

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025  
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



The Magnificat, Henri Simon Thomassin French After Jean-Baptiste Jouvenet French 1724

## Christ Church Woodbury, New Jersey *A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey*



## 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. **The nursery is open.**

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, then proceed to their classrooms.

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 to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We will be studying 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy and Titus. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am**  
**THE ENTRANCE RITE**

*The congregation stands when the bell is rung.*

Opening Acclamation .....	Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
<i>Celebrant</i> Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	
<i>People</i> <b>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</b>	
The Collect for Purity .....	BCP 323
Summary of the Law .....	BCP 324
Kyrie .....	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day (The 4th Sunday of Advent) .....	Bulletin p. 5

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*the people are seated*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16.....	Bulletin p. 6
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*the people remain seated*

Gradual Psalm 80 <i>Qui regis Israel</i> .....	Bulletin p. 6
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The Epistle: Romans 1:1-7.....	Bulletin p. 7
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*The people standing*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25 .....	Bulletin p. 8
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*the people are seated*

The Sermon .....	Fr. Civale
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*the people standing*

The Nicene Creed .....	BCP 327
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The Prayers of the People .....	BCP 328
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*the people kneeling*

Confession of Sin .....	BCP 330
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*the people standing*

The Peace .....	BCP 332
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**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory Sentence

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

At the Presentation:

<i>Celebrant</i>	All things come of thee, O Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.</b>

<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I</b> .....	BCP 333
Sursum corda .....	BCP 340
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit .....	BCP 341
<i>Said by all</i>	
<b><i>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.</i></b>	
<i>the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass</i>	
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
Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.	
<i>Celebrant and People</i>	
<b><i>Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.</i></b>	
<i>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.</i>	
Post Communion Prayer .....	BCP 339
The Blessing .....	BCP 339
<i>the people standing</i>	
Dismissal .....	BCP 340
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>Thanks be to God.</i></b>

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude “Es ist ein’ Ros’ entsprungen”.....Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Processional Hymn 56 ”O come, O come Emmanuel”.....*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Introit .....*Tone VII*

Drop down dew, ye heavens from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness:  
 let the earth open and bring forth a Saviour. (*Ps*) The heavens declare the glory of  
 God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.  
 Glory be ....world without end. Amen. Drop Down dew...

Opening Acclamation S76.....*Ambrosian*

<i>Celebrant</i>	
	Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.
<i>People</i>	
	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Collect for Purity.....BCP 323

Summary of the Law ..... BCP 324

Kyrie ..... (*see Fifth Communion Service/Leo Sowerby Music Supplement*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY (FOURTH Sunday of Advent ):

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b><i>And with thy spirit.</i></b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

**W**e beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen***

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated*

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 7:10-16

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Isaiah

**A**gain the LORD spoke to Ahaz, “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Imman’u-el. He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people remain seated.*

Gradual Psalm 80 *Qui regis Israel*.....Luke Flitcroft (d.1727)

*The Psalm is said responsively by verse. (8:00 am Mass only)*

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; \* show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.

***Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up thy strength, and come and help us.***

Turn us again, O God; \* show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

***O Lord God of hosts, \* how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?***

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, \* and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

***Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, \* and our enemies laugh us to scorn.***

Turn us again, thou God of hosts; \* show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole

*It is burnt with fire, and cut down; \* and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance*

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, \* and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

*And so will not we go back from thee: \* O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name*

*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 Epistle .....Romans 1:1-7

*Lector*            A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

**P**aul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

*The people standing*

Alleluia and Verse ..... *Tone VI*

**A**lleluia. Alleluia. Come, O Lord and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people.  
Alleluia

Sequence Hymn 258: "Virgin born, we bow before thee:" ..... *Psalm 86*

The Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

**N**ow the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emman’uel” (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

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

*The people are seated*

The Sermon ..... Fr. Civale

*The people standing*

The Nicene Creed .....BCP 327

*the people are seated*

The 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 People may add their own petitions.*


*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

The Confession of Sin.....BCP 330

The Peace

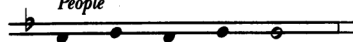
*All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Celebrant*



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

*People*



And with thy spi - rit.





