

# Welcome to Christ Church

December 24, 2024—Family Service—5:00 p.m.



Christ Church Welcomes all for Christmas Eve Service.

A welcome from our Rector  
PRELUDE

Processional Hymn

*O come, all ye faithful* (vs 1-3)

Hymnal 83

83 **O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
LATIN HYMN JOHN F. WADE'S "CANTUS DIVERSI"  
TR. BY FREDERICK OAKELEY

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
2. x Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
3. x Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
x sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n a - bove;  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him born the King of an - gels;  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

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. A - MEN.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP. PG 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP. PG 355

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
***Amen***

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

(vs 1 & 2)

Hymnal 96

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Christmas

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 - - - - -

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen***

*The people sit.*

## I. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

*The people stand as they are able.*



*Sung by all, standing, Please remain standing for the Gospel.*

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Christmas

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the the woes - en of sin and strife, the  
 4 For lo! the the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its earth, and low - ly plains, they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind all hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

*Celebrant*  
*People*

*The Holy Gospel of your lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.*  
*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's

go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The People Sit.*

## **A CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S SERMON FOR ALL**

Fr. Peter K. Ackerman

*After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

*Celebrant and People together*

***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 a 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 giving 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***

*Intercessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* ***That we all may be one.***

*Intercessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Intercessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on earth.***

*Intercessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Intercessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Intercessor* Give the departed eternal rest;

*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Intercessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Intercessor* Let us pray for your own needs and those of others.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people sit.*

## II. HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn

*Away in a manger*

Hymnal 101

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
 \* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

### THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless ings flow, in ev - ery gen - er - a - tion. Praise

God, all crea - tures here be - low, who gives to us sal - va - tion. Praise

God a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Let

all cre - a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

### ***SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENTI***

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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 Isreal 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 incarnated from the Virgin Mary, to be the savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 upper 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

*Celebrant* Therefore, according to his command, O Father

*People* ***We remember his death,***  
***We proclaim his resurrection,***  
***We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

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 you saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of your salvation.

By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BCP. PG 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

***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.***

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

A period of silence is kept.

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for you the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Norms-** *All are welcome to the altar rail for Holy Communion, when it is distributed to the gathered. If want a blessing instead of the communion wafer, you are invited to cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead of the bread/wafer and the wine person will pass you by. Unless it is difficult to your circumstances, we ask that everyone come down the Right aisle as you face the altar and exit by the Left. When you receive the wafer, you may either consume it, and then sip from the chalice; or after consuming the wafer, head to the left where there is a intinction cup for you to dip your wafer before consuming. If you are unable to approach the altar, let an usher or seatmate know so that they can inform the priest, who will come to you.*

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Christmas

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP. PG 366

*Celebrant and People*

***Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given to do, to love and serve you as faithful witness of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen***

Candles Lit.

*The people kneel as they are able.*

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.

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Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

## THE SOLEMN BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

## 192 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
 3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,  
 last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold Him come,  
 Right - eaous - ness! Light and life to all He brings,

God and sinners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,  
 Off - spring of the Virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
 Ris'n with healing in His wings. Mild He lays His glo - ry by,

Baptist Hymnal 2008 192  
 WORDS: Charles Wesley, alt. George Whitefield  
 MUSIC (MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Chorus): Felix Mendelssohn; arr. William H. Cummings

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant  
 People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from December 25th- January 1<sup>st</sup>.**



# 2024 Christmas Flower Offerings

*In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving:*

*In Memory of Al Monshower and Betty Mintz- Brenda Monshower*

*In Thanksgiving for our parents- Jeff and Sarah Pettigrew*

*In Memory of Cynthia Jean Donaldson- Robert Donaldson*

*In Memory of Bill and Nellie Harrison- Cindy Demarr and Bonnie Lancaster*

*In Memory of James & Roberta Oliver Sr., Susan O. Lacey, Donald M. Oliver, Rosalie O Thompson,  
Kenneth Oliver- Nellie and Burnell Kauffman*

*In Memory of Robert "Bobby" Willingham, Sr.- Connie Willingham*

*In Memory of Joseph Benjamin Roberts, Sr. – John and Dawn Tierney*

*In Memory of Ruth Roberts, Edward Brown, Jim Schuhart- Joan Schuhart*

*In Memory of "Bus" Mary Kelly, Janet Kelly Bell, Cynne Kelly Whitewolf, Fagan Whitewolf, Aaron  
Whitewolf, John, Marie and Jeff Williams- Jack and Nancy Williams*

*In Memory of Donald Oliver, Kayla Hanson, Levi Hanson- Mary Ann Oliver*

*In Memory of Nelson Ching & Lottie Ching- Arnold and Joyce Ching*

*In Memory of Herbert and LaRue Redmond, Sam Franklin, Howard and Minnie Redmond, Bill  
and Madeline Bowling, Guy and Bertie Herbert, Warren and Doris Goode, Dick and Violet  
Horman, Howard and Norma Redmond, Elijah Ghabour- The Franklin, Redmond, Ghabour  
and Bailey Families*

*In Memory of Marry C. Baxter, Minnie Holley, Alice Kolpack- The Baxter's*

*In Memory of our parents and siblings- Dottie and Chuck McCubbin*

*In Honor of Marvin and Clinton Stamp- Donna Klein (Stamp)*

*In Memory of Jordan Topolski (We love you "Jordano")- Mom, Dad & Macie Topolski*

*In Memory of Elmer Leukhardt and family, Fred and Mae Xander and Family- Amelia Leukhardt*

*In Memory of our deceased loved ones- George and Mary Kennett*

# *2024 Christmas Flower Offerings*

*In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving:*

*In Memory of Mikey- Chip and Lynn Burton*

*In Memory of Willma M. & George B. Reeves, Violet G. & Louvan E. Wood- Donna &*

*G. Bradford Reeves*

*Thankful for our granddaughter and the joy she has brought us- Tad and Julie Burch*

*In Memory of Eugene & Thelma Lyon- Janice & Richard Pilkerton and Debra & Arielle Gray*

*In Memory of Donald Becker, Thelma Becker, Virginia Saul, Jack Becker, Louis Silagy- Michael  
and Gretchen Sirk*

*In Memory of Kenneth & Cecelia Davis, Fronie Stanfill, John & Sandy Owens- Keith and Karen  
Owens*

*In loving memory of our family members and friends who are no longer with us- Herbie and*

*Lynne Redmond*

*In thanksgiving for our family and friends especially our Christ Church family- Herbie and*

*Lynne Redmond*

*Flower donation from the Dollin's Family*

