

Celebration of Holy Eucharist  
& Christmas Pageant  
Third Sunday of Advent



Christ Episcopal Church  
Kensington, Maryland  
December 14, 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 is also childcare available in the nursery downstairs throughout the morning. Today we have the Christmas Pageant instead of Children's Chapel and Junior Youth Group. Should your child need or want them, there are child-friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary. Just ask an usher. Interested in more info on children's ministry? Contact Children's Minister Ann Enkiri [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto: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 generosity!



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

**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. If you have questions or comments, let the Tech Minister who is running the livestream know in the chat.

**Welcome to all our visitors! We are better for your presence here today.**

Please introduce yourself, fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, or email Parish Administrator Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org) or talk to a human being 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](http://www.ChristChurchKensington.org).

## Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude** *Once He came in blessing (hymn ref. # 53)*

Heinrich Buttstedt

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Leader** Gracious Creator, you created us in joy that we might rejoice in your creation and the wonder of your love.

**People** **Open our hearts to receive your joy, O Christ.**

**Leader** Remind us that true joy does not come from worldly things; help us to remember that joy is a gift we receive from you.

**People** **Open our hearts to receive your joy, O Christ.**

**Leader** Let your joy soften our hearts, and empower our voices, as we proclaim your love for the world you have made.

**People** **Open our hearts to receive your joy, O Christ**

*(the three candles of hope, peace, and joy are lit)*

**All** **Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us how to live in hope.  
Teach us that true peace is only possible with justice and mercy.  
Transform us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

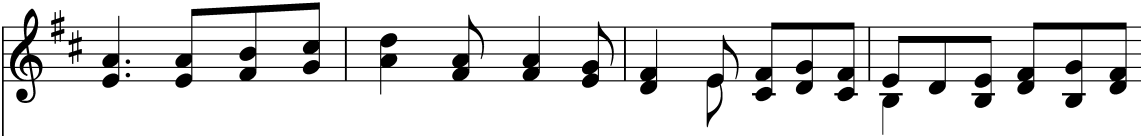
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*\*\*If not in the bulletin, Hymns can be found in the blue or red "Hymnal 1982" in the pew rack, or where indicated, in the red, black & white Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS) Hymnal found at the end of the pews!\*\**

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1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
 People **You come to your people and set them free.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Presider The Lord be with you.  
 People **And also with you.**  
 Presider Let us pray.

**God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome,  
 that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming  
 may find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Christmas Pageant

*Please be seated for the duration of the Pageant*

## Act 1: Mary, Joseph and the Angel

### Act 2, Scene 1: The Journey to Bethlehem

*Narrator: ... We can imagine how all might have been still and quiet in the little town that she was looking forward to arriving in soon.*

♪ **O Little Town of Bethlehem** (Hymn #79, v.1) *All are invited to sing!*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.**

### Act 2, Scene 2: The Birth of Jesus

♪ **Children's Pageant Anthem "In a Manger"** *by Monica Scott Sung by the children and leaders*

There's a stable  
Found in Bethlehem  
Small and humble  
Filled with gentle lambs  
In a manger, sleeps a baby boy.  
Born to be our king! Praises we will sing!

Gloria! Gloria! Jesus is born!  
Gloria! Gloria! Jesus is born, in a manger.

Angels singing on a silent night  
Wise men guided by a star so bright.  
In a manger, sleeps a baby boy  
Born to be our king! Praises we will sing!

In a manger so small is the greatest gift of all  
Gloria! Gloria! Christ is born, in a manger.

