



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Toccata in C*, BWV 564

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome

The Choir sings

The Introit

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets but in our days
you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when
he comes again in glory and judgment; 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 59 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

(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

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

The Choir sings

The Canticle *Song of Zechariah*

Setting: after J. Handl, arr. Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God: you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior: born of the house of your servant David.
Through the voices of your holy prophets, you have promised since the world began:
That you would save us from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us.
You promised to show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath sworn to our father Abraham: that you would give us:
To set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,
Holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation: through the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shadow of death:
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All stand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be through all ages. Amen.

Please be seated for

The Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 65 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal 1982

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 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

David 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.

A member of the parish leads

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. Today, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to Lutheran Community Services, our 175th anniversary outreach partner. 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.

Anthem

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it
Together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 53, vs. 1-2 *Once He Came in Blessing*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 God thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
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.



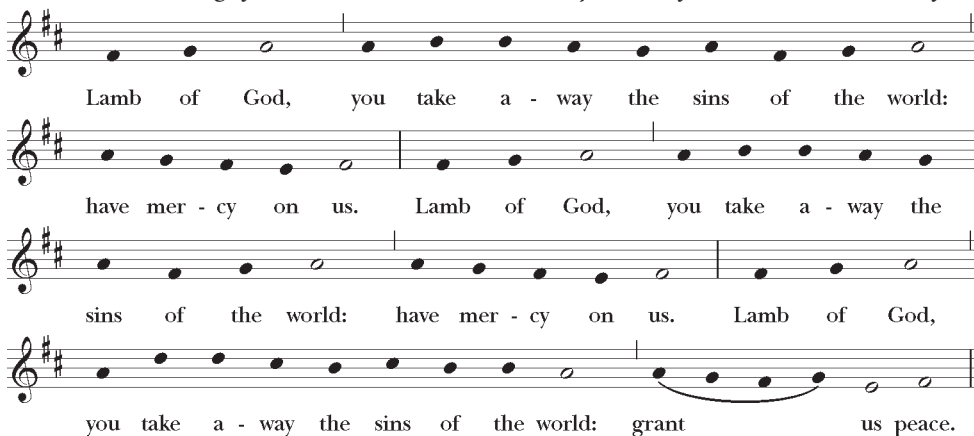
The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

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

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of Justice:
Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
Isaiah had prophesied, the people who walked in darkness have seen the great light,
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Amen.

Communion Hymn *In Days of Old, in Ancient Time*

Text: Michael Kurth; Tune: *Puer nobis*



1. In days of old, in an - cient time, the
2. Our dark - est day, our long - est night, are
3. "I will ful - fill the prom - ise made," and
4. Now we, like an - cient Is - rael, pray for



pro - phets spoke your word di - vine to Is - rael scat - tered
no - thing, save your bright - est light. The lost are found and
to your peo - ple Christ you gave, to free us from the
you to vis - it us this day. Re - new our life, O



far and wide, "The right - eous Lord; he will pro - vide."
gath - ered home be - neath your wing, your safe - ty known.
stain of sin, and bring us love and joy with - in.
right - eous one, our bless - ed sav - ior, Christ the Son.

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.***

Please be seated for

Announcements

Please stand for

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 67 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Voluntary *Vox clamantis in deserto*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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.

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DECEMBER 8, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR MEDIA MINISTRY. The Church is called to keep the message of life in Christ relevant and meaningful as the world around us changes rapidly. We provide you with the resources needed to engage in ministry with us, whether attending services and events at Christ Church or from your own home. Visit our [website](#) to stay up to date on all that is happening at Christ Church. Review the bulletin and readings of scripture appointed for each Sunday, watch a service or sermon you may have missed, scroll through the calendar of events, and sign up for our weekly emails. Follow us on social media too on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#). Join the flow of information and connectivity that our Media Ministry provides with resources for the journey of faith. For more information or to join our A/V team that livestreams our 10:30 AM service each Sunday, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT

To celebrate Christ Church's 175th anniversary, Christ Church partnered with Lutheran Community Services (LCS) to address food insecurity in Wilmington. Over the past year, there have been numerous opportunities to participate in this work—from monthly collections and food packing to establishing food pantries in schools. Today, we conclude our monthly collections for LCS. Donations of toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap are presented during worship and taken to Lutheran Community Services to be distributed. Then on Friday, December 20, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) to sign up, and look for information in the coming months on how you can be involved in this work in the New Year as Christ Church and LCS continue their relationship and work in the community. Questions? Contact [Fr. Michael](#).

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 those 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 [here](#) 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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – DECEMBER 11

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this 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 this Friday, December 13, at 7 PM. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased [here](#).

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – DECEMBER 15

Join us this year as we celebrate Christmas with a cookie exchange next Sunday, December 15, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Halls as our Parish Fellowship Ministry hosts 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 during this time, so all ages can share in this fun intergenerational event.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – DECEMBER 15

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, December 15, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

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

This year's Christmas pageant takes place on Christmas Eve during the 2 PM service. Children and youth ages 3 and up are welcome to join the cast playing the townspeople, soldiers, animals, angels, and shepherds, up through the lead roles of the narrators, Mary and Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Magi, and other speaking roles. Children serve as ushers and stagehands too—roles without costumes or speaking parts. Parents are needed to help with costuming and stage directions. Those with speaking roles rehearse next 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. Please register your child's participation at [here](#).

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. To volunteer for a shift, contact [Sam Greenberg](#).

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

2:00 PM Christmas Pageant with Carols (no communion) in the Church

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

4:00 PM Candlelight, Communion, and Carols in the Chapel

6:00 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols (no communion) in the Church and livestreamed to our website

10:00 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DELIVERY – DECEMBER 27

Following our Christmas worship, we deliver flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Friday, December 27, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution (anyone with a vehicle, driver's license, and a little time to spare). This simple act of pastoral ministry brings Christmas cheer to those who need it most. To volunteer, contact [Jane Rubini](#).

COMBINED 9 AM SERVICE – DECEMBER 29

The ARK and SANCTUARY services combine for worship in the Church on Sunday, December 29. Please join us for one service of worship on this day and in our separate sacred spaces for worship on other Sundays when The ARK gathers for young children and their families in the Chapel, and SANCTUARY gathers for older children, youth, and their families in the Church.

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICE – JANUARY 12

On Sunday, January 12, The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, the sacrament of Baptism will take place at the 10:30 AM service. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held prior to this date. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) for an application.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Helen M. and John Chabalko Sr.
Elsie L. and Robert M. Dawson

The flowers in the chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Anne T. Marcial

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.



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PARISH CLERGY

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The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*
The Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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