

Celebration of Holy Eucharist



Holy Baptism

*Second Sunday of Advent*



Christ Episcopal Church  
Kensington, Maryland  
December 7, 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, and a wonderful Children's Chapel for children ages 3-10 downstairs in the Parish Hall during the first half of the 10:00 a.m. service. They will return to the service in time for communion. Parents/guardians are welcome! There are also child-friendly materials at the back of the sanctuary. Just ask an usher.

### **Children's Faith Formation, 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School)**

PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet on the lower level. The classes flow into Children's Chapel and then they will return to the service in time for communion. Junior Youth Group (Grades 6-8/9) meet in the Children's and Youth Library on the main level. Interested in more info on children's ministry or to receive the weekly Kids Connect email? 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 support!



**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 to the clergy and/or the vestry person who makes the welcome announcement today. If you fill out a visitor's card found in the pews, or email Parish Administrator Jen Luna [administrator@ccpk.org](mailto:administrator@ccpk.org) or 301-942-4673, we'd welcome the opportunity 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**     *Savior of the Nations, come (S. 659) (Hymn ref. # 54)*     J. S. Bach

*\*\* Hymns are in the blue or red "Hymnal 1982", or where indicated, in the red, black & white "Lift Every Voice & Sing" (LEVAS) Hymnal. Both can be found in the pew racks! \*\**

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Led by Tasha Hensley and daughters Charlotte and Audrey Hensley.*

**Leader**     Christ is coming. Christ is among us already: entering a troubled world,  
a wounded heart, a broken spirit.

**People**     **Bring us peace, Lord Christ.**

**Leader**     Lord God, as your prophets called us to your healing work of justice  
and peace,

**People**     **May this shining light kindle in us a passion for loving kindness and  
reconciliation in our church, country and world.**

*The candles of hope and peace are lit*

**Leader**     Giver of Life, let your healing light shine in our darkness.

**People**     **Bring us peace, Lord Christ.**

**Leader**     Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season.  
Show us how to live in hope. Teach us that true peace is only possible  
with justice and mercy.

**All**     **Transform us, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

**Processional Hymn #67**     *Comfort, comfort ye my people*     Psalm 42

### Welcome

### Opening Acclamation

**Presider**     Blessed are you, holy and living God.

**People**     **You come to your people and set them free.**

**Presider**     There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People**     **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

**Presider**     One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People**     **One God and Creator of all.**

**Kyrie**     *S-96*     Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

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### The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *Isaiah 11:1-10*

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.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

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.  
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** *Deus, iudicium*

Psalm Tone S-411

Kennedy

*The slash / indicates a change in tone. The verse begins on one note, then the word (or syllable) after the slash is sung on a different note. Each verse has two changes.*



- 1 Give the king your justice, O / God, \*  
and your righteousness to the king's / Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / righteously \*  
and the poor with / justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, \*  
and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; \*  
rescuing the poor and crushing the op/pressor.

**5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.**

**6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, \*  
like showers that water the / earth.**

**7 In his time shall the righteous / flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.**

**18 Blessed are you, Lord GOD, the God of / Israel, \*  
for you alone do wondrous / deeds!**

**19 And blessed be your glorious Name for / ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. A/men.**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**      *Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn LEVAS #12 (vv. 1, 4)**      *We're Marching to Zion*      *Marching to Zion*

**The Gospel**      *Matthew 3:1-12*

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeler     The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Homily** The Rev. Hope Christensen

*a moment of silent reflection*

*After the homily, Ivimey and Lydia Crowell and their parents and godparents  
are invited to come forward to the font.*

*Any children in the pews are invited to come sit on the floor by the font so they can see!*

## Holy Baptism

### Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider        The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents &  
Godparents    **I present Ivimey Mansfield Crowell to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**  
**I present Lydia Harman Crowell to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Presider        Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents &  
Godparents    **I will with God's help.**

Presider        Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents &  
Godparents    **I will with God's help.**

*The Parents & Godparents respond on behalf of the child*

Presider Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? **I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? **I do.**

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? **I do.**

*The Presider addresses the congregation, saying:*

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**People We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example  
the Good News of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor  
as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Envelop Ivimay, Lydia, and all of us, in Christ's love, and hear our prayers for  
this community, the nation, and the world. We pray for the sick of our parish, for  
those who mourn, and for all who are hungry, unhoused, or in any kind of  
danger.