### Act 3, Scene 1: The Shepherds & the Angels

*Narrator: ...Then more angels appeared, a whole heavenly host of them, praising God and singing:*

♪ **Angels we have heard on high** (Hymn #96, vv. 1 & 2) *All are invited to sing!*

**Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing through the night,  
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their brave delight.**

*Refrain:*      **Glo.....ria in excelsis Deo.  
                    Glo.....ria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?**

*Refrain:*      **Glo.....ria in excelsis Deo.  
                    Glo.....ria in excelsis Deo.**

*Narrator: ... Then the shepherds left, and as they went, they told everyone they met about the angels' message and about the baby Jesus.*

*Please join us in singing the good news!*

♪ **Go tell it on the Mountain** (LEVAS #21, v. 3)

*Refrain:*      **Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
                    Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain***

**Act 3, Scene 2: The Wise Men and the Star**

*After the end of the Pageant, the children return to their seats.*

*Please stand as able for the Prayers at the invitation of the Presider*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others, our families, neighbors, country, and world, saying “**Come, Jesus, come.**”

We pray for peace; for an end to war and violence everywhere, and especially for the protection of all children in harm’s way.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

We pray for those who are poor, hungry, afraid, lonely or sad; for all in prison or seeking refuge; and all who need comfort this day.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

We pray for those in need of healing, comfort, or protection; particularly the sick of our parish, Helen-Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Amri Joyner, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, Helen Urquhart and Patrice Upshaw-Whiting; for all caregivers; and all who need our prayers.

*You are invited to add your own prayers for protection, comfort and healing.*

May all in need find strength and courage to meet the days ahead.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

We pray for those who have died, especially Michael “Chip” Davis, all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war, and for those we now name.

*You are invited to add your own prayers for the departed.*

May all who mourn feel God’s comforting presence, and may the departed rest in God’s loving friendship.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

We give thanks for the joy that surprises us, the love that surrounds us, and for all the blessings of our lives – especially for this holy time together, and for the blessings we now name.

*You are invited to add your own prayers of thanksgiving.*

May all who rejoice thank and praise God from whom all blessings flow.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

Loving God,

May we each turn to you in hope.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

May we pray together and dwell in your peace.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

May we worship together with joy.

**Come, Jesus, come.**

May we bless all we meet with the good news of your love for all people.

**Come, Jesus, come. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Presider     The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People       **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Sentence**



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**Offertory Antiphon**   *Children of the Heavenly Father (hymn ref. LEVAS # 213)*

*Swedish, arr. Austin C. Lovelace*

**Presentation Hymn #76 (v.5)** *sung as the offerings are being presented at the altar.*

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with our Maker we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

### **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, wind, 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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

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 Mary, Joseph, and 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.**

## 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 the holy people of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at Christ Church.

*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 bread) in the clear glass chalice. Note that consuming the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving communion, indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. We'd be happy to bring communion to you wherever you are sitting, simply tell an usher!*

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

**Communion Voluntary** *Once He came in blessing (hymn ref. # 53)* Johann Gottfried Walther

**Communion Hymn #75** *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* Ascension

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we who have been fed with your love and grace, follow you out in the world as ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.**

### **Blessing of the People**

**Recessional Hymn LEVAS #14 (vv. 1, 2)** *Soon and Very Soon* Soon and Very Soon

### **Dismissal**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

**Postlude** *Once He came in blessing (S. 600) (hymn ref. # 53)* J. S. Bach

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***Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following the service for Winter Wonderland Coffee Hour!***

*Celebrate our children with a fun and festive coffee hour featuring sweet and savory treats, a Cookie Tree for the kids, and a hot cocoa bar for children of all ages. Let us celebrate this joyous season together!*

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## **Announcements for the Week of December 14, 2025**

**Blue Christmas Service this Evening at 5:00 p.m.** This is a service particularly for those for whom the holidays are difficult, or would enjoy a candlelit service with readings and music. Please join us for this beautiful candlelight service.

### **Christmas Flowers**

As we move through the anticipation of this Advent season toward our joyous Christmas celebration, would you like to dedicate altar flowers to remember or honor a loved one? Your flower dedication will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletins, and the beautiful flowers adorning our altar will enhance the joy of our Christmas services! Please use the link in your Connections email for submitting dedications online, or use the special envelopes found in your pews, and put them into the collection plate.

