

Celebration of Holy Eucharist
First Sunday after Christmas



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
December 28, 2025
10:00 AM

A Blessed Sunday & Welcome to All

Whether at home or in-person, we are so glad you have joined us for worship this morning, especially if you are new or visiting!

Children of all ages are welcome in the service. There are child friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary should you want them. Just ask an usher. Today our children's team is on a well-deserved break, but most every other Sunday, we have nursery care for children ages 0-3 throughout the morning; faith formation for preK-6th grade at 9:30am; and Children's Chapel during the first part of the service, with children returning to the sanctuary for Holy Communion. Interested in more info on children's ministry? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri sundayschool@ccpk.org.

All are welcome to receive communion. Instructions for communion are in the bulletin just after the invitation. ("The gifts of God for the people of God...")

Offerings

You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or you may also give online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



All-gender restrooms and water are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary.

If you are participating online, please know that you are as much a part of our worship today as those in the church! We hope you participate fully. Sing loudly! If you have the pre-consecrated sacrament at home, join in the communion after the invitation. In the future if you are joining us from home, and cannot come to the church to pick up communion during the week, please let us know, we will deliver some to you.

Welcome to all our visitors! Please introduce yourself, fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, and place it in the collection plate or hand to an usher. If you are worshipping with us online, let us know! Connect with the tech minister during the service, or contact Parish Administrator Jen Luna via email administrator@ccpk.org, or phone, 301-942-4673.

We'd be happy to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter the Christ Church Connection. If you would like more info about Christ Church, please visit our website at www.ChristChurchKensington.org.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Gesu Bambino*

Pietro A. Yon

Processional Hymn #102 *Once In royal David's city*

Irby

(Verse 1: solo by Jason Saffell, tenor; verses 2-4: all)



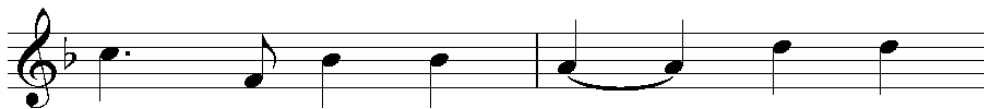
1 Once in ro - yal Da - vid's_ ci - ty stood a
2 He came down to earth_ from_ hea - ven who is
3 Je - sus is our chil - dhood's pat - tern, day by
4 And our eyes at last_ shall_ see him, through his



low - ly cat - tle_ shed, where a mo - ther laid_ her_
God and Lord of_ all, and his shel - ter was_ a_
day like us_ he_ grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and_
own re deem - ing_ love; for that child, so dear_ and_



ba - by in a man - ger for_ his_ bed: Ma - ry
sta - ble, and his cra - dle was_ a_ stall: with the
help - less, tears and smiles like us_ he_ knew: and he
gen - tle, is our Lord in heaven a - bove: and he



was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus
poor and meek and low - ly lived on
feels for all our sad - ness, and he
leads his chil - dren on_ to the



Christ her lit - tle_ child.
earth, our Sa - vior_ ho - ly.
shares in all_ our_ glad - ness.
place where he_ has_ gone.

Welcome

The congregation, standing as able, shall be bidden to prayer in these words:

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear once more the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even to Bethlehem, and see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this sanctuary glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all people; for the mission of the Church; and because this of all things would rejoice God's heart, let us remember, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and those that mourn, the lonely and afraid, the aged and the little children.

Silence is kept for prayers

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

Silence is kept for prayers

The Almighty God bless us with grace; may Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens of heaven, may the Holy Spirit bring us all.

Amen.

Please be seated.


Note: Today's readings are taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

The First Lesson *Isaiah 11:1-9* *Christ's birth & kingdom are foretold by Isaiah*


A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. With righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Carol, Hymn #81 (vv. 1-2) *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Es ist ein Ros




1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,



Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.



It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to



cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.

