

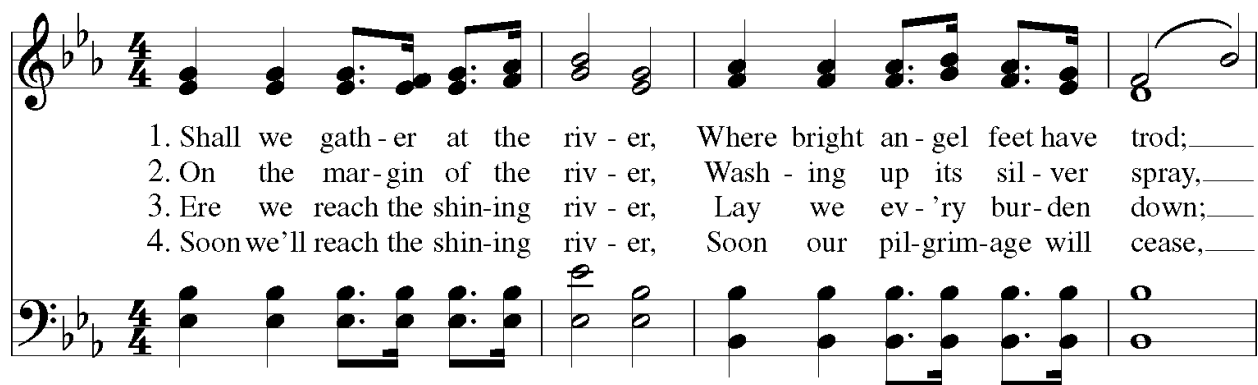
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

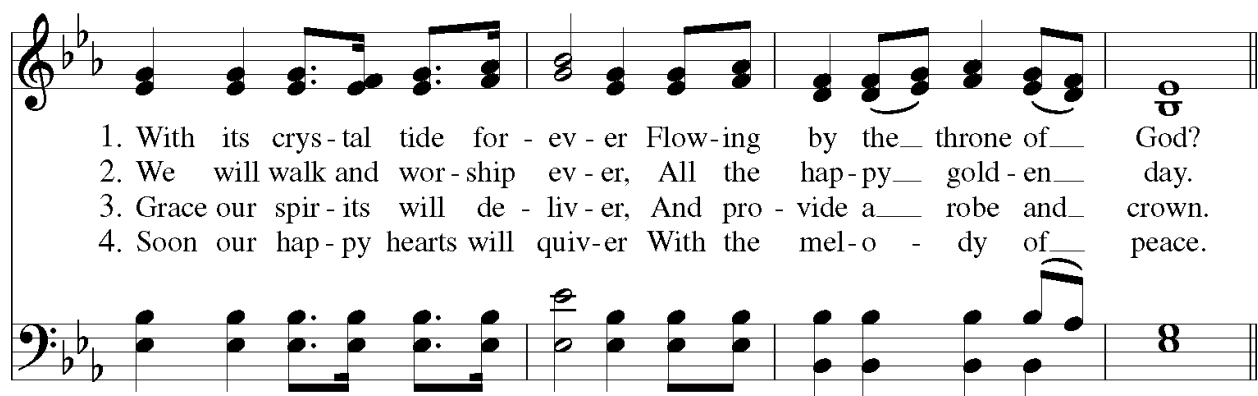


Sunday, February 5, 2017 8am & 10am

Shall We Gather at the River



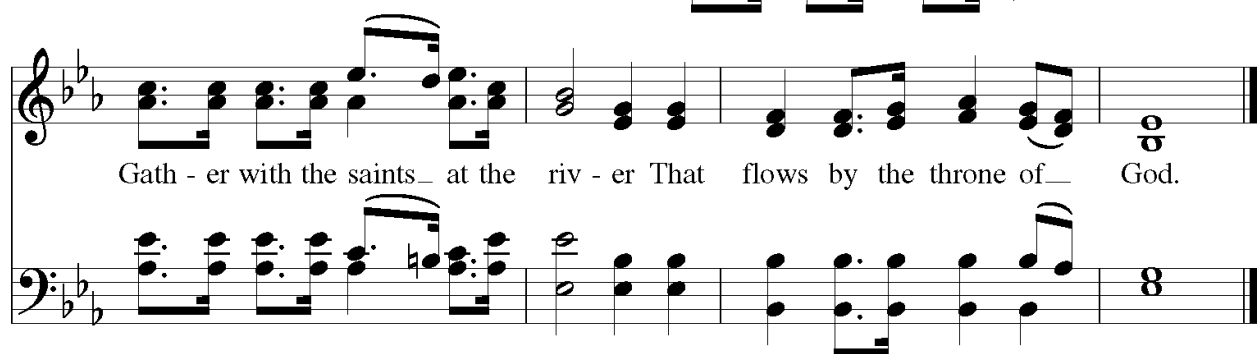
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;____
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,____
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;____
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,____



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Celebrant
All

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

Celebrant There is one body and one Spirit:
All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
All **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Old Testament)

A Reading from Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

All The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24:7-10

Domini est terra

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
**"The LORD of hosts,
 he is the King of glory."**

Second Reading (New Testament)

Hebrews 2:14-18


Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


All

Baptized in Water



1. Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, cleansed by the blood of
 2. Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, dead in the tomb with
 3. Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, marked with the sign of

