

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

DECEMBER 24, 2024



The Nativity. Albrecht Durer, 1502-1504

Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

5:00 in the Evening



Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service for infants to age 4. Parents are given pagers. An usher will be happy to escort you there.

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service and then proceed to their classrooms. (Most Sundays September through May)

Adult Forum is held in the Upper Assembly Room following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Assembly Rooms. The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

*Let Reverence and Quietness
Characterize your Entrance into God's House*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

MUSICAL PRELUDE:

Noel Suisse L. C. Daquin (1694-1772)
Nativité, Symphonie-Passion.....M. Dupré (1886-1971)
Fantasia on Greensleaves R. V. Williams (1872-1958)
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen M. Praetorius (1571-1621)

INTROIT:*Mode IV*

Today shall ye know that the Lord will come to deliver you: and at sunrise shall ye behold his glory. The earth is the Lord's, and all that there-in is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell there-in. Glory be....

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83: "O come, all ye faithful" (v. 1-3) *Adeste fideles*

BLESSING OF THE CRECHE

Celebrant: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People: And we beheld His glory.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, thou hast given us a new revelation of thy loving providence in the Coming of thy Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of thy kingdom; where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83: "O come, all ye faithful" (v. 4-6)*Adeste fideles*

OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant
b Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
b And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 323

SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP 324
 KYRIES91 H. Willan (1880-1968) (*See Service Music Supplement*)
 GLORIA IN EXCELSISS202 Willan (*See Service Music Supplement*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Christmas)

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reignth, one God, in glory everlasting **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

the people remain seated

GRADUAL PSALM 96 *O Sing unto the Lord a New Song*S. Eley (1805-1860)

O Sing unto the Lord a new song; *
 sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name; *
 be telling of his salvation from day to day.
 Declare his honour unto the heathen, *
 and his wonders unto all peoples.

For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised;*
 he is more to be feared than all gods.
 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols; *
 but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
 Glory and worship are before him; *
 power and honour are in his sanctuary.
 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peoples, *
 ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name; *
 bring presents, and come into his courts.
 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
 let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
 Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King, and that it is he who hath
 made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; *
 and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.
 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; *
 let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it; *
 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; *
 and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost*
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen

THE SECOND LESSONTitus 2:11-14

Lector A reading from the Letter to Titus.

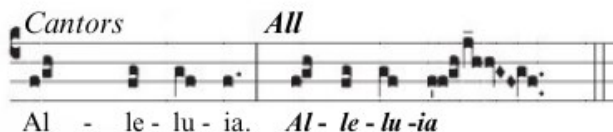
The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world, awaiting our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all iniquity and to purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people standing

ALLELUIA Mode V



Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. **Alleluia.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 96: “Angels we have heard on high” *Gloria*

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin'i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON..... Fr. Civale

THE NICENE CREEDBCP 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....BCP 383

Celebrant: With all our hearts and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy

Intercessor: For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and
for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in
them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will
to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick
and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for
prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let
us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the
departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People: To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

Additional prayers

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

the people kneeling

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 330

the people standing

THE PEACE BCP 332

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

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All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *Mode VI*

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: before the Lord, for he is come.

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *All Bells in Paradise* J. Rutter (b. 1945)

OFFERTORY HYMN 105: “God rest you merry, gentlemen” *London Carol*

COMMUNION SENTENCE *Mode I*

The dew of thy birth: is of the womb of the morning.

