

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2024



St. John the Baptist, Martin Schongauer (1435-1491)

Christ Church
Woodbury, New Jersey
A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey
8:00 & 10:00 in the Morning



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

This Mass is celebrated in memory of Taeko Nichols.

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

The Collect for PurityBCP 323

Summary of the Law BCP 324

Kyrie eleison BCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Third Sunday of Advent) Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Zephaniah (3:14-20) Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 85:1-6 *Benedixisti, Domine.* Bulletin p. 6

Read responsively by verse

The Second Lesson: Philippians (4:4-7)..... Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Luke (3:7-18)..... Bulletin p. 7

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civalé

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 340

Sursum corda BCP 340

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit BCP 341

the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen BCP 343

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

Fraction BCP 337

Agnus Dei BCP 337

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Invitation to Communion BCP 338

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. the people kneeling.

Post Communion Prayer BCP 339

The Blessing BCP 339

the people standing

Dismissal BCP 340



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 10:00 am

Prelude: *Organ Concerto in F Op.4 no.4* G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Choral Introit: *Gaudete in Domino**Mode VIII*

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico,
gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus
hominibus: Dominus enim prope est.
Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione et
obsecratione cum gratiarum actione
petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum.
Philippians 4:4-6

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I
say, Rejoice: let your moderation be
known unto all men: the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing: but in every thing,
by prayer and supplication, with
thanksgiving, let your requests be made
known unto God. .

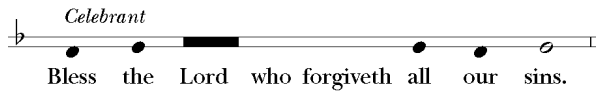
THE ENTRANCE RITE

the people standing

Processional Hymn 59: "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" *Merton*

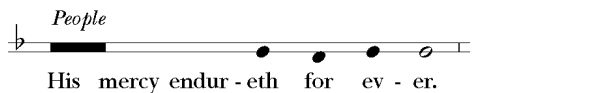
Acclamation:

Celebrant



Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People



His mercy endureth for ever.

Collect for Purity The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) page 323

Summary of the LawBCP 324

Kyrie (*See Missa Marialis*)

The Collect of the Day (Third Sunday of Advent):

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Lector A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 85:1-6 *Benedixisti, Domine.* E. F. Day (1836-1905)

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; *
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

***Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, *
and covered all their sins.***

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, *
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

***Turn us then, O God our Saviour, *
and let thine anger cease from us.***

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? *
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

***Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, *
that thy people may rejoice in thee?***

***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 Lesson Philipians (4:4-7)

Lector A reading from the First Letter to the Philipians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. .

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

the people standing

Alleluia and Verse.....*Mode V*



Alleluia. ***Alleluia.*** Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. ***Alleluia.***

Sequence Hymn: 68 “Rejoice, rejoice believers”” *Llangloffan*

The Holy Gospel Luke (3:7-18)

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

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

John the Baptist said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the multitudes asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than is appointed you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.” As the people were in expectation,

and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, “I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people..

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

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civalé

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

Prayers of the People: Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;

That thy Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

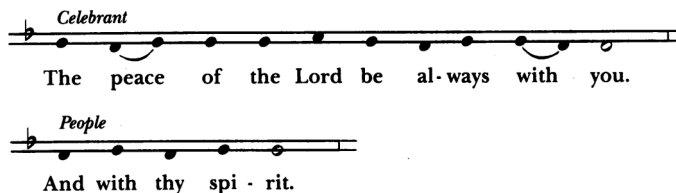
The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace



All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence *Mode VI*

O Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of
Jacob: Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people.

Choral Anthem: *Gaudete* *Jistebnice Cantional 1420*

Gaudete! Christus est natus Ex Maria vergine,
gaudete! Tempus adest gratiae Hoc quod
optabamus, Carmina laetitiae Devote
reddamus. Deus homo factus est Natura
mirante, Mundus renovatus est A Christo
regnante. Ezechielis porta Clausa pertransitur,
Unde lux est orta Salus invenitur. Ergo nostra
contio Psallat iam in lustris; Benedicat
Domino: Salus Regi nostro.

Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is to be born of the
Virgin Mary Rejoice. The time of grace has
come what we have wished for; Songs of joy
let us give back faithfully. God will become
man, With nature marvelling, The world has
been renewed By the reigning Christ. The
closed gate of Ezekiel Is passed through,
Whence the light is risen; Salvation has been
found. Therefore, let our assembly Now sing
in brightness, Let it bless the Lord: let us
prepare Greetings for our King.

the people standing

Offertory Hymn 481: “Rejoice, the Lord is King”*Gopsal*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I BCP 333

Sursum corda: S112 Hymnal

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit S115 (*See Missa Marialis*)

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen: S118 Hymnal

Celebrant *People*

A-men.

The Lord's Prayer: S119 Hymnal

Fraction Anthem: S152 *Ambrosian*

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Agnus Dei: S159 (*see Missa Marialis*)

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

Those Who Serve Today

8:00 am

Server & Chalice: Bernie Lasoski

Lector: Maureen Carrigan

Usher: Mark Hendricks

10:00 am

Organist & Choir Director: Nick Mynyk

Master of Ceremonies: Ed Ferrell

Thurifer & Boat: Pauly Mass

Crucifer: Miguel Sanchez

1st Server: Maya Sanchez

2nd Server: Joey Lyden

Torches: Daphne Rhodes & Cece Lyden

Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo

Chalice Bearers: Ed Ferrell & Jim Bathurst

Lector I & Intercessor: Tori Wishnick

Lector II: Jean Lucas

Ushers: Mark Novalsky & Dennis Sims

Vestry Lock Up: Sherm Yeiter

Notewriter: Gwen Simpson

Food Bank: Ed Ferrell

Vestry Counters: Team 4:

Gwen Simpson, Sherm Yeiter, & Doreen Mills

Fourth Sunday of Advent Readings: Sunday, December 22, 2024

The First Lesson: Micah (5:2-4)

Psalm: 80:1-7

The Second Lesson: Hebrews (10:5-10)

Gospel: Luke (1:39-49)

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV translation of *The Bible*.

Christmas Flower Memorials

We invite you to honor and remember your departed loved ones this Christmas with an Altar Flower Memorial. Please use the envelopes in the pews. Check Christmas on the front and include your name and then on the back list those who you would like remembered. **December 22nd will be the last day to submit names. A preview list of the names will be in the December 22nd Weekly News.** If you have any questions, please contact the office (856) 845-0190.

Weekday Services this Week

Wednesday, December 18

Feria

10:00 AM Healing Mass

Thursday, December 19

Feria

6:30 PM Mass

Friday, December 20

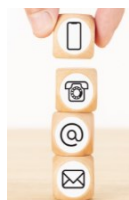
Feria

6:30 PM Lessons & Carols



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. Civale.



Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.

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.

A Service of
LESSONS and CAROLS
at Christ Church in Woodbury



Friday,
December 20th
at 6:30 in the evening

Christ Church
62 Delaware Street
Woodbury, New Jersey

Upcoming Events

Monday	December 16 <i>Feria</i>	6:00 PM	AA - Dignity & Grace
Tuesday	December 17 <i>Feria</i>	12:00 PM 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday	December 18 <i>Feria</i>	10:00 AM	Mass with Prayers for Healing
Thursday	December 19 <i>Feria</i>	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Mass Brotherhood of St. Andrew AA
Friday	December 20 <i>Feria</i>	6:30 PM	Lessons & Carols
Saturday	December 21 <i>Thomas the Apostle</i>		
Sunday	December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Low Mass Choral Mass NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Choir Rehearsal
Monday	December 23 <i>Feria</i>	2:00 PM - 7:00 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 AA Choral Mass
Wednesday	December 25 <i>The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas</i>	10:00 AM	Mass Office Closed