The Great Amen ..... S118 Hymnal

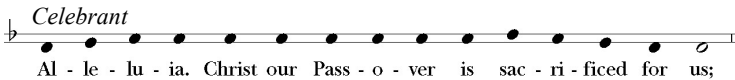


The Lord's Prayer ..... S119 Hymnal

*The people kneeling.*

Fraction

*Celebrant and People*



Agnus Dei.....(*see Fifth Communion Service/Leo Sowerby Music Supplement*)

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

Invitation to Communion .....BCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

**Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

*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.*

Communion Sentence.....*Tone I*

**B**ehold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his Name shall be called Emmanuel.



Communion Motet “*Ave Maria op. 145*” .....Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Ave Maria, gratia plena  
Dominus tecum;  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with thee;  
Blessed art thou amongst women,  
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

Communion Hymn 81 “Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming”.....*Es ist ein Ros  
the people kneeling*

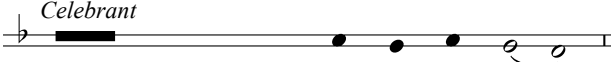
Post Communion Prayer .....BCP 339

The Blessing .....BCP 339

*The people standing*

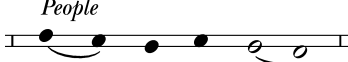
The Dismissal .....S 174 Hymnal

*Celebrant*



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*



Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 66 “Come, thou long expected Jesus” .....*Stuttgart*

Postlude “Bon Joseph écoute moi” .....Michael Corrette (1707-1795)



## Additional Notes

**Zach & Eva Ares-Deterding will be hosting Coffee Hour today.**

**We will have Sunday School and Adult Forum today.**

**Next week there will be no Sunday School, No Coffee Hour and no Adult Forum.**

**2025 is the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nicene Creed. The Creed itself was the culmination of the Ecumenical Council held in Nicaea in 325 AD. It sought to heal division and unify the Church around a common profession of faith, in particular around our understanding of the Holy Trinity and to some extent the nature of Christ. It laid the ground work for the work of future councils. Scott Carr will continue to present a series on the Creed on January 4 & 11 at our Adult Forum.**



Those Who  
Serve Today

**8:00 am**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale

**Server & Chalice:** Jim Bathurst

**Lector:** Frank Gwalthney

**Ushers:** Mark Hendricks & Steve Shomo

**10:00 am**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Lawrence Civale

**Organist:** Luke Staisiunas

**Master of Ceremonies:** Scott Carr

**Thurifer & Boat:** Brandon Gorman

**Crucifer:** Joey Lyden

**1<sup>st</sup> Server:** Cece Lyden

**2<sup>nd</sup> Server:** Annabella Scales

**Torches:** Johnny Lyden & Joey Scales

**Acolyte Master:** Robertta Shomo

**Chalice Bearers:** Sarah Cranston & Scott Carr

**Lector I & Intercessor:** MiMi Jones

**Lector II:** Nathan Wishnick

**Ushers:** Chris Piskum & Charles Lewis

**Nursery:** Jennifer Allbright

**Vestry Lock up:** Doreen Mills

**Notewriter:** Gwen Simpson

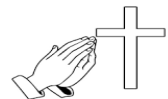
**Food Bank:** Jim & Marybeth Bathurst

**Vestry Counters: Team 1:** Doreen Mills,  
Mark Novalsky & Nathan Wishnick

**Prayer List**

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Jack, Barbara T, Michael V, Terry, Alexandra, Kristen, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Joy, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Larry, Betty, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Rosie, Steve, Fran, Mike, Gloria.