COMMUNION MOTET *O Magnum Mysterium* T.L. de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio! O beata virgo, cuius viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger! O blessed virgin, whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

COMMUNION MOTET *See Amid the Winter's Snow* J. Goss (1800-1880)

COMMUNION HYMN 79: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" *St. Louis*

ADORATION HYMN 111: "Silent night, holy night" *Stille Nacht*

the people kneeling

POST COMMUNION PRAYER..... BCP 339

THE BLESSING BCP 340

the people standing

DISMISSAL S174

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| <i>Deacon</i> | <i>People</i> |
| | |
| Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. | |

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87: "Hark! The herald angels sing" *Mendelssohn*

POSTLUDE: *Fugue et Final: Variations sur un Noël* M. Dupré (1886-1971)

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| | <p>Priest-in-Charge</p> <p>Fr. Lawrence Civale</p> <p>Email: frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org</p> <p>Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.</p> |
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Those Who
Serve Today

Choir Director & Organist: Nicholas Mynyk

Master of Ceremonies: Rob Johnson

Crucifer: Nathan Wishnick

1st Server: Scott Cranston

2nd Server: Thomas Piskun

Torches: Rebecca Piskun & Daphne Rhodes

Thurifer: Chris Cranston

Chalice Bearers: Rob Johnson† & Doreen Mills

Lector I & Intercessor: Sarah Cranston

Lector II: Aimee Lyden

Ushers: Steve Shomo & Charles Lewis

Weekday Services this Week

Tuesday, December 24

The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Choral Mass with Blessing of the Creche

11:00 pm Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25

The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 26

Stephen, Martyr and Deacon

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, December 27

John the Evangelist

5:30 PM Evening Prayer



The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civile.

Upcoming Events

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| Monday | December 23 <i>Feria</i> | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM 6:00 PM | Red Cross Blood Drive Dignity & Grace AA |
| Tuesday | December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> | NOON 5:00 PM 8:00 PM 11:00 PM | AA Choral Mass with blessing of the Creche AA Choral Mass |
| Wednesday | December 25 <i>The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Day</i> | 10:00 AM | Mass Office Closed |
| Thursday | December 26 <i>Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i> | 6:30 PM | Office Closed Evening Prayer |
| Friday | December 27 <i>John the Evangelist</i> | 5:30 PM | Office Closed Evening Prayer |
| Sunday | December 29 <i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i> | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | Low Mass Choral Mass NO SUNDAY SCHOOL |

Parish Office Business Hours



Monday: 9 AM - 1 PM
 Tuesday: 9 AM - 3 PM
 Wednesday : 9AM - 12 PM (NOON)
 Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
 Additional hours by appointment.

**The office will closed December 25, 2024 to December 29, 2024
 in observance of the season of Christmas.**

Christmas Communion

If you are unable to attend services during Christmastide and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Fr. Civale to schedule a visit.

EPIPHANY

2025

EPIPHANY RECEPTION

COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI!
EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF OUR COMMUNITY AS WE GATHER FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP, REFLECTION,
AND FELLOWSHIP.

01/06/2025

following the 6:30 pm Mass

Christ Church Woodbury | 62 Delaware Street | Woodbury, NJ



We Can Do This!

Greater Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.

Some special request items are:

- Cold cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Hearty Soups
- Grape jelly
- Pasta & Sauce
- Powdered milk



Please go to gwcm.org for more information and to see what else is needed.
Thank you for helping with this important ministry.

We give thanks to the Altar Guild and all those who gave their time and talent decorating the inside and outside of the church this year. And thanks to all those who contributed to the flowers and the evergreens. We honor the Lord this holy season in the beauty of His creation.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024

By Christ Church

Dr. Ross Beitzel
The Rev. Dr. John E. Bird +
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Thomas Reutter



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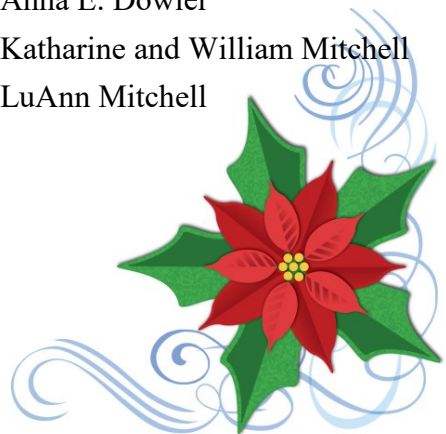
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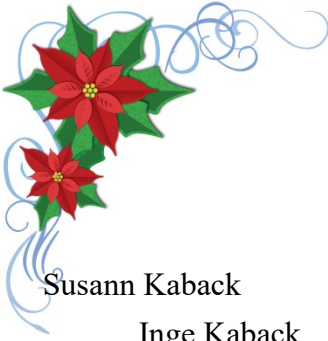
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LuAnn Mitchell





