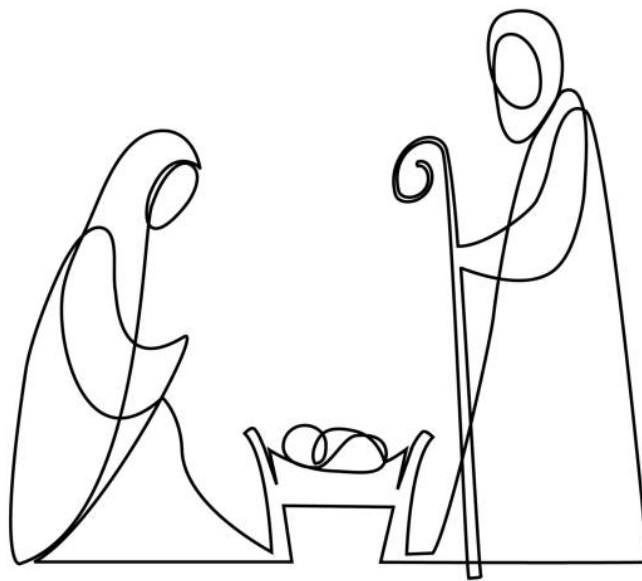


Celebration of Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve



Christ Episcopal Church
Kensington, Maryland
December 24, 2025
9:00 PM

A Blessed Christmas & Welcome to All

We are so glad you have joined us for worship this holy night.

Everything you need for the service is contained in this bulletin. The congregation's spoken parts are bolded. At the time of communion, please know that *all* are welcome to receive, including children.

All-gender restrooms, water and tea are located at the end of the hallway off the back of the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions or have any questions. They'd be happy to help.

A special welcome to all who are new guests this evening. There isn't one of us who hasn't been in your shoes! I hope you'll feel at home. Know that we're better for your presence.

If you are interested in more information about Christ Church, please fill out a visitor's card in the pew rack and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate; or use this QR Code to fill out our visitor form.



We'd be happy to add you to our weekly email announcements, *Christ Church Connection*,

which is a good way to find out what is happening in the community. You can also check our website, www.ChristChurchKensington.org We'd love to get to know you and hope to see you soon.

May each of you, and all, be wrapped in the arms of Love, and filled with peace.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

The Rev. Emily Guthrie
Rector



Shepherds in the Field Abiding

Hymn Preludes for Organ with Carols for All to Sing

Choir Processional: Adeste fideles (Pastorale) David Schelat

Chorale Prelude: Winchester Old M. Alfred Bichsel

Carol: Hymn 94 *While shepherds watched their flocks by night*
Winchester Old

Chorale Prelude: Vom Himmel, kam der Engel Schar
Johann Gottfried Walther

Carol: Hymn 77 (vv. 1, 3, 4) *From east to west, from shore to shore*
Vom Himmel, kam der Engel Schar

Chorale Prelude: Ermuntre dich, mein schwacher Geist
Charles Callahan

Carol: Hymn 91 *Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light*
Ermuntre dich

Chorale Prelude: Cranham (Cantilena) Wilbur Held

Carol: Hymn 112 *In the bleak midwinter* Cranham

Chorale Prelude: Yorkshire Hans Arnold Metzger

Carol: Hymn 106 (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5) *Christians, awake, salute the happy morn*
Yorkshire

Choir Recessional: Pifa "Pastoral Symphony" (Messiah) G. F. Handel

Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn #83 (vv. 1-3) *O come, all ye faithful*

Adeste Fidelis

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Welcome

Opening Acclamation

Presider The people who have walked in darkness

People have seen a great light.

Presider For to us a child is born

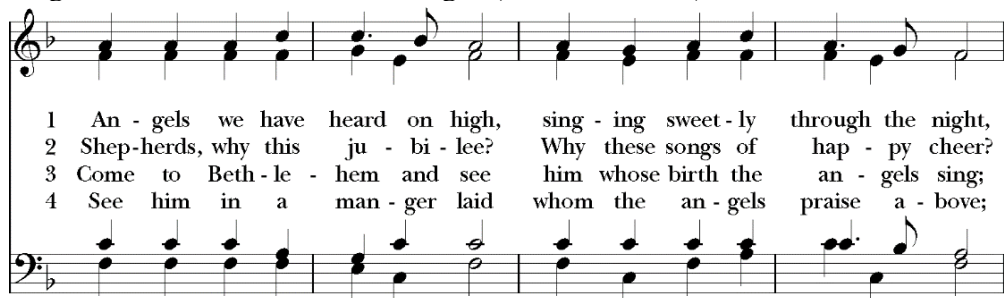
People to us a child is given.