The Second Lesson *Luke 1:26-38 The angel Gabriel salutes the Virgin Mary*

And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Carol, Hymn #82 (vv. 1-2, in equal note values) *Of our Maker's love begotten*

Divinum mysterium



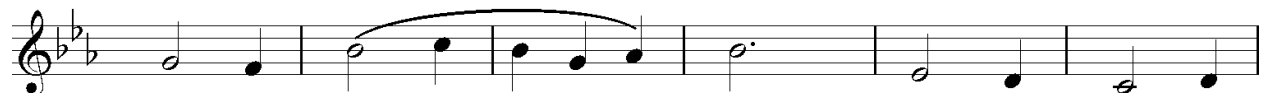
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
 bore the Sa - viour of our race; and the Babe, the
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

The Third Lesson *Luke 2:1-7 St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Carol, Hymn #107 (vv. 1 & 2) *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

In dulci jubilo

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The Fourth Lesson *Luke 2:18-16 The shepherds go to the manger*

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in

swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Carol, Hymn LEVAS #27 (vv. 1-2) *Away in a Manger* Mueller

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing,
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes.
I love You, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh.

The Fifth Lesson *Luke 2:25-35* *Jesus is presented in the temple*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for

the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Carol, Hymn # 93 (vv.3-4) *Angels, from the realms of glory* Regent Square

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Closing Collect

Almighty God, who has poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

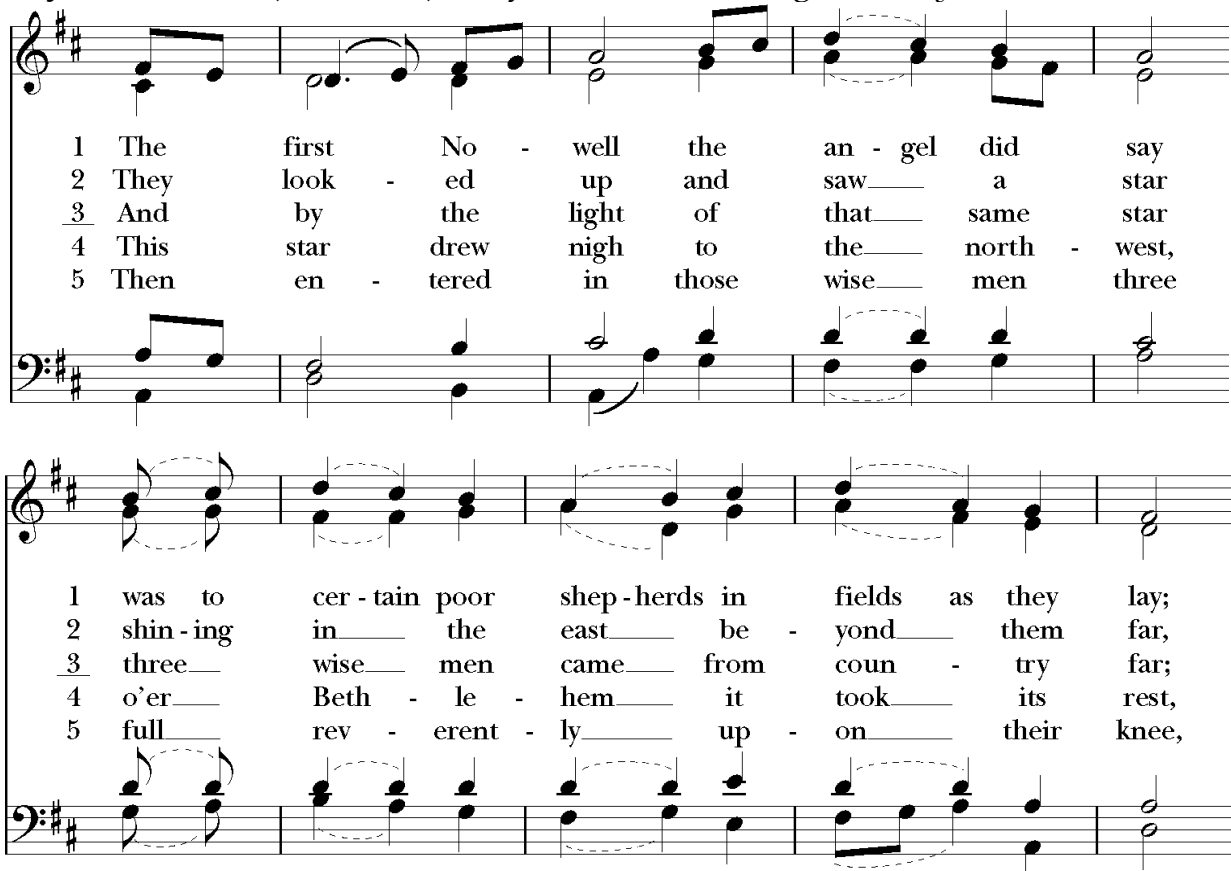
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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Offertory Carol #109 (vv. 1-2, 4) *The first Nowell the angel did say* The First Nowell