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Marjorie Hagner

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Nester
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Jennifer M. Beckett

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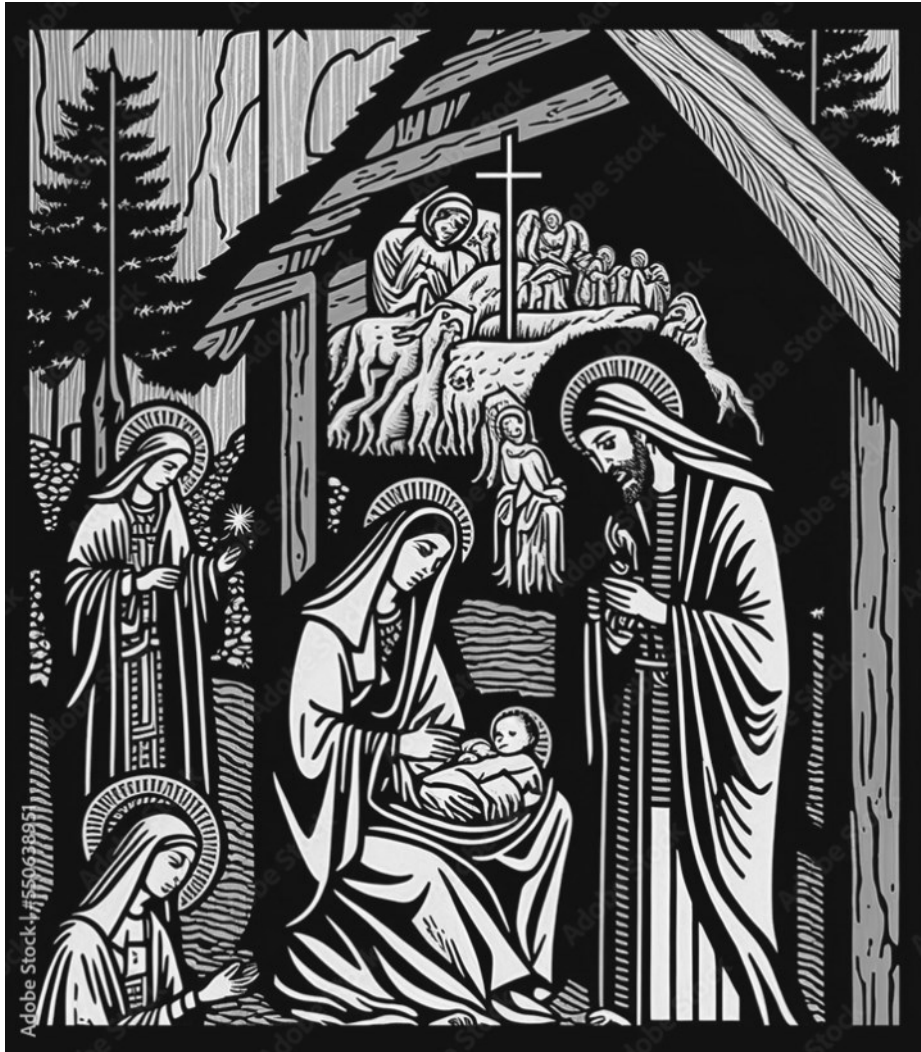
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Christmas Blessings from Christ Church

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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Senior Warden: Sarah Cranston

Junior Warden: Tara Mass

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

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