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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE 8:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27TH—IST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST

All services will take place in the Parish Hall. Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited at each service. Please RSVP at www.cckqp.net to make sure you have a seat. Masks must be worn at all times and a signed Regathering Covenant is required.

CHRIST CHURCH

25390 Maddox Road

Parish Hall and Office

37497 Zach Fowler Road

P.O. Box 8 Chaptico, MD 20621

SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

THURSDAYS

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music 6:30 p.m.—Evening Prayer or Compline (Livestreamed)

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. And by appointment

The Rt. Rev. Mariann E. Budde
Bishop of Washington

The Rev. Chris Jubinski
Rector

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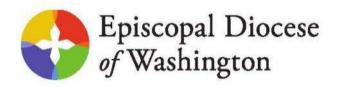
Our Next Indoor Service Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Christ Church Parish Hall

The 10:00 a.m. service will be streamed live!

Click Here to Watch

Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited.
To reserve a space at the service, please go to www.cckqp.net or if you are unable to reserve a seat online, call Fr. Chris at 410.253.8664





Covenant for Regathering in Worship

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Washington for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry.

In fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, I will strive to:

Love my neighbor as myself

- Wear a mask or scarf over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings, except momentarily to receive the sacrament or lead worship through an assigned speaking part.
- Only attend worship and receive communion if I am healthy and non-symptomatic with the novel coronavirus or any other transmittable disease that could compromise the health of another congregant;

Respect the dignity of every human being

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household.
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from others in the congregation.
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others, even as restrictions are reduced.

Seek and serve Christ in all people

- Trust and support the decisions of our congregational leaders.
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, email, video chat, or mail.

Signature and Date

This Covenant must be signed and returned to the Parish Office by all who wish to attend in person worship services.



Christmas Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

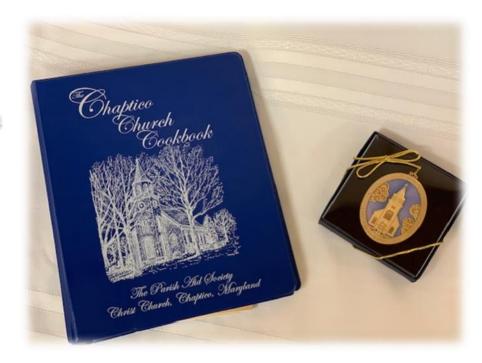
Your donation will help us defray the cost of flowers, candles, and other decorations used to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please include names of loved ones that you wish to have remembered or the names of people and other blessings for which you are thankful. Your memorials and thanksgivings will be included in the Christmas bulletins.

Please return to the Rectory by Wednesday, December 23rd

Christ Church Cookbooks and Ornaments on sale for \$5.00 each

Please contact Fr. Chris if you would like to buy these great last minute Christmas gifts!



CHRIST CHURCH PRAYER LIST

<u>Pray for Parish Members</u>: Caroline Baldwin, Jennifer Bryant, Gale Edger, Mike Moore, Ben Pecson, Dorothy Pecson, Virginia Raley, Joan Schuhart, Pat & Fred Wyant, Stephen Hunt, Cindy Donaldson, Betty Fuqua, Marilynn Butterfield, John Owens, Georgia Hurry, Michael Sirk, and Kathy Healy.