Pray for those with enduring needs: Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: CJ, Jacob

**Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.**

## Advent Home Liturgy for Individuals and Families - Advent IV

*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: Matthew 1:18-25

Monday: Luke 1:26-33

Tuesday: Luke 1:34-35, 38

Wednesday: Luke 1:39-45

Thursday: Luke 1:46-56

Friday: Luke 1:57-66

Saturday: Luke 1:67-80



### 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.*

### Fourth Week (Advent IV)

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
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*

## Weekday Services this Week



### **Wednesday December 24**

*The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve*

5:00 pm Choral Mass with Blessing of the Creche

11:00 pm Choral Mass

### **Thursday, December 25**

*The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day*

10:00 am Mass with Organ & Hymns

### **Friday, December 26**

*Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr*

5:30 Evening Prayer

**There will be no 10:00 am Mass on December 24th and no 6:30 Mass on December 25th**

### **Readings for Christmas Eve**

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Psalm 97

### **Readings for Christmas Day**

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Gospel: John 1:1-14

Psalm 98

### **First Sunday after Christmas December 28, 2025**

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Psalm 147

\*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



## Upcoming Events

Monday <i>Saint Thomas (tr)</i>	December 22	10:00 AM	Mass
		6:00 PM	AA Meeting
		8:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	December 23	10:00 AM	NA Meeting
		NOON	AA Meeting
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	December 24	5:00 PM	Mass
		11:00 PM	Choral Mass
Thursday <i>Christmas Day</i>	December 25	10:00 AM	Mass with Organ
Friday <i>Saint Stephen, Deacon &amp; Martyr</i>	December 26	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Saturday <i>Saint John the Evangelist</i>	December 27		
Sunday <i>1st Sunday after Christmas</i>	December 28	8:00 AM	Mass
		10:00 AM	Sung Mass



## In the Near Future



- December 22..... ..Christmas Blood Drive (2:00 pm)
- January 6..... ..Epiphany Mass & Reception (6:30 pm)
- January 25..... ..Annual Meeting (11:30 pm)

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025

**Sunday, November 30 (1 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass**

**Sunday, December 7 (2 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass & Child Bishop**

**Friday, December 12 ~ Woodbury Christmas Tree Lighting 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 14 (3 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass**

**Friday, December 19 ~ A Service of Lessons and Carols 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, December 21 (4 Advent) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass**

**Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) ~ 5:00 pm & 11:00 pm Choral Mass**

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

**Sunday, December 28 (1st Christmas) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass**

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

**Sunday, January 4 (2nd Christmas) ~ 8:00 am & 10:00 am Mass**

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



**AT CHRIST CHURCH WOODBURY**

# **Christmas Remembrances**

**It's not too late to honor a loved one this Christmas Season.**

**Please reach out to the Parish Office and we would be  
more than happy to assist you.**





HELP DONATE TO OUR

# CHRISTMAS ATTIC

Planned for  
November 2026

It's a long way off but we can start to get ready for this parish event now! As you are preparing your homes for the celebration of our Lord, set aside Christmas decorations and any Christmas theme items you no longer want or need. Pack them up to donate to the Christmas Attic. Tell your neighbors, friends, and family to save their items and give them to you for our sale!

BRING DONATIONS TO THE  
PARISH HALL  
NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>



# WHAT TO DONATE

Wreaths  
Christmas lights  
Ornaments  
Indoor/Outdoor swags  
Stockings  
Tree skirts  
Candles  
Lights  
Mugs  
Dishes  
Serving Dishes  
Entertainment dishes  
Nutcrackers  
Nativity Sets  
Snowmen  
Angels  
Decorative Boxes  
Gift Wrap and Bags  
Santa's Pillows  
Placemats, Tablecloths, Napkins & Towels  
Christmas Books  
Outdoor Decorations

# Give the Gift of Life This Holiday Season

## Christmas Blood Drive

### Event Details

**Date:** Monday, December 22, 2025  
**Time:** 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Christ Church

### Schedule Your Donation

Make a difference this Christmas by donating blood! Your contribution can help save lives during the holiday season, when blood supplies are often critically low.

