# Welcome to Christ Church



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

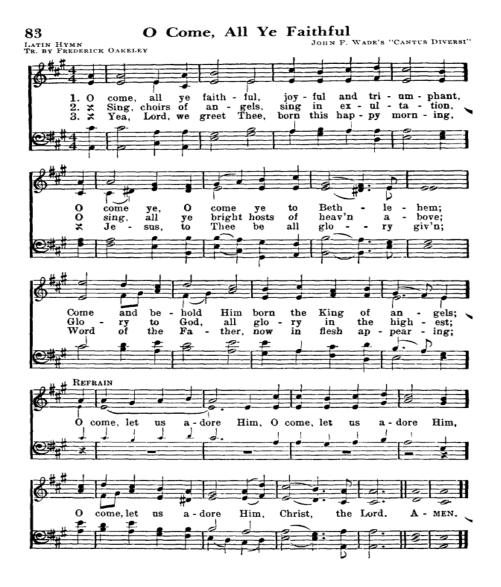
Christ Church Welcomes all for Christmas Eve Service.

A welcome from our Rector PRELUDE

## **Processional Hymn**

# 0 come, all ye faithful (vs 1-3)

Hymnal 83



#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*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)



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#### **BCP. PG 355**

Hymnal 96

## **COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY**

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The people stand as they are able.



**N** It came upon the midnight clear (vs 1) Sung by all, standing, Please remain standing for the Gospel. Hymnal 89



#### 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, "Lets

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.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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 he right hand of the Father.

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM III

Intercessor	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
<b>People</b>	<i>That we all may be one.</i>
Intercessor	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<b>People</b>	<i>That your Name may be glorified by all people</i> .
Intercessor	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<b>People</b>	<i>That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.</i>
Intercessor <b>People</b>	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; <i>That there may be justice and peace on earth.</i>
Intercessor	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<b>People</b>	<i>That our works may find favor in your sight.</i>
Intercessor <b>People</b>	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; <i>That they may be delivered from their distress.</i>
Intercessor	Give the departed eternal rest;
<b>People</b>	<i>Let light perpetual shine upon them.</i>
Intercessor	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<b>People</b>	<i>May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.</i>
Intercessor	Let us pray for your own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

# THE PEACE

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

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

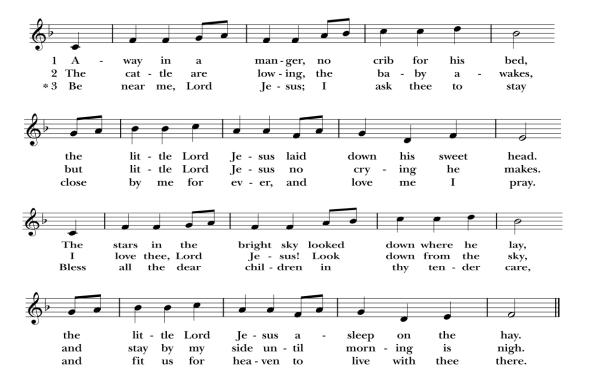
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# II. HOLY COMMUNION

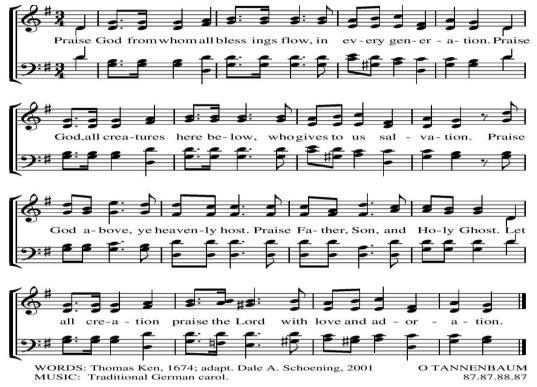
#### **Offertory Hymn**

Away in a manger

#### Hymnal 101



#### THE DOXOLOGY



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# **GREAT THANKSGIVING-EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

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

CelebrantTherefore, according to his command, O FatherPeopleWe remember his death,<br/>We proclaim his resurrection,<br/>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

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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.

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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.



#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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#### 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.

#### HYMN

Silent Night

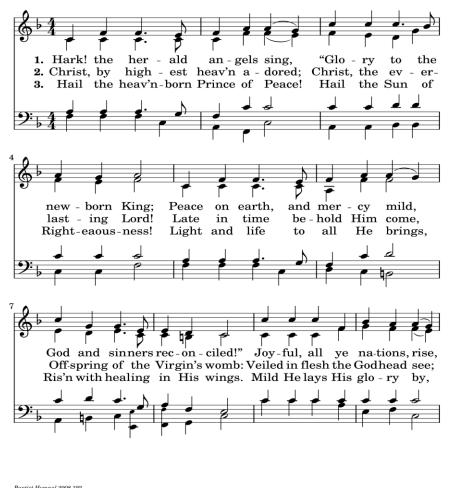
## The people kneel as they are able.



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## THE SOLEMN BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

#### 192 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing



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

## DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!PeopleThanks 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 Memory of Al Monshower and Betty Mintz- Brenda Monshower

In Loving Memory and Thanksgiving:

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. Bradfrord 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

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