Presider Glory to God in the highest

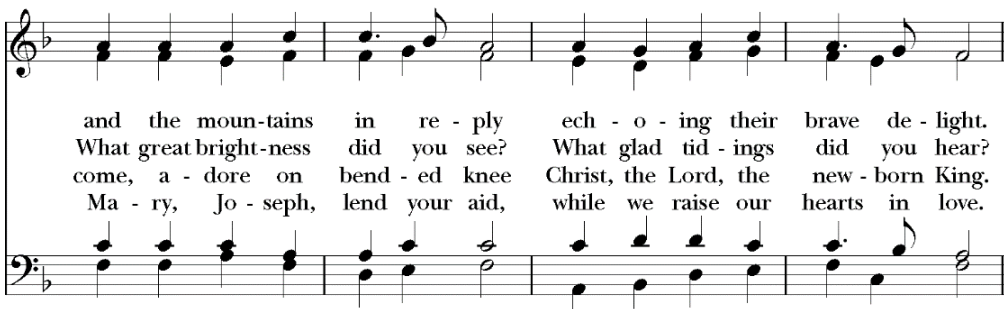
People and peace to God's people on earth!

Hymn # 96 *Angels We Have heard on High* (vv. 1, 2, & 3)

Gloria



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

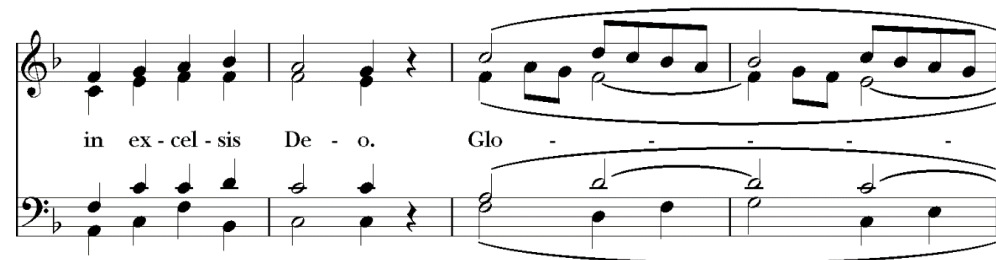


and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

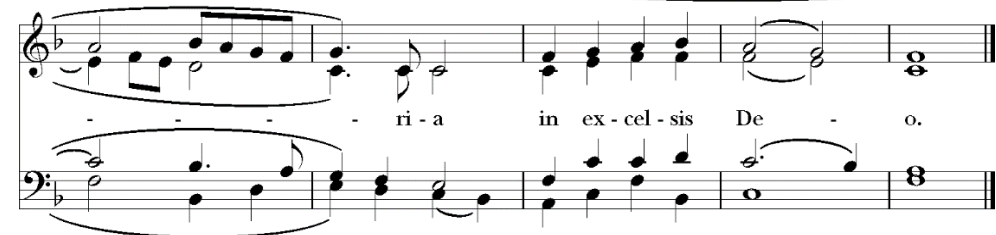
Refrain



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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The Collect of the Nativity

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of all ages, in the birth of Christ your boundless love for your people shattered the power of darkness. Be born in us with that same love and light, that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 9:2-7*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn LEVAS #21 (vv 1 & 3) *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* Go Tell It on the Mountain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The first system has the lyrics: "Go, tell it on the moun - tain o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;". The second system has the lyrics: "go, tell it on the moun - tain, that Je - sus Christ_ is born." The word "Fine" is written above the end of the second system. The piano accompaniment is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 2/2.

1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth,
 3. Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

D.C.

