The Second Sunday of Advent: Peace



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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 Church of Bangladesh*

Diocesan Cycle *– The Revs: M. Mantelle Bradley, Philip H. Kasey, Margaret Otterburn, Canon Clive Sang; The Very Rev. James M. Tucker*

Christ Church Ministry *– Acolytes and Servers*

Birthdays this week *– Graciela Adames, Elizabeth Ambos, Wayne McKenzie, Bruce Rydel, The Rev. James Walworth, Elena Weissmann*

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 Fetterly, and 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. 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

December 7, 2025
The Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM
Presider: The Rev. Stephen J. Connor



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

PRELUDE *Fugue in f minor* C. Burney

ENTRANCE HYMN "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 #67***

BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Readers & Candle Lighters: Ashlinn Stansbury-Fields & Jeffrey Fields

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

All: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The second candle is lit

Reader

By the light of this second candle we receive your comfort now. By your Spirit, may all of the pain and sorrow that we carry be shouldered by this beloved community. We are not alone, for you are with us and we are with one another. Through the power of mutual aid, we have everything that we need. Our peace comes through our willingness to share the abundance that you have given to us. In Christ Jesus, we pray.

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Stephen J. Connor

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

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 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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.**

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

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY Voluntary number 10 J. Stanley

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, p. 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 stand or kneel, as they are able.

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.**

COMMUNION SOLO "Overture for Strings and Trombone, ops 761 no. 1"

A. Hovaness arr. C Colabaugh

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.**

The Commissioning of The Search Committee for the next Rector of Christ Church

Sr. Warden speaking for the Vestry and Wardens

Greetings to the people of Christ Church New Brunswick. Today we begin the Spirit led work to call the next Rector to lead our parish. We commission these persons to lead the parish through the search process: Sheila Cooper, chair; Paul Ambos, Mark McMahon, Shannon Pullaro, Mervis Johnson, and Joanna Greenwood. These persons have been prayerfully chosen by the vestry, and they are prepared to commit themselves to the work before them.

Celebrant Don't worry about anything but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. —Philippians 4:6-7

Celebrant O Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission in the Name of God and of this congregation those called to the ministry and work of the Search Committee.

Celebrant addresses the Sr. Warden

Are these persons you present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular participation in the life of this parish, by attendance at worship, and by the full knowledge of their duties responsibilities and obligations, to exercise this ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church?

Sr. Warden I believe they are.

Celebrant addresses these words to the candidates for the Search Committee

You have been called to serve as members of the Search Committee for this congregation. Will you as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidates: **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, to the benefit of the members of this congregation, and for the welfare of the priests with whom you engage?

Candidates: **I will with God's help.**

THE COMMISSIONING

Sr. Warden I present Sheila Cooper, chair; Paul Ambos, Mark McMahon, Shannon Pullaro, Mervis Johnson, and Joanna Greenwood to be commissioned for the ministry of the Search Committee.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Search Committee of Christ Church, and so rule their minds, open their eyes and hearts, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and place before the Vestry the priest, called by God and them, to serve as rector to the people of Christ Church: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you to this ministry as Members of the Search Committee of Christ Church. May the Holy Spirit burn brightly in your heart and lead you to all Truth in this work, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

FINAL HYMN "Hark, a Thrilling voice is sounding" **The Blue *Hymnal 1982 #59***

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Presider will give the blessing.
People **Amen.**

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

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Voluntary* J. Bennett

Thank you to Chris Colabaugh for sharing his gifts today.

PARISH NOTES FOR DECEMBER 7, 2025



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 7– DECEMBER 13, 2025

Parish Office Hours This Week:
Tuesday & Thursday – 9:30am to 3:00pm
Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday	9:00a.m.	Directory Photoshoot
	9:30 a.m.	**Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary**
	11:00a.m.	Reflect, Realign and Relaunch, Ross Room
Monday	4:00p.m.	Children's Pre- Choir Rehearsal, Games and Homework Time
	5:00p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m.	Advent Series via Zoom
Wednesday	**12:00p.m.**	**Noonday Prayer, Zoom**
	7:30 p.m.	WomenSpirit, Zoom
Thursday	6:30p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Saturday	11:30a.m.	Meet the Pros, Sanctuary
	2:00p.m.	Greening of the Church, Sanctuary

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

Directory Photoshoot

TODAY 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.

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
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Jeremiah Weston & Monica Williams

Our work TOGETHER depends on your support.



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

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



Join members of Christ Church for a fun-filled day of greening the church!

Saturday, December 13 at 2:00pm

Bring greenery you would like to contribute. Don't have any? No problem come anyway!

It's a wonderful opportunity to come together and prepare the church for the holiday season. We look forward to seeing you there!



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).



Advent Lessons and Carols
9:30am, Sunday, December 14th.



"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!
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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. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry.

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

	December 7	December 14
Presider	Rev. Canon Steve Connor	Rev. Canon Steve Connor
Preacher	Rev. Canon Steve Connor	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	Debra Lowe	Doreen Sirjue
LEM	Sheila Cooper	Mel Garber
Candle Reader & Lighter	Ashlin Stansbury-Fields & Jeffrey Fields	Ben & Kinu
Acolyte / Server		
Vestry Announcements	Mark McMahon	Jonathan Gloster
Usher	Peggy Smith	
Production Minister	Steve Caruso	Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Mervis Johnson Margaret Brown-Stansbury	Nancy Walworth Sheila Cooper
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.

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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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