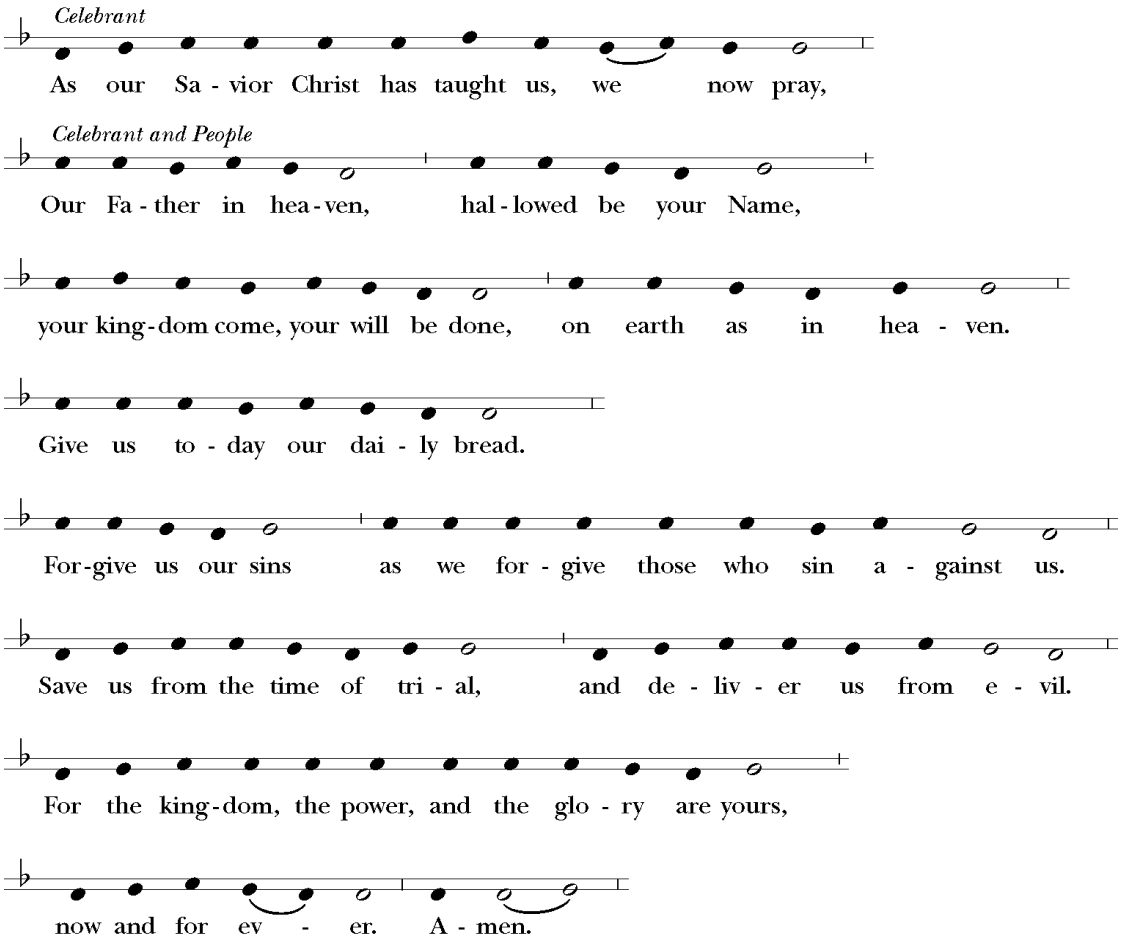
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