1. Be - hold through - out the heav - ens there shown a ho - ly light. —
 2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth. —
 3. And God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn. —

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn #87 (vv 1 & 2)

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heav - en a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Refrain
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Gospel Luke 2:1-20

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven, and on earth peace among all!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Emily Guthrie, Rector

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have pierced the quiet of this night by the utterance of your Word. May your word of compassion and reconciliation resound in us and through us.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

On this holy night angels proclaimed the arrival of the Prince of Peace, the Sun of Righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the refugee, the homeless and the hungry.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Love infuses all our lives, bless our loved ones, our children, family and friends. Enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

People throughout the world are celebrating Christ's birth. Unite us in one family that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. God of love,

Hear our prayer.

Light shines on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Protect those who are in danger. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

You are invited to add your prayers either silently or aloud.

God of love,

Hear our prayer.

This holy night when heaven and earth embrace, we remember all who have died, especially those in our community, all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war, and all we now name:

You are invited to add your prayers for the departed either silently or aloud.

May we, like them, remain faithful to the mystery of the Word made flesh and live in your eternal light. God of love,
Hear our prayer.

Presider: Hear these prayers we bring to you, and fulfill your purposes in us, in the name of Jesus, your incarnate Word. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offerings support the children's ministry of Christ Church. You may make a donation by placing cash or checks in the offering plate, or giving online via the link on our website, or simply scan the QR code below. We are grateful for your support!



Offertory Antiphon *Be a Gift to a World in Need*

Allen Pote

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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. Blest 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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

Agnus Dei

S-164

Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation and Communion of the People

Presider The holy gifts of God, for you, the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

We will distribute communion at the bottom of the chancel steps. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond to receiving Communion by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell your server. You may either drink from a silver chalice, or intinct (dip the wafer) in the glass chalice. Please know that receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving the sacrament, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest when you approach the priest. Finally, we'd be happy to bring communion to you wherever you are sitting, for any reason, simply tell an usher!

Communion Voluntary *The First Noel (Six Carol Settings)*

Wilbur Held

Communion Antiphon *Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head*

arr. Jill Gallina

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.

Post-Communion Hymn # 111 *Silent Night, Holy Night*

Stille Nacht

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

The Christmas Blessing

Recessional Hymn #100 (vv. 1-2, 4) *Joy to the World! The Lord is come*

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
 *3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Dismissal

Go forth into this holy night in peace, bearing God's love to all. Alleluia! Alleluia!
 People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude *Chorale Prelude on "In dulci jubilo" (S. 729)*

J. S. Bach (Hymn ref. # 107)

WELCOME TO ALL OUR GUESTS

If you would like more information about Christ Church, please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew rack, hand it to an usher or drop in the collection plate.

You can also use the QR code on page 2 to fill out the visitor information form.

If you are online, please let us know! Contact the Tech Minister, Email Parish Administrator Jen Luna administrator@ccpk.org, or call us at 301-942-4673. We'd be happy to connect with you, and if you wish, add you to our weekly e-newsletter.

**We are better for your presence with us this evening,
and would love to get to know you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Epiphany - January 4, 2026

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. Should you have any questions, please 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 the Arcola Elementary and Rock View Elementary School communities. You have helped to make Christmas brighter for 55 children! Special thanks to organizers Claudia Deane, Terri Clausen, and Mary Hanlon for serving as chief elves and organizers par excellence, and to elf consultant 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 you are 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.

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 Ramsepaal at: lissacr@comcast.net. *** No Lectio Divina Thursday 12/25. We will resume on 1/1/25. ***

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.*

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 family library upstairs.

Children's Chapel at 10:00 a.m. for ages 4-10.

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.

No Children's Faith Formation or Children's Chapel on 12/28

Children's Faith Formation resumes on January 4 with a very special celebration of Epiphany with crafts and the Godly Play lesson for Epiphany at Children's Chapel!

Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice

Mercy Team Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis. Want to make your voice heard? 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.

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 *Christ Church 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.

General Announcements

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.

THANK YOU to ALL who helped to make our Christmas worship special this season: the dedicated members of the Flower Guild, Altar Guild, Choir, Ushers, Lectors (Readers), Chalicists, Healing Ministers, Acolytes, and Tech Ministers. Vergers Nora Buckley and Pam Prindle kept us all in order (or tried). Thanks to our extraordinary staff, Jen Luna, Ann Enkiri, Teddy Guerrant, Hope Christensen and Sara Thorne. And special thanks to Beatriz Carera and Bob Quinn for keeping our building functional and bright.

