

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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February 8, 2026

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



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. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room 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 usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall 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 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 Parish Halls . 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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

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

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

The Collect for PurityBCP 323

Summary of the Law BCP 324

Kyrie eleison and GloriaBCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany) Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58: 1-9a..... Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 112 *Beatus vir*..... Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: Corinthians 2:1-12. Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 Bulletin p. 8

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

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 333
Sursum corda	BCP 333
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit	BCP 334
<i>Said by all</i>	
<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>	
<i>the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass</i>	
The Great Amen	BCP 336
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>	
<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>	
<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>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

The First Lesson.....Isaiah 58: 1-9a

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why have we fasted, and thou seest it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and thou takest no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am. .

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 112 *Beatus vir*.....John Goss (1800-80)

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

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord * and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; * the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, * and their righteousness will last for ever

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; * the righteous are merciful and full of compassion

It is good for them to be generous in lending *and to manage their affairs with justice

For they will never be shaken; * the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; * their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord

Their heart is established and will not shrink, * until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, * and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

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 EpistleCorinthians 2:1-12

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling; and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him," God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse *Tone VI*

Alleluia. *Alleluia*. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad there-of: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad there-of. *Alleluia*.

Sequence Hymn 629 “We limit not the truth of God”*Halifax*

The Holy Gospel..... Matthew 5:13-20

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

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

Jesus said you are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

The people standing

The Nicene CreedBCP 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

Celebrant

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

People

And with thy spi - rit.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence.....*Mode II*

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord..

the people standing



The people kneeling.

Fraction

Celebrant and People

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

Invitation to CommunionBCP 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*Mode I*

All wondered at the gracious words: which proceeded out of his mouth.
Alleluia.



Communion Motet

“Euge Caeli“.....Thomas Tallis (c.1505-85)

Euge caeli porta quae nunc aperta veritatis lumen,
ipsum solem justitiae, indutum carne ducis in orbem.

*Well done, O gate of heaven, who now opened, leads into the world the Light of Truth,
the very Sun of Justice, clothed in flesh.*

Communion Hymn 505 “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”*O heiliger Geist*
the people kneeling

Post Communion PrayerBCP 339

The BlessingBCP 339

The people standing

The Dismissal 174 Hymnal

Processional Hymn 569 “God the Omnipotent!”.....*Russia*

Postlude “Postlude In C”Henry Thomas Smart (1813-79)



Additional Notes

Coffee Hour is hosted by the Rodano Family this week.

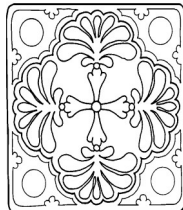
Reminder: The ECW Bake Sale & Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chili Sale will take place after today's 10:00 am service.



Giving Envelopes

Giving envelopes have arrived and the boxes have been placed on the window sill in the back of the church. The boxes are arranged in alphabetical order.

We apologize for the delay in you receiving them and appreciate your patience.



Those Who
Serve Today

8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Server & Chalice: Bernie Lasoski
Lector: Bernie Lasoski
Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Brian Erasmus

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civale
Organist: Luke Staisiunas
Master of Ceremonies: Scott Carr
Thurifer & Boat: Payton Sims
Crucifer: Miguel Sanchez
1st Server: Maya Sanchez
2nd Server: Riley Shomo
Torches: Evan Shomo & Petra Ares
Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo
Chalice Bearers: Sarah Cranston & Scott Carr
Lector I & Intercessor: Ellen McGeoch
Lector II: Scott Carr
Ushers: Dennis Sims & Nathan Wishnick
Child Care : Jennifer Allbright
Vestry Lock up: Gwen Simpson
Notewriter: Gwen Simpson
Food Bank: Ed Ferrell
Vestry Counters: Team 4: Sherm Yeiter, Gwen Simpson & Jim Bathurst

Prayer List



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

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

Lent 2026 at Christ Church



February 17 Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper - 6:00 pm

February 18 Ash Wednesday

10 am Mass with Imposition of Ashes

6:30 pm Choral Mass with Imposition of Ashes



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Choral Mass

MONDAY

8:00 pm Bible Study via Zoom

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Mass with Healing

6:00 - 6:45 pm Ecumenical Lenten Book Supper

6:45 - 7:30 pm Lenten Book Discussion

"People of the Passion" by Cathy Randall

March 4, 11 & 18

THURSDAY

6:30 pm Mass

FRIDAY

5:30 pm Evening Prayer

and Stations of the Cross

February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Holy Hour & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

March 13 & 27 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Lenten Retreat

Saturday, February 28 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Acolyte Retreat

Saturday, March 28 9:30 - 11:30 am

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civale. (856) 845-0190

Weekday Services this Week



Wednesday, February 11

Feria

10:00 am Mass with Healing

Thursday, February 12

Feria

6:30 pm Mass

Friday, February 13

Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

5:30 Evening Prayer

Readings for Next Week

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany February 15, 2026

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Psalm 2

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation





Upcoming Events



Monday <i>Feria</i>	February 9	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mass AA Meeting
Tuesday <i>Scholastica, Monastic, 543.</i>	February 10	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	February 11	10:00 AM	Mass with Healing
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	February 12	6:30 PM 8:00 PM	Mass AA Meeting
Friday <i>Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818</i>	February 13	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Sunday <i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	February 15	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass Choral Mass Sunday School



In the Near Future

February 17.....Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 March 4.....Lenten Supper & Book Discussion begins
 March 21.....Grounds Clean up Day
 March 28.....Acolyte Retreat with Holy Week Training



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>

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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.



Forty Days of Gratitude

Gratitude. That one word embodies the spirit of the United Thank Offering, a vessel for sharing our blessings with others in need. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering. These offerings distribute 100% of what is collected to support mission and ministry throughout the Episcopal Church and Provinces in the Anglican Communion.

The Vestry of Christ Church has approved a parish commitment to support UTO by inviting our parishioners to participate during the weeks and days of the Lenten season. The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and the United Thank Offering (UTO) are closely related. The ECW acts as the parent group by serving as a foundational support, partner, and administrative arm for the UTO ministry. UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that encourages people to notice daily blessings, give thanks to God, and make an offering for each blessing using a “Blue Box”.

Blue Boxes will be available at the back of the church and upstairs in the parish hall during coffee hour and the Lenten dinner program. The Box is designed as a bank to receive coins, cash, or checks. No amount is too small. Your offering is combined with others to provide a blessing where every coin counts. After Easter the donated boxes will be collected on ECW Sunday in mid-May.

Thank you for turning your heart towards gratitude and passing the blessings God has given you onto others.



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**.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

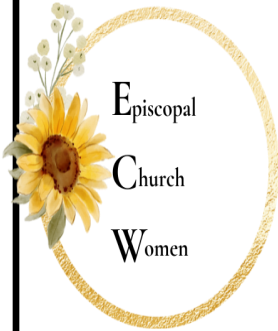
Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



ECW (Episcopal Church Women)



The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. However the next meeting will be February 25 due to Ash Wednesday. 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 February 19th . 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.



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.



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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.

Share your pictures!



If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:

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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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

Rector

The Rev. Lawrence Civile

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis
Tori Wishnick

Class of 2028

Brandon Gorman
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

Class of 2029

Maureen Carrigan
Doreen Mills
Steve Lewis

