THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 22, 2024



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
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.

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

<u>Sunday School</u> (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). NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.

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!

<u>A Lift</u> 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.

<u>Safety Precaution</u>: 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.

<u>Exiting and Entering</u>—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 congregation stands when the bell is rung. Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323 |
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| The Collect for PurityBCP 323 |
| Summary of the Law |
| Kyrie eleison BCP 324 |
| The Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday of Advent) |
| THE LITURGY OF THE WORD |
| the people are seated The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-4Bulletin p. 6 |
| the people remain seated Gradual Psalm 80:1-7, 17-18 Qui regis Isreal |
| The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10 |
| The people standing The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-49 |
| the people are seated The Sermon |
| the people standing The Nicene Creed BCP 327 |
| The Prayers of the People |
| the people kneeling Confession of Sin |
| 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 o | of thee, | O | Lord. |
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People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I | BCP 340 |
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| 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. | r |
| Post Communion Prayer | BCP 339 |
| The Blessing | BCP 339 |
| the people standing Dismissal | BCP 340 |



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 10:00 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

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

Summary of the Law BCP 324

Kyrie (See Missa Marialis)

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

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

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 Micah 5:2-4

Lector A reading from the Prophet Micah.

Ou, O Bethlehem Eph'rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-18 *Qui regis Isreal*.L. Flintoft (1680-1727)

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.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; * thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. ?

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 Second Lesson Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

hen Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings thou hast not desired, but a body hast thou prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings thou hast taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God,'as it is written of me in the roll of the book." When he said above, "Thou hast neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "Lo, I have come to do thy will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

 $the\ people\ standing$



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

Sequence Hymn: 265 "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came" Gabriel's Message

The Holy Gospel Luke 1:39-49

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechari'ah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb;

and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden. For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

| the people are seated The Sermon | Fr. Civale |
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| the people standing The Nicene Creed | BCP 327 |
| Prayers of the People: | Form III |

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.

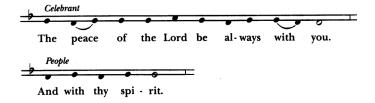
Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

the people kneeling

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

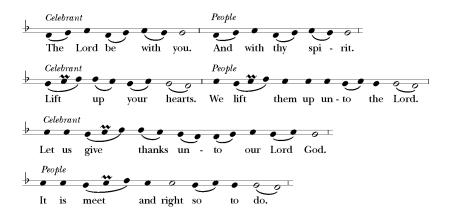
Hail Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Anthem: Ave Maria T. L. de Victoria (1548-1611)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus. 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 among 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

the people standing

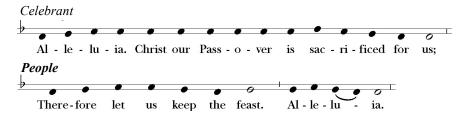
Offertory Hymn 269: "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus" ... Den des Vaters Sinn geboren



The Great Amen: S118 Hymnal



The Lord's Prayer: S119 Hymnal Fraction Anthem: S152 Ambrosian



Agnus Dei: S159 (see Missa Marialis)

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337



| Invitation to Communion | | | | |
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| Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world. | | | | |
| Celebrant and People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest 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 VIII | | | | |
| Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel. <i>Isaiah 7:14</i> | | | | |
| Communion Motet: Ego Sum Panis Vivus | | | | |
| Ego sum panis vivus, qui de cælo descendi Si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in æternum: Et panis quem ego dabo, caro mea est pro mundi vita Alleluia. I am the living bread which descendeth from heaven. Any who eat of this bread shall live forever. Alleluia | | | | |
| Communion Hymn 55 "Redeemer of the nations, come" Veni Rédemptoriste gentium | | | | |
| Post Communion Prayer | | | | |
| The BlessingBCP 339 | | | | |
| The people standing The Dismissal S174 | | | | |
| Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. | | | | |
| Processional Hymn 438 "Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord" | | | | |
| Postlude: Toccata on Veni, Veni Emanuel | | | | |
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Those Who Serve Today

8:00 am

Server & Chalice: Rob Johnson Lector: Frank Gwalthney Usher: Fran Fulgham 10:00 am

Organist & Choir Director: Nick Mynyk

Master of Ceremonies: Steve Lewis

Thurifer & Boat: Chris Cranston

Crucifer: Brandon Gorman

1st Server: Annabella Scales

2nd Server: Scott Cranston

Torches: Joey Scales & Rebecca Piskun

Acolyte Master: Emily Piskun

Chalice Bearers: Steve Lewis & Doreen Mills

Lector I & Intercessor: Sarah Cranston

Lector II: Robin Atkins

Ushers: Herb Seay & Charles Lewis Vestry Lock Up: Tom Phrampus Notewriter: Marilyn McGeoch Food Bank: Sue Velasquez Vestry Counters: Team 1:

Mark Novalsky, Tori Wishnick, Tom Phrampus

First Sunday after Christmas Readings: Sunday, December 29, 2024

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalm: 147:1-6

The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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



Weekday Services this Week



Tuesday, December 24

Virgil of the Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Eve 5:00 pm Choral Mass with Blessing of the Creche 11:00 pm Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25

The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas 10:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 26

Stephen, Deacon & Martyr 6:30 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, December 27

John the Apostle 5:30 PM Evening Prayer

The Sacrament of Penance

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

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

| Upcoming Events | | | | | | | |
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| Monday | December 23 Feria | 10:00 ам— 3:00 рм | Red Cross Blood Drive | | | | |
| | | 6:00 рм | Dignity & Grace AA | | | | |
| Tuesday | December 24 | Noon | AA | | | | |
| | Christmas Eve | 5:00 рм | Choral Mass with blessing of the Creche | | | | |
| | | 8:00 рм | AA | | | | |
| | | 11:00 рм | Choral Mass | | | | |
| Wednesday | December 25 The Feast of the Nativity: | 10:00 ам | Mass | | | | |
| | Christmas | | Office Closed | | | | |
| Thursday | December 26 | 6:30 рм | Evening prayer | | | | |
| | Stephen, Deacon & Martyr | | Office Closed | | | | |
| Friday | December 27 | 5:30 рм | Evening Prayer | | | | |
| | John the Apostle | | Office Closed | | | | |
| Sunday | December 29 | 8:00 ам | Low Mass | | | | |
| | The First Sunday after Christmas | 10:00 ам | Choral Mass | | | | |
| | | | NO SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | |

Youth Group Event

On **Sunday, December 22**, the Youth Group will be visiting parishioners after church. Youth from 6th to 12th grades, right after the service. We'll be visiting some parishioners to spend time with them, hear about their experiences at Christ Church, and connect as a church family. Here's how the day will go::



- 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

Each group will have a leader (Anna Carr, Scott Carr, or Sarah Cranston) to guide them. Please let me know if you have any questions or if your child won't be able to make it that day.

NOVENT & 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: Carroll, Jill, Amanda, 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, Téo 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.



Blood Drive Christ Episcopal Church

Meeting Room 62 Delaware Street Woodbury, NJ 08096

Monday, December 23, 2024 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Christ Episcopal to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients.

If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation.

Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.





Come give Dec. 16 thru Jan. 3 for a NEW long sleeved Red Cross T shirt, Itd. qty. Chill with us!



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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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 throughout the meal.

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

Advent Home Liturgy for Individuals and Families - Christmas Eve

The Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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.

Christmas Eve

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



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.

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

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



Unidentified engraver after Jan Sadeler I & Maarten de Vos, "Magnificat: The Virgin Surrounded by Music-Making Angels", c1585–1643