1 The first No - well the an - gel did say
2 They look - ed up and saw a star
3 And by the light of that same star
4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,
3 three wise men came from coun - try far;
4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,
5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,
 4 and there it did both stop and stay
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

Refrain
 No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Presentation Hymn #115 (v.3) *sung as the offerings are being presented at the altar.*

**So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
 Come peasant, king, to own him;
 The King of kings salvation brings,
 Let loving hearts enthrone him.**

**This, this is Christ the King,
 Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 Haste, haste to bring him laud,
 The babe, the son of Mary.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. In him the light which shines for all has come into the world, and he has become one with us that we may become one with you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus, S-130

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Elest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, the light which shines for all has come into the world, and he has become one with us, that we may become one with you.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We celebrate his birth,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Savior taught us, let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the bread, all respond with the Fraction Anthem

Fraction Anthem

S-151

Hurd

Cantor
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us

All
keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Invitation and Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

At this service, we distribute the sacrament at the altar rail. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the server. For those who wish to consume wine, you may either drink from the silver chalice or intinct (dip the wafer) in the glass chalice. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, simply cross your hands across your chest. Finally, If you would like communion brought to you for any reason, we are happy to do so! Please tell the usher.

Healing prayer for yourself or others is offered during the distribution of Communion in the chapel at the rear of the sanctuary.

Communion Voluntary *A Rose Breaks into Bloom* (Op. 122, No. 8) Johannes Brahms

Communion Antiphon *Mary Had a Baby*

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson
Jason Saffell, tenor

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn # 105 (vv. 1-2, 4) *God rest you merry, gentlefolk* God Rest You Merry



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle-men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heav - en - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

Refrain



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Dismissal

Let us go forth bearing God's love and light to the world.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

Postlude *He is Born, the Divine Christ Child*

Leon Roques

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Feast of Lights Service - Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Come experience this unique celebration for Epiphany, a beautiful candlelight service with Holy Eucharist that begins by remembering the light of Christ cascading down the ages, from the beginning of time, throughout the centuries in the Church... to us.

Annual Twelfth Night Celebration The fabulous tradition of Twelfth Night directly follows the 5 o'clock Feast of Lights service (see above). Food and fun for all ages! This will be a potluck so bring your favorite dish to share. A Sign-Up Genius is in your weekly *Christ Church Connection* email or sign up in the Parish Hall. And we will, of course, sing the song of the namesake holiday. Questions? Contact Aime Keith at aimekeith1966@gmail.com.

Love in Action: Reaching Our Neighbors

Gratitude for Angels! THANK YOU to everyone who donated gifts and gift cards for children and families in need in the Arcola Elementary and Rock View Elementary School communities. You have helped to make Christmas brighter for 55 children! Special thanks to Claudia Deane, Terri Clausen, and Mary Hanlon for serving as chief elves and organizers par excellence, and to consulting elf Liz Quinn.

Monthly Food Packing at San Mateo Episcopal Church Join us to help pack 250 bags of groceries for distribution to families in Hyattsville, MD. The next visit will be **Wednesday, January 7** (note this is the 1st Wed. not the usual 2nd Wed.) Interested? Please let Deacon Sara know if you are coming by the *Tuesday* morning before. (sara@ccpk.org)

Food Justice DMV assists our immigrant neighbors with essential food and supplies. Please **donate infant formula and diapers** to help. You can leave them in the hallway across from the Outreach board. Want to know more about Food Justice DMV? Contact volunteer Thea Kayne theakayne@gmail.com or Deacon Sara. (sara@ccpk.org).