*You are invited to offer your prayers either silently or aloud.*

Presider Hear our prayers, O Lord, and grant that all who are baptized into the death of  
Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him  
to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water and of baptism.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People Amen.**

## The Baptism

Presider Ivimey Mansfield, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

Presider Ivimey Mansfield, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**People Amen.**

Presider Lydia Harman, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

Presider Lydia Harman, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.

**People Amen.**

Presider Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to a new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

**People Amen.**

Presider Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
People **Children of God, blessed in the Spirit, welcome to the family of Christ!**

*Applause and general joyous celebration.*

### 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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We are grateful for your support!*

**Offertory Antiphon** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Gustav Holst  
(Soloists: Annabelle Welford-Small, soprano; Jason New, baritone)

**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 B *Book of Common Prayer*

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. Christ the Sun of Righteousness has dawned as our deliverance, and as your power to renew the world in love and justice. 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. Blest is the one who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



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 Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children 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.**

## 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** *Savior of the Nations, come (S. 599, 699) (Hymn ref. # 54)* J. S. Bach

**Communion Hymn #54** *Savior of the nations, come* Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

### **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 #65** *Prepare the way, O Zion* Bereden vag for Herran

### **Dismissal**

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

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

**Postlude** *Savior of the Nations, come (S. 661) (Hymn ref. # 54)* J. S. Bach

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**Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following the service for Coffee & Conversation, with a visit from St. Nicholas.**

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*The Altar Flowers are given by Ardi Cullinane to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Chick Cullinane.*

Today we welcome to the family of Christ

~ **Ivimey Mansfield Crowell** ~

Daughter of Elizabeth Harman Crowell & Alexander Crowell

Godchild of Julia Shand Skinner & Cameron Skinner

and

~ **Lydia Harman Crowell** ~

Daughter of Elizabeth Harman Crowell & Alexander Crowell

Godchild of Claire Mullican & Mitchell Wilkinson

## Announcements

### *Worship Notes*

**Next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**, there will be **no 8:00 a.m. service** as we will join our children for the Christmas Pageant during the 10:00 a.m. service with a special reception afterwards.

**Blue Christmas Service** Sunday evening, Dec. 14 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 service.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer in December** Each week will feature meditation with an Advent hymn. Come join us for midweek grounding; 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

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

**Christmas Angels!** Thanks to our incredibly generous community, all mittens with information about children's wish lists have been claimed after being posted for just over a week - you are all amazing! *Please bring all gifts, unwrapped, to church by December 14 and make sure they are marked with the child's ID number.*

Even if you didn't get a chance to take a mitten for a specific child, *you can still help*. After donations arrive, we always end up filling in with additional gifts to assure that every child has equivalent gifts, especially within the same family, and to make our gifts as generous as possible. You can help by making a donation of gift cards or funds and dropping them in the box on the Outreach table, or donating in Realm, and if you want the joy of shopping, you can also help by purchasing additional "fill-the-gap" gifts. If you would be willing to be a last-minute shopper, please contact Mary Hanlon, [hanlonma@yahoo.com](mailto:hanlonma@yahoo.com), and she will follow up with more information.