**2025 Christmas Flowers & Wreaths
are given to the Glory of God, and**

In Memory of

Aylor, Cunliffe, and Browning loved ones
By Jane Aylor

Dorah & Raymond Barry, Gwen & John Luttrell, April Helton
By Emily and Raymond Barry

David Field Brittle
By Barbara Swartz

Charles M. Briggs
By Eli Briggs

Lee & Clara Burck
By Ed Burck

Jeanne & George Crimmins, Carey Crimmins, Ford Lannan
By The Crimmins Family

Jo Bruce Crozier
By The Crozier Family

Bill Daisley
By Linda, Bill Jr., and Susan

James & Virginia Douglas, Catharine O. Miller
By Margaret Douglas

Roscoe Reeves, Jr.
By Patricia G. Reeves

Teri Schaeffer, Lisa Underwood, James & Francis Elgin
By Lee Schaeffer

Kay Bondehagen
By The Gergen Family

Betty Anne and Hugh Guthrie
By Katherine, Gretchen, Melissa, Elizabeth, and Emily Guthrie

Sallie Eubank Buck
By Stephen & Eleanor Buck

Aunt "Boots" Sheard
By Porter & Owen Quinn

Beloved Family & Friends
By Kate Duchelle & Doug Smith

Our beloved Andrew, Family, and Friends
By Doug Leavens, Judy David, and Ivan Leavens

Mom & Kevin & All the Rest
By Lori Mace & Ellie Keller

Our parents Pat, Marge, and Bob
By Tara Flynn and Brad Christmas

Clint and Chlaila Haynie, and Alex Governatori
By George, Linda, and Kelsey Reese

Ramon & Gloria Campo and Len & Mary Seale
By Annie & Ted Seale

Our Parents
By Martha & John

Julie Mosier
By Selvi Mosier

Our Beloved Parents Don & Gloria and John & Gail
By Mary Beth Etherton

Mary Jo McIntyre
By Suzanne & Frank Shaw

Rukmani Munasinghe
By The Willis Family

In Thanksgiving for

Our Sunday Lectors, whose faithful service enriches our worship
By Amri Joyner

Daniel Minahan
By Katherine Chatt

Teddy, Mary, and Jaid
By Sarah Horick

The 3rd Birthday of Wesley William Shaw
By Suzanne & Frank Shaw

Many Blessings
Ardi Cullinane

God's Blessings
By The Sudbrink Family

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

The Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman

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)
Cabrine 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, Florence Crozier, Dorothy Clarke, Pat Cosimano, Sara Cowan, Jon Martineau, Liz McLeod, 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 Tom Van Beek (brother-in-law of Madison & Paige Chase); and all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

We give thanks: for the continued healing of Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle); and for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including Ellen Woodward (12/21), Ivan Leavans (12/21), Theodore Vasiliadis (12/22), Tom McKay (12/24), Kathy McKay (12/24), Robert Quinn (12/24), Allan Wallace (12/25), Mark Kelly (12/25), and Allisdair Davies (12/26). Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

Send your prayer requests to emily@ccpk.org

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Aime Keith
Jason Paige
Sean Quinn

Property

Bob Quinn

This Week at Christ Church

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Festival Eucharist, In person only
8:30 PM Music & Hymns
9:00 PM Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist, In person and
Live Streaming on YouTube

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Organ & Hymns of Joy

Sunday, December 28 – First Sunday after Christmas - *One Service*

10:00 AM Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, In Person & Live Streaming

Looking ahead: Our regular service schedule

Sunday, January 4, 2026 – The Feast of the Epiphany, observed

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, spoken service, Rite I
9:30 AM Children's Faith Formation & Jr. Youth Group
10:00 AM Children's Chapel
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Organ & Choir, In person and Live Streaming
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Bible Study, church library & live on Zoom
5:00 PM Feast of Lights with Holy Eucharist, In person
6:00 PM Twelfth Night Party (following the Feast of Lights service)

Monday, January 5, 2026

8:30 PM Compline, on Zoom

Wednesday, January 8, 2026

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, on Zoom

Thursday, January 9, 2026

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, on Zoom
8:30 PM Compline, on Zoom

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