Love in Action: Faith & Spiritual Growth

Christ Church: Connect! In three one-hour sessions, we'll discuss where each may be on your faith journey, your inherent spiritual gifts, and potential next steps for you to take as you follow Jesus's Way of Love at Christ Church. **We will meet on three Sundays (Jan 18, 25 and Feb 1) from 11:30am - 12:30pm in the church library.** While meant specifically for newcomers, this course is open to everyone. It's an opportunity to attend to your individual spiritual path and to build community in a small group. Emily Guthrie and Andrea McGray are excited to lead the course. Childcare will be available in the Nursery. Interested? Reach out to Emily at emily@ccpk.org and/or Andrea at grow@ccpk.org

Faith & Science: A Three-Part Series Come explore the intersection of faith & science this Epiphany season! Led by parishioners Chris Ours, MD, Joan Centrella, PhD, and Ann Hagan, PhD, **the forums will be held Jan 11, Feb 8, and March 1 following the 10am service in the Parish Hall.** Over the course of the series, we will consider what it means to be human,

created in the image of God and living in relationship with God and one another, in the context of scientific and technological advancements – and the life of faith.

Faith Formation for Children on Sunday mornings

Lessons and activities for Pre-K through 5th graders begin at 9:30 am on Sundays, downstairs. Junior Youth Group for grades 6 through 9 meets in the youth library upstairs.

Children's Chapel at 10:00 a.m. for ages 4-10. Children return to the sanctuary at the peace.

Nursery Care is available for ages 0-3 from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Want more info? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri, sundayschool@ccpk.org.

Note no Children's Faith Formation or Children's Chapel on 12/28

Children's Faith Formation resumes its regular schedule on January 4

We'll have a **very special celebration of Epiphany** with crafts, and the Godly Play lesson for Epiphany at Children's Chapel!

Start 2026 with a Bang and Bible study! Join the Sunday 4pm Bible study in the library or via Zoom. We always have informative and entertaining discussions! No prior preparation needed. Questions? Contact Lee Puricelli leepuricelli@yahoo.com ***No Bible Sunday 12/28.*

Lectio Divina, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Join us in the contemplative practice of Lectio Divina, combining scripture reading, meditation, and prayer. Lectio is particularly lovely and enriching in a group setting. Questions? contact Lissa Ramsepaul at: lissacr@comcast.net. *** No Lectio Divina Thursday 12/25. We will resume on 1/1/25. ***

Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice

Mercy Team Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis. Join the Mercy Team distribution list by contacting Cynthia Mitchell at justice@ccpk.org or Thea Kayne at theakayne@gmail.com. This is the best way to find out about emerging needs, opportunities to work for justice and equity, and Mercy Team meetings.

Care Pod Ministry The Mercy Team has formed a "Care Pod" - a circle of care and support - for a family of four with urgent needs following the deportation of a loved one. Watch the CC Connection in the future for a sign-up genius with specific items to contribute to help us support the family.

There are hundreds of families in crisis in our area. If you would like to have a major impact on the well-being of a family in crisis, please consider volunteering to be part of a second Care Pod. Email Thea Kayne for more information.

Office Closed - the church office will be closed from December 24 – January 2 for the holidays. Jen will return on Tuesday, January 6. For pastoral emergencies, call the church and press 2 to be connected to the clergy on call.