**Deadline for flower dedications is noon on December 19.**

If you have questions, please contact Parish Administrator Jen Luna, who can help!  
administrator@ccpk.org

**Christmas Angel Gifts - Thank You!** Thanks to everyone who signed up to donate gifts for children and families in need in the Arcola Elementary and Rock View Elementary School communities. You have helped to make Christmas brighter for many children! If you forgot to bring your gifts with you to church this morning, please drop them off by the end of the day today. As a reminder, gifts should be delivered UNWRAPPED to the church. **Be sure to include with the gifts the ID number listed that corresponds to the specific child**, and the Outreach Team will take it from there! **All gifts need to be at the church no later than TODAY, Sunday, December 14th.** Questions? Contact Mary Hanlon, [hanlonma@yahoo.com](mailto:hanlonma@yahoo.com).

**For your Christmas reading pleasure!** Advent & Christmas books are available in the Library and Children's Library. Check them out and have a Blessed Christmas.

### ***Love in Action: Faith & Spiritual Growth***

**Advent Morning Reflection & Lunch** All adults are invited to an **Advent Reflection on Our Lady of Guadeloupe**, led by John Ward. Saturday, December 20 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with conversation over lunch (provided) at 12:00 pm. **RSVP by Today, December 14<sup>th</sup>** to [grow@ccpk.org](mailto:grow@ccpk.org) so we know how much to order for lunch!

**Advent Parents Morning Out** (9 am – 1pm) for children ages 4-10 is offered that day. We will learn about Las Pasados – a beautiful Advent tradition in Mexico. RSVP to Ann Enkiri at [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org).

**Visio Divina for Advent** During the season of Advent, we will shift from the *Lectio Divina* practice of "sacred listening" to the *Visio Divina* practice of "sacred seeing" or gazing upon with the heart. Join us on **Thursdays at 7:00pm on Zoom** to explore this meditative practice and find stillness and inspiration through the exploration of Christmas themed artwork. For

more info on Visio Divina, go to the Center for Action and Contemplation, which has a great description of the practice, or email Lissa Ramsepaul at [lissacr@comcast.net](mailto:lissacr@comcast.net).

### *Love in Action: Reaching Our Neighbors*

**Monthly Food Packing at San Mateo** Thank you to all 8 people who came out to pack 250 bags of groceries last Wednesday at San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD! The next visit will be **Wednesday, January 7** (note this is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, not the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday). Interested? Please let Deacon Sara know if you are coming by the *Tuesday* morning before, in case of any last-minute schedule changes! ([sara@ccpk.org](mailto: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](mailto:theakayne@gmail.com) or Deacon Sara. ([sara@ccpk.org](mailto:sara@ccpk.org)).

### *Love in Action: Racial & Social Justice*

**All are welcome to join the Mercy Team!** Support the vulnerable in the current political crisis and put your faith into action. To join the Mercy Team distribution list, contact Cynthia Mitchell at [justice@ccpk.org](mailto:justice@ccpk.org) or Thea Kayne at [theakayne@gmail.com](mailto:theakayne@gmail.com). *This is the best way to find out about emerging needs and a variety of ways to get involved.*

### **General Announcements:**

#### *End of Year Giving:*

#### **The end of the year is approaching - have you completed your 2025 pledge payments?**

Hello one and all - We are reviewing our records and see that many of you have yet to complete your 2025 pledges of support to Christ Church.

If you pledged for 2025, please take a minute and check whether you have fulfilled your pledge, and if you are able to do so, please make a payment.

If you are unsure of your pledge status, you can access your giving statement on Realm, or get in touch with Jen Luna in the office at [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org) or (301) 942-4673.

Gifts must be *received* by the church by **Dec 31** to be counted toward your 2025 tax deductions. Thank you so very much for your financial support! It is our primary source of income and fuels our mission.

**Office Closed** - the church office will be closed from December 24 - January 1 for the holidays. Jen will return on Friday, January 2. Contact Emily for pastoral emergencies.