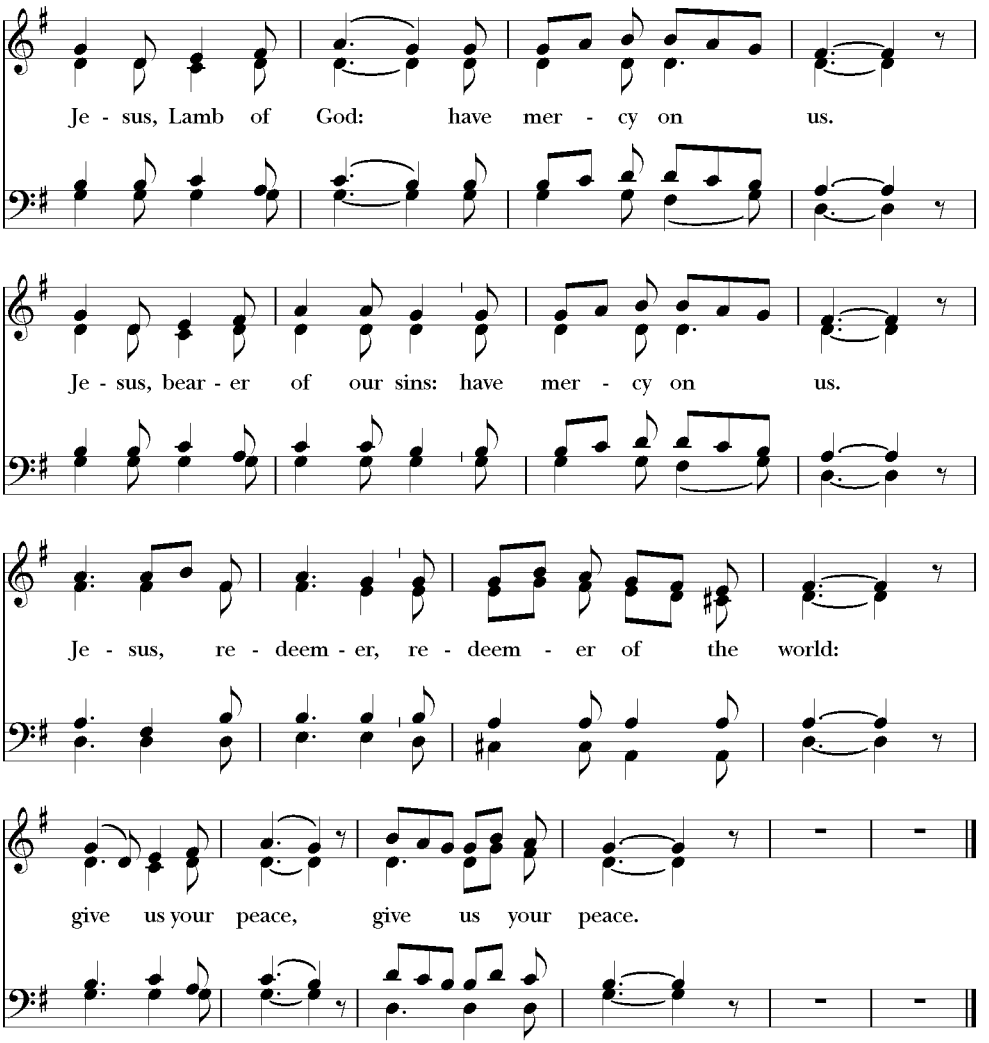
GREAT AMEN Blue *Hymnal 1982*, S-142



