

**Welcome to  
Christ Church  
Christmas Day  
December 25, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.**



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

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*

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, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.

You who remind the LORD,  
take no rest,  
and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.

The LORD has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:

I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
for which you have labored;  
but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the LORD,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway,  
clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The LORD has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,  
"See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him."

They shall be called, "The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the LORD";

and you shall be called, "Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken."

## Psalm 97

*Dominus regnavit*

- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him, \*  
righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; \*  
the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness, \*  
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \*  
because of your judgments, O LORD.

9 For you are the LORD,  
most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, \*  
and give thanks to his holy Name.

**SECOND READING**

**Titus 3:4-7**

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 2: 8-20**

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 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.**

**HOMILY**

**Fr. Peter K. Ackerman**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Celebrant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

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.

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. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

*Celebrant:* As we join the angels and shepherds to celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: **Holy God, be born in us today.**

*LEM:* For the Church in all places, remembering especially Sean our Presiding Bishop; Mariann our bishop, for Fr. Peter our priest, that our worship and praise may give glory to God, and our witness and ministry bring new hope to many. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For this Parish Family, that we, like the angels, may announce the good news of God's saving love and be instruments of peace to all who walk the human journey with us. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For all who live in Bethlehem, and the hill country of Judah, and for Christians, Jews, and Muslims everywhere, that God's spirit will open new pathways of peace and hope to all who live in danger and fear. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For our nation, the God will preserve public peace and guide all leaders to new cooperation in addressing the needs of those who are unemployed, hungry or homeless. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For those who are caring for others this Christmas season, that God will strengthen and protect healthcare workers, public safety and utility workers, and those who care for the poor and vulnerable. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For all who find Christmas difficult, for those whose lives are touched by fear, anxiety or depression, and for all those in need of our prayers, especially those on our Prayer list. **(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)** We pray that Christ will bring healing and light to their hearts. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For all the blessings God has given us, that we may receive them thankfully and rejoice that Christ is born again in our hearts and lives. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

For those who have died. **(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)** May they rejoice in the light of God's incarnate Word. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with all the saints and angels, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **Holy God, be born in us today.**

*Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

## PEACE

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

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

*Greet those around you with a sign of peace.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*The People sit.*

## 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.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

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

Here a Proper Preface or said.

And now we give you thanks because in his earthly childhood you entrusted him to the care of a human family. In Mary and Joseph you give us an example of love and devotion to him, and also a pattern of family life.

Therefore we praise you, rejoining 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:

## SANCTUS

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.

*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 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 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 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 Body, of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and 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.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 the heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph the shepherds, and all your 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 our 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 for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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- AGNUS DEI**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins; Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world; Give us your peace.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for us, the People of God.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People.*

**God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem; may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen**

## **BLESSING**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*

Go in peace, rejoicing in the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from December 25th- January 2nd.*

# 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*

*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*

