CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from New Plainsong Mass, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Voluntary Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

The Choir sings

The Introit

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith

and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.

May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,

a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 57 Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

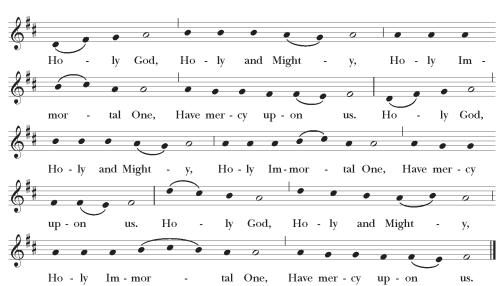
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly

love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sing

Trisagion



Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. Celebrant And also with you. People

Celebrant

Let us pray. 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.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Choir sings

The Canticle Jubilate Deo

Setting: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his children and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily Ruth Beresford

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People 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 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 giver 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

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. [silence]

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for believers throughout the world, for our bishop, Kevin, and for all who lead us in worship and service. Help us to live in the light of your coming and to offer you thanks and praise every day.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for our president, Joe, president-elect, Donald, and for leaders in every nation, city, and town, that they may work for the welfare of all the people they serve. Before you every knee shall bow.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray for those who are sad or lonely, hungry or cold; for people who live in fear and uncertainty, in places of unrest and in the aftermath of disaster; for all who need you, Lord, especially N., and those we remember now. Break into our lives where we struggle with sickness and distress and set us free to serve you for ever.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember those we love who have gone from our lives but not from you, especially *N*., and those we remember now. Give to us, with all the faithful departed, the light of your heaven and the comfort of your love.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, and hear our prayers and our praise. *Amen*.

Please kneel, as able, for

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,

word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant declares the absolution.

Please stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Zion hört die Wächter singen, das Herz tut ihr vor Freuden springen, sie wachet und steht eilend auf.

Ihr Freund kommt vom Himmel prächtig, von Gnaden stark, von Wahrheit mächtig, ihr Licht wird hell, ihr Stern geht auf.

Nun komm, du werteKron, Herr Jesu, Gottes Sohn! Hosianna!

Wir folgen all Zum Freudensaal und halten mit das Abendmahl.

Gloria sie dir gesungen mit menschen un englischen Zungen, mit Harfen un mit Cymbeln schon.

Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten an deiner Stadt; wir sind Consorten der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.

Kein Aug' hat je gespürt, kein Ohr hat je gehört solche Freude. Des sind wir froh, i-o!, i-o! ewig in dulci jubilo. Zion hears the watchmen's voices, with gladness, all her heart rejoices, she eager waits to greet the day.

See, her Lord from heaven descending with grace and truth and power unending, her daystar dawns with brightest ray.

O come, thou blessed One, Herr Jesu, God's own Son, Hosanna!

We follow there Thy feast to share, and taste the joys beyond compare.

Glory be to Thee from mortals and angels be sung, with harp and cymbals beautiful.

Twelve great pearls are the portals of Thy city; we consort there with the angels high around Thy throne.

No eye hath ever seen, no ear hath ever heard such joy. And so we join, i-o! i-o! forever in sweet jubilation.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 53, v. 1 Once He Came in Blessing

Hymnal 1982

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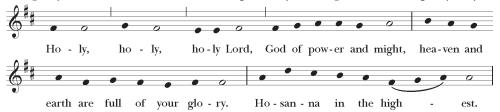
The Great Thanksgiving





The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

Therefore we praise you, joining 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:





Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying 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 the prayer, concluding

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.



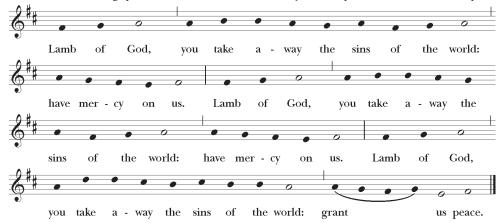
The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Thomas Pavletchko (b. 1962)

O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received: the memory of his passion is recalled: the mind is filled with grace: and the pledge of future glory is given to us. Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us

as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

Please be seated for

Announcements

Please stand and sing

Hymn in Procession 73 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

J. S. Bach

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with peace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



DECEMBER 1, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT. Each fall, members of religious communities in Delaware join forces to help those in need at Thanksgiving. Christ Church hosted this year's gathering, which included Thanksgiving meal packing and a potluck dinner. Members of each congregation contribute whole bag meals for distribution by area nonprofits along with \$20 grocery store gifts cards for the purchase of turkeys. We are delighted to announce that 264 meals were assembled this year. Over the course of the event's 26 years, we have distributed 4,236 meals and \$59,275 in grocery store cards. Thank you to all who contributed! This gathering of interfaith partners in ministry is a special time of giving and sharing. Each major religion teaches that service and sharing from our bounty is a tangible sign that the divine is at work in us, and this event highlights the beauty in diversity and the respect and commitment to relationship with one another that is the foundation of a strong community.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Advent Lessons & Carols will be held today at 5 PM in the Church. Patterned after the great service in Salisbury, England, members of our parish read the lessons, and the Christ Church Choir leads our singing. Join us as we allow the light, scripture, prayer, and music to open our hearts to the coming of Christ this Advent and move us toward the true joy of Christmas.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS – SUBMIT NAMES BY TOMORROW

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music at Christmas this year, please submit your names and contribute <u>online</u>, place your donation and memorial names in the offering plate today, or deliver them to the parish office by tomorrow, December 2. All memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

2024 YEAR-END GIFTS & 2025 PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH

Please help us meet our 2024 ministry budget by completing your financial pledge for the year. We count on every member to make our ministry possible, and donations are fully tax-deductible.