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blue *Hymnal 1982*, S-148




Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION *BCP, p. 364*

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.

COMMUNION HYMN "O Day of God, Draw Nigh" **The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, #601**

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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *BCP, p. 365*

FINAL HYMN "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

The Blue *Hymnal* 1982, #720

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider will give the blessing.
People **Amen.**
The Deacon will give the dismissal.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Gavotte* G. Martini



Parish Notes for December 1, 2024

Schedule for December 1 – December 7, 2024

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	10:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
Tuesday	**7:00p.m.**	Tuesdayers, Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	6:00 p.m.	Advent Series, Zoom
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	St. Alban's Bible Study, Zoom

*Join Us AFTER THE 10:30 AM Service for Coffee Hour in the Nicholas Room



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 email.

RaiseRight™
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It's time for the December Christ Church RaiseRight Order Christmas is a-coming!

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, December 9**. Please place your orders accordingly. If you plan to mail him an order with a check, please (a) mail it by **Wednesday, December 4**, or, better, (b) advise him by email when you mail it of what your order is so he can place it on time despite possible Post Office delays. Or, if you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, Paul will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.



Have you completed your online Pledge Certificate for 2025? 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 $215,774 to date.

Mervis Johnson
Mark McMahon and
Roberto Silva Moreira
Sheila Cooper
H. Arthur Phills
Sarah Braun
The Pullaro Family
Jo Duhr
Wendy Benjamin
Vincent Ryan
Elizabeth and
Jonathan Clark
Gordon Arsenoff
Jean Houvener
Hansford Kilkenny
Sandy Smithson
Kenreic and
Marva VanLoo
David and
Beverly Briggs
Meegan Adames
Patricia Buckendahl
Mel & Alice Garber

Ronald Stansbury and
Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Nancy Walworth and
Bob Chant
Paul & Catherine Ambos
Peggy Smith
Rozanne Jhamb
Joanna Hollis
Jean H. Zimmerman
Monica Williams and
Jeremiah Weston
Jonathan Gloster
Eleanor Forbes
Karen Bemis
Gloria Peroune
Joan Borden
Fernanda Perrone
Debra Lowe
B Pat Lowe
James Nichols and
Lori Covey
Towanda Stovall

Barry and
Dawn Johnson
Beth Binde
Nancy Lown
Barry V Qualls
John and Anne Ager
Thelma Fergusson
Yvette Bailey
Doreen Sirjue



The Days Are Surely Coming: Reducing Harm, Preparing the Way

Abolitionist Advent Series 2024

The days are surely coming, says the Holy One, when I will fulfill the promise I made to…execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Jeremiah 33:14-15

"Abolition is about presence, not absence. It's about building life-affirming institutions…what the world will become already exists in fragments and pieces, experiments and possibilities… Abolition is building the future from the present in all the ways that we can."
- Ruth Wilson Gilmore

This year, we will be exploring the United Church of Christ's *Join the Movement Racial Justice* initiative by using and reflecting on the 2024 Abolition Advent Calendar. In this season of waiting and anticipation, we, too, are invited to hold together visions of the future for which we are waiting and preparing and the recognition of how deep our longing is for that future to be made flesh in our midst. *In this way, our practices of Advent are practices of abolition, because abolition calls us to dismantle* the enslaving paradigms *of our day as we imagine and prepare the way for a future of freedom and flourishing for all.*

So this Advent, as we await and prepare for the coming of transformational Love in flesh and bone, we want to invite your engagement with generative connection between scripture readings for the season and contemporary abolition movements, in particular this year, the harm reduction movement. Each week we will explore one of the principles of harm reduction as the lens through which we are encountering the Advent scriptures and imagining abolition.

We hope you will make these reflections part of your waiting, hoping, and preparing this Advent, as you deepen your understanding of abolition as part of the work of practicing antiracism.

Join us for three discussions via Zoom at 6pm: December 4th, 11th and 18th.

We invite EVERYONE (series participants or not) to sign up to receive Abolition Advent Calendar in your inbox: https://tinyurl.com/47zdje6b.

Advent Series Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83944528112?pwd=dEtESlByM1BzdzU3QWlMbTB2SXBHQT09



Open Choir is Sunday, December 8th!

All are Welcome to Sing!
Meet up at 9:30am in the Sanctuary.



Join members of Christ Church for the December Packing Party!

Supplies will be packed for the Choice Food and Resource this **Sunday, December 8th** after the 10:30am service.

Can't make it to the packing party, but want to help? Donations of diapers in sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7 as well as adult incontinence products in all sizes are in constant demand.



Save the Date

Advent Lessons and Carols
10:30am, Sunday, December 15.
Followed by " Deep Trebles " an acapella group from Rutgers! Invite your friends.





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

Our Festive Musical Celebration

Three Special Events:

1. Lessons and Carols Service Dec 15th 10:30AM

Historic tradition dating back to 1918
Adult and children's choirs enhanced by professional musicians
Professional instrumentalists and vocalists bringing depth and richness
Celebrating musical heritage and storytelling

2. Rutgers A Cappella Concert with Coffee Dec 15

Intimate performance by Rutgers College singers
Warm community gathering
Enjoy music and fellowship

3. Christmas Eve Service 8:30PM

Sanctuary filled with singers and string musicians
Professional vocalists, adult and children choir
Culminating musical experience of the holiday season

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 13.**

Please Print Clearly.

