

Christ Episcopal Church

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December 1, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent



Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word for the Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending* **H 58**

The Service Begins BCP 299

Gloria in Excelsis *The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP* H-S 280

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
“In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!”

Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* **H 490**

The Psalm Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
8 For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.
9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

Said together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Hymn

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

H 68

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People (Form IIII)

BCP 387



The Rite of Holy Baptism

The Presentation & Examination

BCP 301

The candidate for Holy Baptism is presented with their parents and godparents

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

The faith and expectation of a Christian are affirmed

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the Light

H 490

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP 306

The Baptism

BCP 307

After being baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the priest will say:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The newly baptized are then presented to the congregation, who welcome the children with applause and joy!

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory *Make Broad the Path* Roff

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creature here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

From Hymn 64 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer “B” BCP 367

Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting S129

Memorial Acclamation Words in BCP, Musical Setting S138

The Lord’s Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail.

Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

O saving Victim, open wide H 311

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us H 61

O heavenly Word, eternal Light H 63

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 366

Hymn *Christ is the world’s true Light* **H 542**

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

The Altar Flowers are given today by Jim and Chris Justice
in memory of loved ones.

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Norma Mahood-Bay, Linda Thomas, Linda Gaines, and Mary Catherine Williams. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>			Ben Slater
<u>Chalicer</u>			Alyson Bowling
<u>Lectors</u>	David Kersey		Alyson Bowling
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Becky Beckett	Patty Richardson	Linda Ammar
<u>Nursery Help</u>	Martha Linkous		
<u>Vestry Member of the Month:</u>	_____		

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes, Wanda Myers, Bonnie Taylor, Joe Sanders, Lee Puckett, Sr., Kerrigan Farmer, Mabeline & Elton Robinson, Bea Paine, Charlotte Woolwine, Lynn Burney, Marilyn Denney, Michelle Parks, Shirley Weaver, Will Calfee, Doug Bloomfield, Paul Anderson, Deane Family, Donna Fortune, Deanna Edwards, Elizabeth Kane, Jerry and Debbie, Nina and family, Marlene, Amy Melvin, Bob and Peggy Walk, Susan Jewell, John Kersey, Judy Anderson, Michelle Coleman, Hilendorf Family, Martha Linkous, Sarah Irwin, Janet Slager, Kelly Cox, Ruth Metcalf, Mike McLeod, Maxine Stevenson, Dean Farmer

Birthdays This Week: Rebecca Broyles, Borden Thomas, John Lee Allen, Niko Parks

Last Sunday's Attendance

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Calendar of Events

Sunday – December 15	Bagging groceries after church
Wednesday – December 18	ECM Dinner with Fellowship Home 6:00pm Vestry Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday – December 19	Food Pantry 9:00am – 11:00am
Tuesday – December 24	Christmas Eve early service 5:00pm Christmas Eve late service 11:00pm
Sunday – December 29	Special service at Immanuel Lutheran 10:30am

Announcements:

Congratulations! Today we welcome into the household of God William “Liam” Cole! Liam is the son of Jason and Jessica Cole.

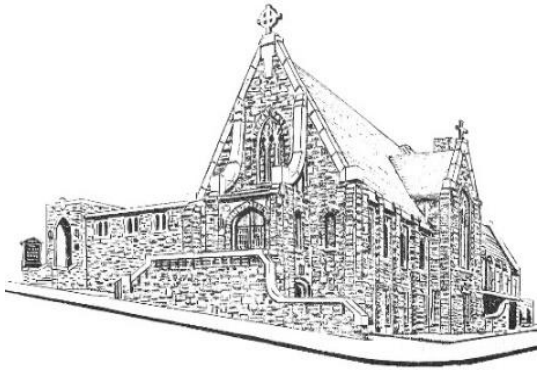
Poinsettias for Christmas: If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of honor of a loved one this Christmas a sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Poinsettias are \$15 and payment can be placed in the attached envelope. Please note if you have paid, and if by check or cash. Thank you!

Nursery Help: Please consider signing up to assist with our Sunday morning nursery. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Sign-ups are now open for the remainder of this calendar year! For more information please see Fr. Chad or Elizabeth Clement.

Coffee Hour: If you are interested in this very important ministry at Christ Church, please call the office at 304-327-6861 or Email Emma Bennett at secretary@cecblf.org.

Loose Offering: Any loose offering collected in December will go to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund.

Food Pantry Items Needed: Handout lists are available in Narthex for Food Pantry items being collected during the months of December thru January. We will accept monetary contributions also. See Patty Richardson or Mary Catherine Williams if you have any questions.



Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

the Rev. Chad Slater

Ms. Emma Bennett

Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.

Mrs. Vanessa Hall

Mrs. Susan Jewell

Mrs. Becky Beckett

Mr. Tom Coughlan

Rector

Parish Administrator

Organist & Choirmaster

Sexton

Nursery Attendant

Senior Warden

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