

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 14, 2025
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



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

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 1st & 2nd 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 THIRD 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>	<i>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</i>
The Collect for Purity	BCP 323
Summary of the Law	BCP 324
Kyrie	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day (The 3rd Sunday of Advent)	Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10.....	Bulletin p. 6
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the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 146 <i>Deus, judicium</i>	Bulletin p. 6
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The Epistle: James 5:7-10.....	Bulletin p. 7
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The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11	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>	And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP 333
Sursum corda	BCP 340
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit	BCP 341
<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 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>	
<i>Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst 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>

 <p>Today's 8:00 am Mass is in loving memory of Taeko Nichols as requested by Denise Lee.</p>
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 10:00 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude “Prelude on Divinum Mysterium”.....Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Processional Hymn 65 ”Prepare the way, O Zion”.....*Bereden väg för Herran*

Introit*Tone VII*

Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding: shall keep your hearts and minds. Glory be to the Father and to the son as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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 (THIRD Sunday of Advent):

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

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.....Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*.....Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-56)

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

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord; * yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man; * for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth, * and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, * and whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is; * who keepeth his promise for ever;

*Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; * who feedeth the hungry.*

The Lord looseth men out of prison; * the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

*The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; * the Lord careth for the righteous.*

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow: * as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

*The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, * and throughout all generations*

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 EpistleJames 5:7-10

Lector A reading from the letter of James

Be patient, therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it until it receives the early and the late rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not grumble, brethren, against one another, that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the doors. As an example of suffering and patience, brethren, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse *Tone VI*

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

Sequence Hymn 70 “Herald, sound the note of judgment:”.....*Herald, Sound*

The Holy Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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 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


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.



Communion Sentence.....*Tone I*

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong and fear not: behold, our
God will come, and will save us.

Communion Motet “Rejoice in the Lord “John Sheppard (c.1515-1558)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your restraint be known unto all men.
The Lord is e'en at hand.
Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication
let your petition be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus. Amen.

Communion Hymn 462 “The Lord will come and not be slow”*York*
the people kneeling

Post Communion PrayerBCP 339

The BlessingBCP 339
The people standing

The DismissalS 174 Hymnal

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 68 “Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”*Llangloffan*

Postlude “Postlude in G “Henry Thomas Smart (1813-79)

Additional Notes

Steve & Robertta Shomo will be hosting Coffee Hour today.

Zach & Eva Ares-Deterding will be hosting Coffee Hour next week,

2025 is the 1700th 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 December 14 and January 4 at our Adult Forum.



Those Who
Serve Today

8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civalè

Server & Chalice: Bernie Lasoski

Lector: Helen Gwalthney

Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Brian
Erasmus

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civalè

Organist: Luke Staisiunas

Master of Ceremonies: Jim Bathurst

Thurifer & Boat: Payton Sims

Crucifer: Scott Carr

1st Server: Joey Lyden

2nd Server: Daphne Rhodes

Torches: Johnny Lyden & Joey Scales

Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo

Chalice Bearers: Doreen Mills & Jim Bathurst

Lector I & Intercessor: Scott Carr

Lector II: Ellen McGeoch

Ushers: Mark Novalsky & Steve Rash

Nursery: Jennifer Allbright

Vestry Lock up: Sherm Yeiter

Notewriter: Cheryl Rheiner

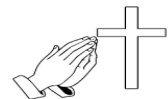
Food Bank: Kim Henning

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: Barbara T, Michael V, Terry, Alexandra, Kristen, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Joy, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Larry, Betty, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Darrah, 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 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.

Weekday Services this Week



Wednesday December 17

Feria

10: 00pm Mass with Prayers for Healing

Thursday, December 18

Feria

6:30 pm Mass

Friday, December 19

Feria

5:30 Evening Prayer

6:30 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.

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 7: 10-16

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

Psalm 80

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation





Upcoming Events



Monday <i>Feria</i>	December 15	10:00 AM	Mass
		6:00 PM	AA Meeting
		8:00 PM	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	December 16	10:00 AM	NA Meeting
		NOON	AA Meeting
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	December 17	10:00 AM	Mass
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	December 18	6:30 PM	Mass
		8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Friday <i>Feria</i>	December 19	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
		6:30 PM	Lessons & Carols
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	December 20		
Sunday <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	December 21	8:00 AM	Mass
		8:30 AM	Choral Scholar Rehearsal
		8:45 AM	Choir Rehearsal
		10:00 AM	Choral Mass
		11:00 AM	Sunday School
			Chorister Rehearsal following Sunday School



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

A Service of
LESSONS and CAROLS
at Christ Church in Woodbury



Virgin and Child in an Apse, Copy after Robert Campin (Netherlandish, ca. 1480)

Friday,
December 19th
at 6:30 in the evening

Christ Church
62 Delaware Street
Woodbury, New Jersey

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.**



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 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!





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 1ST



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

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...

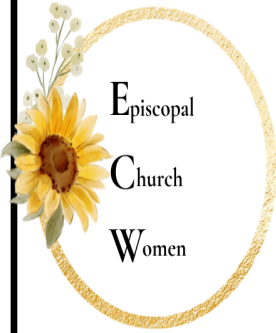
We are in need of some volunteers to serve as Coffee Hour Hosts on many dates from now until the end of the year. The ministry is truly a labor of love. Thank you to all who have signed up to provide some snacks to those who choose to attend our Adult Forum which is held right after 10 AM Mass. Our turnout 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 weekly Bible Study is on **Mondays at 8:00 PM via Zoom.**

It is a 6 week study 2 Timothy and Titus—letters that shape much of our Sunday worship this season.

Together, we will reflect on themes of church leadership and faithful teaching using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*.

We've had wonderful discussions in the past and would love for you to join us!

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81627384062?wd=PTpGtBPt7ZdyhgauivzCreJFsn0vwM.1>

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 14th. 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**



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

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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



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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

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Doreen Mills
Gwen Simpson
Sherm Yeiter

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis
Tori Wishnick

Class of 2028

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