To reserve your spot, please go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and schedule your donation or see Jim or Mary Beth Bathurst

Every donation counts. Join us in spreading hope and compassion to those in need. We look forward to seeing you at Christ Church's Christmas Blood Drive!

Thank You for Your Generosity!



## **Pastoral Care Team**

### **Our Vision Statement**

The vision of the Pastoral Care Team is to engage the parish in a ministry to serve God by following the commandment of Jesus to ‘to love thy neighbor as ourselves’ and caring for those in need or transition by establishing a personal relationship with them in the name of the Lord.

Listed below are the ways in which we care for the people of Christ Church.

#### **Parish Pathfinders**

This is a group of people who have volunteered to provide transportation to parishioners who need and request a ride to church services and activities.

#### **Martha’s Meals**

This is a group of parishioners, some who prepare and others who deliver meals to families who are in immediate need due to illness, birth of a child, or death in the family.

#### **Visitation and Caregiving**

This ministry does not require nursing skills. It is a way that we connect with our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and also their families to check on their needs and offer support.

**Pastoral Care Team:** Deb Allbright, Jean Lucas, Doreen Mills, Barbara O’Mealia

If you or someone you know in the parish is in need, please contact the church **(856) 845-0190**.



## Chorister rehearsals

Children in 2nd grade and above are invited to join the Christ Church Choristers. We are affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music which provides a framework for choral singers to develop their vocal skills, their musical understanding, and their knowledge of the repertoire. No previous choral/singing experience required! We have a short rehearsal following Sunday school most Sundays, and sing in the service with the adult choir 1-2 times per month. We have a lot of fun and we hope to have more children join us! If your child/grandchild would like to become a chorister, please complete this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/j8StoLfiWrdAHrro9>.

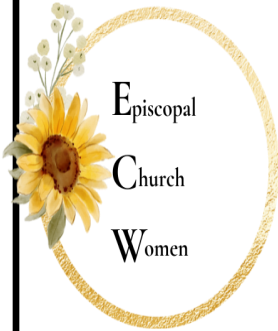
## Calling all Coffee Hour Hosts...

We are in need of some volunteers to serve as Coffee Hour Hosts on many dates from now until the end of the year. The ministry is truly a labor of love. Thank you to all who have signed up to provide some snacks to those who choose to attend our Adult Forum which is held right after 10 AM Mass. Our turnout has been averaging 25-30 persons. It does not have to be elaborate - donut holes and cheese/crackers would suffice. Just a snack to carry us over to when Sunday School ends (noon) and we can all go home for lunch.

Please see Mary Beth or Jim Bathurst if you have any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.



## **ECW (Episcopal Church Women)**



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. There is no December meeting. The Holiday Tea will be January 10th, 1pm to 3pm. The next regular meeting is January 21st at 7:00pm. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Brotherhood of St. Andrew**

The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be in January. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.



## **Bible Study Now in Session**

Our Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom every Monday at 8 PM. We have excellent discussions reflecting on the meaning of Scripture and hope you will join us!

Beginning January 12, we will be spending the Winter and Spring of 2026 discussing the Gospel of Matthew, our Gospel for this liturgical year. We will be using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*. We would love to have you be a part of our discussions!

The Zoom meeting can be accessed at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427635457>

## **Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries News**

Thank you all for 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 915 families (3,562 people) in October.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to our parish family! Because of you Christ Church was able to send a \$1000 donation to Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries!

### **Christmas**

This year the pantry will be giving each family a hygiene bag for Christmas. I volunteered our Christ Church Family to turn in 50 bags. I know we can do this!

Each bag will be a gallon ziplock that includes: soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, and dental floss. (No mouthwash please). These items are easily purchased at a dollar store. I was able to fill two bags for \$22. 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 14<sup>th</sup>. There are two baskets at the back of Fellowship Hall to collect the Hygiene bags.

GWCM is also collecting new unwrapped toys to benefit the children of clients. Look for the flyer in the service sheet with the drop-off locations.