Thank you to the 317 households that have made a financial pledge to Christ Church for the coming year! Christ Church is a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome, and your gift to God makes this place possible. We rely on contributions and pledges like yours as our primary source of income to support our ministries as we care for our parish family and serve the community around us. Please join us in making your pledge, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

Click <u>here</u> to give online, make a pledge, and for instructions on giving a gift of stock. In addition, you may mail checks to Christ Church, P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807.

PARISH ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

Advent ushers in our new liturgical year and is a season that calls us to slow down, prepare, and wait for the coming of Christ. This year, members of our parish contributed writings for each day of Advent, and we've compiled these into a Parish Advent Devotional. You are invited to pick up your copy from the back of the Church or Chapel today and to set aside time each day during Advent to consider how the day's devotion supports you on your Advent journey. Copies are available online as well.

THE GREEN SHOW IS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Find the perfect gifts for those on your Christmas list, decorate your home for the holidays with our beautiful greens, and enjoy fun and fellowship—with all proceeds supporting local social service agencies. The Green Show takes place this Friday, December 6, from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, December 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Click here to purchase tickets to Friday's Preview Party, taking advantage of our advance registration pricing through Thursday, December 5. Then bring your family on Saturday for a day of fun with a visit from Santa, children's activities, brunch, and more. If the Green Show isn't already a Christmas tradition for you and your family, this is the year to make it one!

Silent Auction bidding opens this week to Preview Party ticket holders and continues until 8:45 PM on Friday, December 6. Again this year, auction bidding is online (with the exception of a few featured items), so you can join in wherever you are from your computer or mobile device, and auction volunteers will be available to assist those placing bids in person in the Parish Halls on Friday night. Look through the catalog and start bidding this week! You will be notified by email if you are outbid, so you will be able to monitor your favorite items easily.

Click <u>here</u> for all you need to know about how to participate in the Green Show and this week's preparations leading up to the event.

MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR: RETURN ADVENT DOVE GIFTS – BY DECEMBER 8

Again this year, we are collecting Christmas gifts for families of some of our outreach partners. Make a child's Christmas this year and sign up for an Advent Dove gift here. Each Advent Dove contains gift suggestions for a specific child and instructions for participating, and the spending range is \$35-\$50 per child. Please return your wrapped gifts to Christ Church by next Sunday, December 8, so that recipients can enjoy a blessed Christmas.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT - DECEMBER 8 & 20

Our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services (LCS) continues this month as we address food insecurity in Wilmington with two opportunities to participate.

Donations Needed on December 8: Next Sunday, we collect items to donate to LCS: toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Items are presented during worship and taken to Lutheran Community Services to be distributed.

Volunteer on December 20: On Friday, December 20, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and then distribute them to the cars of program participants. Sign up here.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - DECEMBER 11

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, December 11, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

NEAPOLITAN CHRISTMAS WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – DECEMBER 13

Hear Alessandro Scarlatti's festive Christmas cantata plus seasonal music by Falconieri, Mancini, and Marchitelli performed by Tempesta di Mare's chamber ensemble of recorder, violins, lute, harpsichord, and cello. Guest soprano Rebecca Myers joins this performance at Christ Church on Friday, December 13, at 7 PM. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased here.

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CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – DECEMBER 15

Join us as we celebrate Christmas with a cookie exchange on Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Halls during Coffee & Community. Please bring three dozen baked or store-bought cookies, labeled to exchange in bags of six each. No faith formation classes will meet at this time, so all ages can share in this fun intergenerational event.

PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - REHEARSALS DECEMBER 15 & 21

Each year our children and youth tell the story of our Savior's birth. The Christmas pageant is on December 24 at the 2 PM service. Christ Church has a long-standing tradition of high school students in the leading roles, but there are speaking parts and non-speaking parts for children and youth 3 and up, and parents are needed to help with costuming and stage directions. Those with speaking roles rehearse on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and the full cast will rehearse on Saturday, December 21, from 9:30 to 11 AM. Click here to register your child's participation.

THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE - DECEMBER 21

As we care for those who have lost loved ones, Christ Church offers a service on the longest night of the year. Join us in the Church on Saturday, December 21, at 7 PM for a candlelight prayer service for those who carry heavier burdens of sorrow into this season. Music is provided by Janet Witman on the harp.

CHRISTMAS ADORNMENT HELP NEEDED - DECEMBER 22 & 23

Help adorn the Church and Chapel on Sunday, December 22, from 12 to 2:30 PM or from 2:30 to 5:30 PM or on Monday, December 23, from 10 AM to 1 PM, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, or 4:30 to 6:30 PM. All experience levels are welcome, and any holiday greens donations are appreciated. Contact <u>Sam Greenberg</u> to volunteer for a shift.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Robert Carter Wellford and Mercer Jackson Wellford Walter Elton Rowland and Elizabeth Williams Rowland Landon Hill Rowland, Leigh Anne Rowland

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Deborah Bonkowski

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



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