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

Sunday, December 1 (1 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass

Friday, December 6 ~ Woodbury Christmas Tree Lighting & Open House 5:00 pm

Saturday, December 7 ~ Christ Church Christmas Market 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 8 (2 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass & Child Bishop

Sunday, December 15 (3 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass

Friday, December 20 ~ A Service of Lessons and Carols 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 22 (4 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) ~ 5:00 pm Choral Mass, 11:00 pm Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day) ~ 10:00 am Mass with organ



Sunday, December 29 (1st Christmas) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, January 1 (Feast of the Holy Name) ~ 10:00 am Mass

Sunday, January 5 (2nd Christmas) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass



Monday, January 6 ~ (Feast of the Epiphany) 6:30 pm Choral Mass with Reception

AT CHRIST CHURCH WOODBURY

Prayer List

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Jill, Amanda, Dawn, Tara, Jackson, Joy, Joan, Jack, Ed, Jason, Lorie, Steve, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Allene, Baby Rick, Tom, Kathi, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy

Pray for those with enduring needs: Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, James, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Charles, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Gloria, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Dottie, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you. Names will remain on the immediate need list for 30 days. They can be restored to the list.



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62 Delaware Street
Woodbury, NJ 08096

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10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries



Thank you for all your dedication to this ministry. Bringing one item of food to church is a simple but powerful way to help our community. Between the main pantry and Colonial Manor, GWCM served 869 families (3,241 people) in September and 1,105 families (4,153 people) in October. This averages to 218 families per week.

Urgent Need: canned vegetables and peanut butter and jelly.

Ongoing Need: Cereal, pasta and sauce, pancake mix and syrup, hearty soups.

Christmas

This year the pantry will be giving each family a hygiene bag for Christmas. Christ Church has volunteered to turn in 50 bags. We can do it!

Each bag will be a gallon sized zip-lock that includes: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, and dental floss. (No mouthwash please). These items are easily purchased at a dollar store. We are hoping each Christ Church family will be able to contribute a bag or two. If your children need service hours, this is a great project for them to work on, we can give them a service hours receipt. **The last Sunday to collect the hygiene bags is December 15th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Darcie Sanchez (856) 906-8800.

Information about monetary donations and events can be found at GWCM.org.

Youth Group Event

On **Sunday, December 22**, the Youth Group will be visiting parishioners after church.

Youth from 6th to 12th grades, please plan to stay after the service as we will be doing the following:



- * 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Prep session and lunch
- * 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM: Parishioner visits (in small groups)
- * 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM: Debrief and reflection

We're excited for this opportunity to connect with our church community! Please come prepared and ready to participate.

Advent Home Liturgy for Individuals and Families - Advent III

If this Liturgy is observed by a household, one member serves as the Officiant.

If you (or your family) use an Advent Wreath, the appropriate number of candles on the Wreath are lit. Directions for making an Advent Wreath are on page 4 of this leaflet.

Then are said the following versicles and responses (which may be said as an acclamation by one person).

V. Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Rejoice! The Lord is at hand.

R. Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

The Reading

The Bible passage appointed for the day is now read. These passages may be found on pages 2-4 of the leaflet.

Sunday:	Isaiah 9:6-7
Monday:	Isaiah 7:10-14
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-6
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:10-11
Thursday:	Isaiah 52:7
Friday:	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Saturday:	Malachi 3:1-2

The Prayers

The Prayers are then offered, beginning with the collect for the Week, found on pages 2-4 of this leaflet. Then, as desired, additional prayers may be offered ... The Prayers are concluded with the Our Father.

Third Week (Advent III)

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Liturgy concludes with this benediction.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

If the Liturgy is kept at a meal, the Grace may then be said. The candles may be extinguished or kept burning throughout the meal.

Copies of the full booklet are located at the back of the 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

Class of 2025

Sarah Cranston
David Hanson
Tom Phramphus
Sophie Seddon

Class of 2026

Doreen Mills
Gwen Simpson
Sherm Yeiter

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis
Tara Mass
Tori Wishnick