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Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his prom - ise,
 Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
 Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his chil - dren,

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faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40)
according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

All The Holy Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Nickolas C. Griffith

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.	
<i>(Parents and Godparents)</i>	I present Skyler Rowan Seuscheck to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?	
<i>(Parents and Godparents)</i>	I will, with God's help.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?	
<i>(Parents and Godparents)</i>	I will, with God's help.	
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
<i>(Parents and Godparents)</i>	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
	<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
	<i>Question</i>	Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
	<i>Question</i>	Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
	<i>Question</i>	Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
	<i>Question</i>	Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
	<i>Answer</i>	I renounce them.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?	
<i>All</i>	We will. (Resoundingly)	
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.	
<i>Please stand</i>		

The Baptismal Covenant

- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?
All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
All **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son , our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
All **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**
- Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the
prayers?
All **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
All **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?
All **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?
All **I will, with God's help.**
- Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?
All **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for this congregation who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Celebrant Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Send them into the world in witness to your love.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant Skyler Rowan Seuschek, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Holy Chrism

Skyler Rowan Seuschek, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

All The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

Offertory Hymn

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

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Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff, starting with a measure rest, contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____'. There are triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket over the notes for 'heaven and earth', 'san - na', and 'comes in the name of the Lord'.

Holy and gracious Father: In you infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

All

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your holy people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fractional (*Agnus Dei*)

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem: "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lift High The Cross

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal

Deacon
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

People to be remembered this week ...

We commend to God's love and care those for whom our prayers have been requested especially: *Suzy H, Diane, and Anamaria.*

We celebrate all those who are having birthdays, and anniversaries this week, *especially the birthdays of: Susan. The anniversaries of: Kathy and Tom, Betty and Sam.*

The flowers this week are donated to the Glory of God by: *Arthur Balderston in gratitude and thanks to the Dobsons for their friendship.*

Please send an email to Trudy Bush at christrb@aol.com if you have someone you would like to add or take off the prayer list.

Opportunities to Serve:

8:00 AM

Ushers: Please volunteer

Readings/Chalice Bearers: Pick up cards

Coffee Hour:

10:00 AM

Ushers: TBD

Acolyte: Ryder Want

Readings/Chalice Bearers: Pick up cards

Coffee Hour: Needed

UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations To Our Vestry

A Vote of Thanks - I just would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who put their name forward in service to the Church. I am happy to announce that all ballots have been cast and positions have been awarded as follows:

Vestry Leadership:

Senior Warden - Kathy Compton

Junior Warden - Chris Horton

Treasurer - Trish Anderson

Secretary - Chip Stewart

Continued Service Members:

LeRoy Foster

Laura Schuchardt

Vicki Bloomfield

New Service Members:

Kathy Van Orden

Peter Henschel

Diana Winn

Jane Hickney

Vestry Alternates:

Jill Pina

Kathy Weiss

Church Statistics for 2014-2016

A tally of information relative to services provided

2016

Services of Holy Eucharist	126
Total Annual Attendance	3,947
Total Communion	3,411
Averages Sunday Attendance	64

2015

Services of Holy Eucharist	114
Total Annual Attendance	4,575
Total Communion	3,954
Averages Sunday Attendance	75

2014

Services of Holy Eucharist	115
Total Annual Attendance	5,047
Total Communion	4,136
Averages Sunday Attendance	79

In Need of Pastoral Care or Holy Communion?

Pastoral Care

The pastoral care team is willing and able to assist you should you find yourself sick, in need of pastoral care or wanting Holy Communion. Pastoral care can sometimes include, home visits, hospital visits, pastoral counseling, or simply a conversation. If you, or one of your loved ones is in need of pastoral attention please contact the Church or Fr. Nick+, at rector@christchurchrb.org or 213-663-0294.

Additionally, if you are home bound and as result would like to receive a paper copy of our weekly service bulletin please contact: Christrb@aol.com

Income For the Week of 1/29/2017

Plate and Pledge Offering

Explanation: Typically Christ Church receives two types of weekly offering. The donations can be categorized as either "Pledge Offerings" or "Open Plate Offerings".

Pledge Offerings: Typically come in a specified envelope with a specific parishioners name or number (which corresponds to the parishioner's name). These monies are given to fulfill a commitment previously made by said parishioner, through their annual pledge.

Open Plate Offerings: Typically are monies given, by visitors to the Church or those who have not committed to a annual pledge.

All offerings are made during both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. service each week.

Total Pledge Offering 1/29/2017:	\$2,220.00
Total Open Plate Offering 1/29/2017:	\$86.00

We will reflect a 2016 budget to date vs. the actual income at a later time.
Thank you for your patience!

Shrove Tuesday's Pancake and Talent Show

Tuesday, February 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a talent that you would like to share it; be it singing, or reciting, dancing or juggling and you often find yourself getting hungry in the process then this event is for you!

On Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday Christ Church, will have a pancake supper, coupled with a community talent show. We invite all talents no matter how good or bad.

After the talent show, in the quiet of the Church we will offer the opportunity for the imposition of Ashes in observance of Ash Wednesday.

To book your spot in the talent show please email our Master of Ceremonies:

Kevin Wood at kevinw@seekeysing.com