If you have any questions, please contact Darcie Sanchez at 856-906-8800

Information about online monetary donations and events can be found at [GWCM.org](http://GWCM.org)



## **Stewardship 2026 Following in Faith**



**Thank you to those who have pledged.  
We have received pledges to date totaling \$220,444.**

**If you have not submitted your pledge please do so as soon as possible.  
If you are in need of a pledge card they are available in the ushers area.**

# Thank you to the following families that have already pledged for 2026.

Allbright, Paul & Debra

Atkins, Robin

Baldwin, Kate & Matt

Banff, Barbara

Bathurst, Jim & Mary Beth

Bird, Mary Beth

Brown, Joan

Carrigan, Maureen

Civale, Lawrence

Civalier, Richard

Coleman, Patrick

Cranston, Sarah & Chris

Curtis, Hughie

Daugherty, Fred & Audrey

Dennison, Thomas

Ferrell, Edward Starr & Allene

Fulgham, Francis & Judith May

Gwalthney, Frank & Helen

Hanson, David & Delores

Hay, James & Denise

Hendricks, Mark

Henning, Kim (Wycoff) & Robert

Hill, Douglas & Carol

Howey, Richard & Regina

Johnson, Robert & Kimberly

Jones, Amelia Mimi

Kaback, Susann

Kurtz, Richard & Gloria

Lasoski, Bernie & Beverly

Lewis, Jr., Charles

Lewis, Steven & Jennifer

Lucas, Jean

Lyden, John

Mass, Natalie

Mass, Paul

Mass, Tara

McGeoch, Ellen

McGeoch, Scott & Marilynn

Mills, Doreen

Mitchell, Joan

Nester, Mark

Nichols, Philip

Novalsky, Mark & Susan Jane

Novalsky, Sarah

OMEalia, Barbara

Piskum, Chris

Pleis, Jean

Preole, John & Margaret

Rash, Sarah

Rash, Steve & Debbie

Reiter, Nancy

Rheiner, Cheryl

Rickert, Stephen

Rodano, Annalisa

Rosser, Linda

Sanchez, Mike & Darcie

Schiffer, Michele

Sheeky, Dale

Sheets, Barbara

Shomo, Steven & Robertta

Simpson, Gwendolyn

Sims, Dennis & Brandy

Straub, James

Straub, Jim

Straub, Timothy

Sullivan, Robert

Teris, Ben & Leslie

Tillberg, Carol

Viereck, Michael & Kathleen

Wenzel, James & Donna

Whitehead, Bonnie

Wierski, Michele

Wilgus, Theodore & Dolores

Wishnick, Nathan

Wishnick, Victoria

Wright, Kimberly

Yeiter, Sherm

# Advent

*The Season of Hope and Expectation*



## Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: [frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto: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.



## **Honor Special Moments & Loved Ones**

Would you like to remember a departed loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or express your gratitude? You can do so by requesting Altar Flowers. Simply use the envelopes found in the pews - there's space on the back for you to share your information. Your offering will help beautify our worship and make your occasion even more meaningful.



## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



## Stay Connected – Update Your Email!



Christ Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Friday, filled with helpful updates including *Those Who Serve*, the Sunday bulletin, weekly readings, and upcoming events.

If you're not receiving it, be sure to check your spam or junk folder. To update your email address or be added to the mailing list, please contact Jackie at [office@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:office@christchurch.woodburynj.org).

## Share your pictures!



If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:  
[office@christchurch.woodburynj.org](mailto:office@christchurch.woodburynj.org).

We will try to include them in our Quarterly Newsletter, website, social media and Annual Report.  
Thank you!



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*A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey  
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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

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

### Class of 2026

Doreen Mills  
Gwen Simpson  
Sherm Yeiter

### Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst  
Charles Lewis  
Tori Wishnick

### Class of 2028

Laura Erasmus  
Robertta Shomo  
Nathan Wishnick