**Monthly Food Packing** We meet in the church parking lot at 8:30am to carpool to San Mateo Episcopal Church in Hyattsville, MD to pack groceries to be delivered to neighbors in Mont. & PG Counties through Food Justice DMV. We usually go the second Wed. of the month. **Next visit will be this coming Wednesday, December 10.** Interested? Please let Deacon Sara know if you are coming by *Tuesday* morning! ([sara@ccpk.org](mailto:sara@ccpk.org))

**Hablas Espanol?** Many of our outreach ministries serve Spanish-speaking communities. We would love to know who in our Christ Church community speaks Spanish. There are opportunities to use your language skills in ways that are needed and meaningful. Contact Deacon Sara ([sara@ccpk.org](mailto:sara@ccpk.org)) or Thea Kayne ([theakayne@gmail.com](mailto:theakayne@gmail.com)).

**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*

**Meeting the needs of our neighbors in crisis** The CC 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. Official announcement and more specific information next week, and in the Christ Church Connection on how you can help by donating coats, clothing, and laundry supplies for the family to assist the family through this extraordinarily difficult time.

**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.*

## *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. Sat., December 20 at 11:00 am in the sanctuary, with conversation over lunch (provided) at 12:00 pm. **RSVP** by 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). See you Thursday!

**Winter Wonderland Coffee Hour** Join us next Sunday, December 14, as we celebrate our children following the annual Christmas Pageant. We will have a fun and festive coffee hour. Please bring sweet and/or savory treats to share with our beautiful community. There will be a tree covered in Christmas cookies. Children can replace a cookie with an ornament that will be available for decoration. We will also have a hot cocoa bar for children of all ages. Let us celebrate this joyous season together!

## 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)

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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)

Laura Duchelle (sister-in-law of Kate Duchelle)

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)

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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)

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)

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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)

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Sarah Rosenbaum (friend of Helen Urquhart)

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Jim Tavares (brother of Phyllis Knight)

Jamie Tippit (friend of Roma Hart)

Ronald Young (cousin of Patrice Whiting)

### **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; all federal civil servants and those impacted by funding cuts.

**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 in our community serving our country.**

Clara Bartram, Alex Cox, Michael Cullinane, Alex Miller and David Hanna.

**We remember those who have died:** especially Michael "Chip" Davis (neighbor); victims of natural disasters; and 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 Pamela Lebeaux (12/8), Carl Keith (12/12), Charlie Flynn (12/13), and Nick MacDonald (12/13). 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 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 AM Choir rehearsal  
9:30 AM Children's Christian Formation, lower-level classrooms  
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Children's & Youth Library  
10:00 AM Children's Chapel, Parish Hall  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Baptism, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Choir rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

### Monday, December 8 – Office Closed

8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

### Tuesday, December 9

7:30 PM Holy Handcrafters, Library

### Wednesday, December 10

6:30 PM Evening Prayer, Live on Zoom

### Thursday, December 11

12:15 PM Prayers for Peace, Live on Zoom  
6:30 PM Visio Divina, Live on Zoom  
8:30 PM Compline, Live on Zoom

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

*Note: There will be only one morning service; no 8:00 AM service!*

9:00 AM Choir rehearsal  
9:30 AM Children's Pageant Preparation, Parish Hall  
9:30 AM Junior Youth Group, Pageant preparation  
10:00 AM No Children's Chapel – Christmas Pageant!  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Pageant, In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube  
11:30 AM Winder Wonderland Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM Choir rehearsal  
4:00 PM Bible Study, Library and Live on Zoom  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, In person and live on Zoom

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Hymns for December 7, 2025, in the order they occur in the service.

Processional Hymn #67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join  
 2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But  
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets— Be -  
 4. Then let our songs— a-bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -  
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly  
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly  
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—  
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—  
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—  
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti-ful, beau - ti-ful  
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,  
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Music: Robert S. Lowry (1826-1899).

**Communion Hymn #54** *Savior of the nations, come*

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938). Sts. 3-4 Copyright © 1982, James Waring McCrady. Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpus (1560?-1616).

Recessional Hymn #65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

*Refrain*



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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