We raise to God those who are on our hearts and are in need of prayer:

Friends and Family of our Community

All who ask for prayers through our website
Anthony
Bob (friend of Nachin Bone)
Santo Borruso (father of Sarah Burruso)
Bruce Beamer (uncle of Nina Upshaw)
Betty
Charles
Coley Beggy (friend of the Hoffeditz Family)
Susan Best (sister-in-law of Jeff Taylor)
Steve Campbell (Uncle of Jackie Campbell Waidmann)
Moises Carera and the Carera family
Susan Catlette
Cecelia
Cindy
Eric Cozzens (son of Peter Cozzens)
Yvonne Dean (friend of Bonnie Douglas)
Kelly Doig (friend of Katie, Jackie & Katherine)
Daniel Epps (father of Cynthia Mitchell)
Gerald & Sandy Giddings (relatives of Liz & Bob Quinn)
John Godfrey (brother of Rena Godfrey)
Sandra Goldman (mother of Brad Christmas)
Gema Guarin (friend of Joan Centrella)
Rob Guzzon (father of a friend of Katherine Chatt)
Laura (friend of Betsy Robbins)
Doug Hanscom (friend of Emily Guthrie)
Lisa Harrison (friend of MaryBeth and Mike Etherton)
Earl Hill (godfather of Sean Quinn)
Terry Hodge (friend of Annie Seale)
Amanda Hoey (daughter of Anne Witt)
Bob Hoffman and his son Cornell
Floris & Rob Houston (friends of Joan Centrella)
John (friend of Mary Ellen Huzzard)
Nelly Jones (mother of Jennifer Jones)
Robert Kellam (cousin of Victoria Thanos)
Neal Klasky (friend of Lori Pujol)
Nancy & Pete Lane (sister & brother in law of Joan Centrella)
Abbi Livay (granddaughter of Ann Hagan)
Chris Lloyd (friend of Kitty Shuler)
Ray Martens (uncle of Roma Hart)
Martha (prayers for healing)
Maureen (friend of Donna Berkowitz)
Chris McCann (cousin of Katie Wallace)
Bob McCarthy (friend of Bob Quinn)
Nick McGray (father of Craig McGray)
Meaghan Morin (Kensington neighbor)
Melanie Moxness (niece of Dwight Allen & Joan Centrella)
Miriam
Nicole
Julianne Paige (mother of Jason Paige)
Cabrini Pak (friend of Dwight Allen)
Dawn Porter (friend of Liz McLeod)
Vivian Puricelli (mother of Lee Puricelli)
Ricky Reeves (grandson of Pat Reeves)
Robbie (friend of Sibbie O'Sullivan)
Andrew Rupli (son of Brenda Rupli)

Lori Richards (sister of Lisa Albright)
Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)
Karen Sechrist (friend of Liz Quinn)
Margarita Serrano
Jerry Sheard (brother of Liz Quinn)
Scott Sherman (brother of Sara Thorne)
Sr. Margaret (friend of Leslie Everheart)
Naneita Smith (daughter of Calvin Smith)
Ben Sudbrink (son of Emily & Bill Sudbrink)
Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)
Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)
Rick V. (friend of Lori Pujol)
Mia Van Beek (sibling-in-law of Madison Chase)
Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

Those in our community in need of healing prayers:

Helen Paige Buck, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Doug Leavens, Amri Joyner, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Ellen Thomas, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; all caregivers; and all who grieve the loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or a dream.

Those in need of continued prayer: Nora Buckley, Dorothy Clarke, Sara Cowan, Florence Crozier, David Dixon, Stephanie Feller, John Frohman, Ray Gardiner, Liz McLeod, Lee Puricelli, and Betsy Robbins.

We remember those serving our country: Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

We remember those who have died; especially all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

We give thanks: for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including:
Helen Urquhart (12/31), and Amelie Davis (1/3).
Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

Send your prayer requests to emily@ccpk.org

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Bob Quinn

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, December 28 – One Service of Lessons & Carols at 10:00 a.m.

10:00 AM Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, In Person & Live Streaming
No Children's Chapel, resumes January 4
No Bible Study – resumes January 4

Monday, December 29 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Tuesday, December 30 – Office Closed

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, church library

Wednesday, December 31 – Office Closed

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

Thursday, January 1 – New Year's Day, Office Closed

6:30 PM Lectio Divina, Live on Zoom

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

Friday, January 2 – Office Closed

Sunday, January 4 – Epiphany Observed

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms, lower level
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person & Live Streaming on YouTube
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, In Person (Library) & Live on Zoom
5:00 PM The Feast of Lights & Holy Eucharist, *In Person & Live streaming*
6:00 PM 12th Night Party in the Parish Hall.

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