## **Pageant Participants**

### **Grades 3, 4 and 5 Faith Formation Students with Junior Youth Group**

Narrator 1 – Lily Smith

Narrator 2 – Evelyn West

Narrator 3 – Maia Delgado

Gabriel – Lincoln McGray

Angel 1 - Ceci MacDonald

Angel 2 – Hazel Marie Wang

Mary – Kathryn Smith

Joseph – Porter Quinn

Elizabeth, Innkeeper, The Star – Maeve O’Sullivan

Blessed Donkey – Oliver Renderos (Godly Play Class)

Baby Jesus – Nora Northcutt

Shepherd 1 -- Henry Wallace

Shepherd 2 -- John Chatt

Shepherd 3 – Beatrice Matthews

Wise Men – Max Alipui, Lukas Alipui, Connor Waidmann, Charlotte West

Herod – Ian Keith

Chief Priest – Simon McGray

### **Godly Play and Grades 1, 2, and 3 Faith Formation Students with Nursery Children**

#### **Blessed Animals, Angels and Shepherds**

Emmy Chatt, Aiofe Crimmins, Mimi Crowell, Ben and Ella de Paz, Miles and Jacob Kallan, Kenny and Adelaide MacFarlane, Emmie Matthews, Trinity McGray, Selvi Mosier, Peggy Northcutt, Rowan Ours, Matteus and Anika Paige, Owen Quinn, Oliver Renderos, Millie Waidmann, Evelyn Wallace, and anyone else who may have joined us!

#### **Expressions of Gratitude**

This year, we thank Andrea McGray for working so expertly with our older students to compose the pageant script, based on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Andrea directed the pageant cast, welcoming our younger costumed Blessed Animals, Angels, Shepherds and Magi at the manger. We appreciate Erika, Zach and big sister Peggy for sharing Baby Nora with us. Thanks to all of the parents who supported Liz Quinn and Cindy Winder with costuming our children. Many helping hands contributed to the beauty and joy of today’s pageant, notably those of Teddy Guerrant at the piano. Thanks also to the many voices raised in praise today – Laura Kallan, Katie Wallace and our Christ Church Choir. Finally, we give a shout-out to Aime Keith and Meg Mosier for hosting a celebratory Winter Wonderland Coffee Hour after this morning’s service.

## Update from the Christ Church Mercy Team: Care Pod Support for ICE-Affected Families

### What is a “Care Pod”?

Together with the Diocese of Washington Refugee Response Committee, and Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid (MSMA), we are responding to the emergency needs of families impacted by ICE detentions and deportations. A dozen churches so far including Christ Church have established a **Care Pod** for a family facing significant challenges due to the deportation or detention of one or more family members. Each Care Pod consists of a dedicated group of volunteers who will offer logistical, spiritual, financial, and material assistance to help meet the individual family’s particular urgent needs. A small grant from the *Beloved Community Incubator* helps fund the response.

### Leadership and Volunteer Team

Our Care Pod is led by Thea Kayne, who communicates with the family and coordinates the efforts of the team of eight other volunteers: Dwight Allen, Terri Clausen, Kathy Cowan, Kate Duchelle, Cynthia Mitchell, Eva Nye, Lissa Ramsepaul, and Kathy Slack. Each member contributes their time and talents to ensure that the needs of the family are met in a timely and compassionate manner.

### Collaborative Outreach and Family Support

We are working with one family of four: a mother, an eight-year-old daughter, a nineteen-year-old son, and a twenty-year-old daughter with special needs. The recent deportation of their father has created significant challenges for the family. Our hope is that we will be able to offer loving support that will contribute to their well-being at this difficult time in their lives.

### How You Can Help

- Pray for the family.
- Watch the *Christ Church Connection* for a sign-up genius that will identify specific items needed. Or email Cynthia Mitchell [cynthiamitchel@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiamitchel@yahoo.com), for details.
- Finally, if you would like to have a major impact on the life of a family in crisis, *please consider helping us to form a second Care Pod*. Interested? Contact Thea Kayne at [theakayne@gmail.com](mailto:theakayne@gmail.com). There are hundreds of families in our area in need of compassionate emergency support.