Given by_____

Telephone_____

Memorial [ ] In thanksgiving [ ]

For _____

Please make checks payable to Christ Church, and mark memo line "Christmas Music." Please place in the collection plate or mail to: Christ Church,
5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901



Christmas 2024 Flower Memorials and Gifts

Each Christmas our Church is beautified with flowers memorializing departed loved ones, commemorating anniversaries or representing thank offerings. Flower memorials and gifts may also be provided throughout the year. The cost for each Christmas donation or a single date in 2024 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 13** 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 2024

$ _____ Perpetual Memorial
Date_____

$ _____ Other single 2024
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



Join The Christ Church Grief Support Group

Our next session is Tuesday, December 17 at 6pm.

This six-session series is for adults grieving the death of a loved one. The group includes education about grief and loss and provides participants an opportunity to share their experience.

Allow us to connect ***hand-in-hand*** with you!

6pm-7pm: December 17; January 7 & 21.
Zoom link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88251220962?pwd=JZe07lfHvdr441lMlLKSxrgR3CzFQL.1

Meeting ID: 882 5122 0962 Passcode: 782916
Sessions will **not** be recorded.



Christ Church Annual Giving Tree

For the Angel Tree this year we are collecting Visa gift cards in the amount of $25 for there use in the Rector's Discretionary Account. Cash/checks are also accepted, please write Angel Tree in the memo line of checks.

Extra funds will be shared with the Men's Rotating Shelter.
This campaign will fund from Dec.1-29, 2024.
Thank you for your generosity!



Would you like to join the Vestry or become a Diocesan Convention Deputy or Alternate? Know someone who may be great for the position?

If yes, please fill out the nomination form located on the table in the back of the church and in the weekly email.


Christmas
Worship Schedule
CHRISTMAS EVE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
MORNING PRAYER, ADVENT 4, 9:30 A.M.
FAMILY EUCHARIST & CHRISTMAS PAGEANT, 4:00P.M.
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC, 8:30 P.M.
CELEBRATORY CHORAL EUCHARIST 9:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
HOLY EUCHARIST, 9:30 A.M.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following parishioners have been appointed to the Annual Meeting Committee of Christ Church for the February 2, 2025 Annual Meeting of the parish:

Sheila Cooper
Wendy Benjamin
Rev. Joanna Hollis
Margaret Brown-Stansbury
Nancy Walworth
Penny Gordon, Chair

The offices to be filled at the meeting are:

One 1-yr term – People's Warden (elected position)
Two 3-yr term Vestry slots for the following functional positions:
Discipleship
Outreach
One 2-yr unexpired term Vestry slot for the following functional positions:
Stewardship
Three 1-yr term representatives for Deputy to Diocesan Convention (1 meeting + associated costs)
Three 1-yr term representatives for Alternate to Diocesan Convention (1 meeting + associated costs)
Six 1-yr term representatives for Delegate to Northern Convocation (Attend 3 local meetings)

Nominations for the offices to be voted on should be made through the Committee by completing and signing a nomination form and submitting it to the parish office or giving it in person to any member of the Committee.

Dated:October 24, 2024

Joanna Hollis, Rector

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

	December 1	December 8
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Joanna Hollis
Preacher	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Suzanne McDonald	Suzanne McDonald
8:00 a.m.	**8 AM**	**8 AM**
Lector & Intercessor Advent Wreath Ministers: Reader Candle Lighter	Jonathan Clark	Meegan Adames
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Elizabeth Clark	Sheila Cooper
Vestry Announce-ments	Jonathan Clark	Meegan Adames
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
10:30 a.m.	**10:30 A.M.**	**10:30 A.M.**
Lector & Intercessor Advent Wreath Ministers : Reader Candle Lighter	Jonathan Gloster	Kelly-Jane Cotter
LEM *LEM will read the Epistle*	Artie Phills	Jonathan Gloster
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announce-ments	Wendy Benjamin	
Ushers	Peggy Smith	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson, Nancy Walworth	Nancy Walworth, Sheila Cooper
Coffee Hour		
Counters		

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE.

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

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