

Our Prayer after Communion

Candlelight Hymn *Silent Night*

BCP 365

H 111

The acolytes and ushers will light the candle of the person seated at the end of each pew. Please light the candle of the person next to you. The sanctuary lights will be dimmed as we kneel to sing the hymn. You may take your candle with you at the conclusion of the service, if you like.

The Great Blessing of Christmas

Please respond to each petition with "Amen!"

Recessional Hymn *Joy to the World*

H 100

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!*

Following the service there will be a reception in Hobson Library. A variety of sweet treats, cookies, and beverages will be served. All are invited to fellowship at this reception as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Participants in This Evening's Liturgy

Celebrant	the Rev. Chad Slater
Organist and Choirmaster	Terry E. Whittington, Jr.
Violinist	William Allen
Lectors	Becky Beckett
Acolytes	John Allen
Chalicist	Ben Slater
Usher	Alyson Bowling
Altar Guild	John Beckett
	Patty Richardson
	Becky Beckett
	Carol Georgis
	Delia Kersey
	Chris Justice
	Emma Slater



The Christ Church Crèche is hand carved of solid wood by Dr. Ralph McCue and is dedicated to Laurel Clarkson McCue—his mother.

The Chrismon Tree is given by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Richardson in memory of loved ones

The wreathes on the doors were donated by Mr. C. William Davis in memory of his wife, Mrs. Betsy Davis.

The Advent Wreath was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Marc Meachum in memory of Mr. and Mrs. M.T. Meachum.

The flowers on the altar were donated by Mrs. Barbara Sudduth in memory of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Sudduth.



The poinsettias that adorn the church this evening were made possible by the generosity of the following:

Linda Ammar in memory of Lois & Dan Wells and of Chris Ammar.

John & Becky Beckett in memory of Family

Sheila Brooks in memory of Lillian Lovelace Holt

The Broyles Family in memory of loved ones

David & Debbie Faber in memory of their parents: John, Elaine, Peyton, and Kathleen

Jim & Chris Justice in memory of loved ones

Bobbi & David Kersey in memory of loved ones

Donald & Becky Kersey in memory of their parents

John & Delia Kersey in memory of loved ones

Betty Nash & Charlie Blevins in memory of their parents

Chad & Jennifer Slater in memory their grandparents and in honor of all Christ Church members

The Thomas Family in memory of Carl Thomas and in honor of Linda Thomas and Jack & Carol Stafford

Terry Whittington in memory of Terry & Thelma Kelly Whittington and William Gordon Whittington

Mary Catherine & Don Williams in memory of loved ones

Stan & Grey Kiser in memory of Rufus & Sybil Matthews and Harvey Kiser

Shirley Ofsa in memory of loved ones

John & Sandy Moir in honor of their two children

Rick & Shell Parsons in memory of Rachel Perkins and Jean Kelly

Peter & Patricia Taylor in memory of Dr. & Mrs. John Brookins Taylor

Frank & Bernadette Dragotto in memory of family members

Rob & Mimi Merritt in memory of loved ones

The Clement Family in memory of loved ones

Dorene Dimes in memory of Dorothy Curry

Norma Mahood-Bay in memory of loved ones

Louisa Bennett in memory of April Roberts and William E. Thompson III



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The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

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.

Poinsettias may be collected after the service on December 30th.