## **Advent & Christmas at Christ Church 2025**

### **Saturday, December 20**

Parents Morning Out from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Advent Morning Reflection, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch 12:00-1:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Worship at 8, 10, and 5

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### **Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

Christmas Eve Family Festival Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.

Music & Hymns at 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist at 9:00 p.m.

### **Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. with Organ & Hymns of Joy

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### **Sunday, December 29 - First Sunday after Christmas**

Lessons & Carols at 10:00 a.m., single service this day

## 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  
Maureen Cordell (sister of Nora Buckley)  
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  
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### **Those in our community in need of healing prayers:**

Helen Paige Buck, Nora Buckley, Kevin Conway, Bonnie Douglas, Maggie Elgin, Jon Martineau, America Perez, Lissa Ramsepaul, Kitty Shuler, Calvin Smith, 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:** 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 Michael "Chip" Davis, a neighbor of Christ Church and all those tragically killed as a result of gun violence and war.

**We give thanks:** the continued healing of Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle), healing for John Rowan; for all in our parish who celebrate their birthdays this week, including: Emily Barry (12/14) and Sarah Leung (12/17).  
Happy Birthday!

Have we missed your birthday? Please let us know!

**Send your prayer requests to [emily@ccpk.org](mailto:emily@ccpk.org)**

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## This Week at Christ Church

### Sunday, December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Pageant participants meet downstairs in Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Pageant, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Winter Wonderland Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Blue Christmas Service with Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

### Monday, December 15 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Tuesday, December 16

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Church Library

### Wednesday, December 17

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

### Thursday, December 18

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

### Saturday, December 20

9:00 AM Parents Morning Out (RSVP to [sundayschool@ccpk.org](mailto:sundayschool@ccpk.org))  
11:00 AM Advent Morning Reflection, Sanctuary  
12:00 Noon Lunch

### Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I, In person only  
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, Parish Hall & Classrooms  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Church Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and Live on Zoom

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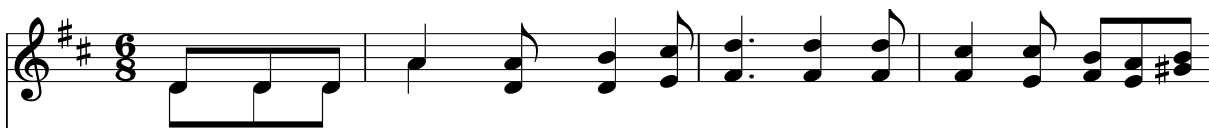
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# Hymns for December 14, 2024, in the order they appear in the service

## Processional Hymn *Wonder Love & Praise*, #724 *People, look East*

## Besancon Carol



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besancon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Children's Song: In A Manger (Children singing with identified adult help)

V.   
Theres a sta - ble found in Beth la hem, small and  
An - gels sin - ging on a si - lent night, wise - men

V.   
hum - ble filled with gen tle lambs. In a man ger sleeps a ba by boy.  
gui - ded by a star so bright.

V.   
Born to be our king! Prai - ses we will sing! Glo - ri - a!

V.   
Glo ri a! Je - - sus is born!

V.   
Glo - ri - a! Glo ri a! Je - sus is born, in a

V.   
man - ger man - ger In a

V.   
man - ger so small is the grea - test gift of

V.   
all! Glo - ri - a! Glo ri a!

V.   
Je sus is born! Glo - ri - a!

V.   
Glo ri a! Je sus is born, in a man - ger.

V. *Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri a! Christ is born, in a*

V. *man ger*

**Communion Hymn #75** *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Ascension

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a—  
 2 O— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God— en - du - reth, the—

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst— of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The—  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they— per - ish, like  
 feed his— flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our— God— may go!  
 na - tions shall— pass like a dream— a - way;  
 lead them, and— bring them— safe to his fold.



1. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King, —  
2. No more cry - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
3. No more dy - in' there — we are goin' to see the King, —  
4. Soon and ver - y soon — we are goin' to see the King; —



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— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, — we're goin' to see the King!



1. 2. 3. 4.  
— Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.