Also pray for: Lily Smith – Blackwell; Philip Quade, Tim Butler – Burch; Richard Griffith - Colton; Luther Wolfe, Carolyn Cave, Bill Cave, Tom Berry, Eidson Mulling – Cooper; Marvin Jones, - Donahue; Frank Gough, Joyce Donaldson- Donaldson; Cheryl Stubbs, Marvin and Kathy - Eaton; Frances Clemenos – Edger; Myra & Ken Fitch, George Frioux, Anika Yamamoto– Fitch; Krystal, Annabelle and Chase – Frawley; Debbie and William Windsor – Friess; Joe Fuller – Fugua; Jessie Tysinger – Graves; Linda Dickerson- Hailey; Jim Krider, Glenda Lurba, Lewie Jenkins – Harhai; Scott Peabody -Heflin; John Ford, Lynn Boan – Jayroe; Gretchen Jubinski – Jubinski; Kay DesMarais – Kauffman; Jan Barnes, John Felicitas, Karen Russell, Shannon Tierney, John Cook - Loker; John Bernier, John Gradwell – McCubbin; Chris Gass – Molish; Betty Mintz, Kayla Baker – Monshower; Carolina Montillo, April Parlett, Judie Gibson and Family – Montillo; Jessica Higgs – M. Oliver; Janet Oliver, Frank Davis – T. Oliver; Tom Meiser, Dan Norris, Norie Smith, Greg Rumpf, Lauren Zimmerman, Ann Marie & Michael Rondinelli -Penk; Lucy Cardwell and Rob Harding - Reeves; Jennifer Peacock -Rocheleau; Joe Turner, Betty Roush - Saunders; Shophi Grace, Nicholas, Ed & Cynthia Brown, Shane Roberts, **Kathleen** Huntington, **Johnny** Schuhart, **Johnny** Keenan - Schuhart; **Barbara** Carlton - Shupe; Frankie Tippett, William DeLorme, Margie Cheseldine – Simmons, Carli Trost, Donna Mae Duggin, Eddie Becker, Jackie Sirk Lacey--Sirk; Mary Ellen Foster, Jackkie Dickey, Patricia Kittleman, Mike Gudis -Smith; Nick Potts, Margaret Roberts, Matt Castle - Tierney; Candi Kocevar - Topolski; Nicci DeVous, **Kolby** Inman – *Tyner*; **Father Paul** Brisbane – *Wesley*; **Bruce** Tobiasson, **Ed** Poplin, **Johnny** – Westerfield; Eddie Gerlach, Ann Marie Healey, George Gerlach, Barett Wright, Hope & Eddie Brouwer Ancher, Margaret Donahue-Wright. Recently Departed - Virginia Raley.

Recently Departed – Victoria Ashley Curtiss who was laid to rest at the Christ Church Cemetery on December 18th.

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON CYCLE OF PRAYER—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please pray for the following parishes and concerns this coming week:

- Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation/San Estaban y La Encarnación, DC
- St. Thomas' Church, DC
- St. Thomas' Church, P.G. County, and the Chapel of the Incarnation





CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Requested Items: Pop-Top Cans, Cereal, Snacks for kids, Bottles of Juice, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Dinner Mixes (Hamburger Helper, Mac & Cheese), Peanut Butter and Jelly, and Canned Meat

Please drop off you food donations either at the Parish Hall when you come for a service or on the front porch of the

Christ Church Rectory

37501 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico, MD 20621
Thank You for your support!

Advent 2020

Gather around every day this month to read the story of how God sent joy to the world with the gift of His Son, Jesus. While you're at it, spread some joy of your own as a family!





A young couple, Mary and Joseph, get engaged.

Kick off the month with hot chocolate for everyone. Take tugos talking about your favorite. Christmases of the past.

One day, God sends the angel, Gabriel, to Mary. Gabriel has some very special news!

Ask everyone to choose someone, and write a personalized Christmas card to them. Put each card in an envelope, address and stamp them, and mail them.

Mary is greatly troubled when she hears the angel's greeting.

Decorate your bedroom doors with wrapping paper, and put up a sign with a Christmas greeting.

Gabriel responds to Mary, saying: "Don't be afraid. God is very happy with you!"

Take a car ride or walk on foot to see Christmas lights and decorations in your neighborhood or community.

Gabriel tells Mary the special news: She will have a baby boy, and the baby will be named Jesus.

Clean out the toy bins, closets, and drawers. Donate items to a local shelter or thrift store.

Gabriel shares with Mary more details of God's plan: "Jesus will be great and will be called God's very own son!"

Have a family picnic in front of the Christmas tree.

Mary doesn't understand how she can have a baby without being married, but the angel, Gabriel, assures her of a great truth: Nothing is impossible with God.

Read a Christmas book or google a story online. Read it aloud together.

"I serve God with my life and want all that you have said to happen," Mary tells the angel, and he leaves.

Hide candy canes around your house. Have a family candy cane hunt, and see who can collect the most.

Mary visits her cousin, Elizabeth, and is so overwhelmed with God's goodness, she sings a song of praise.

Have a gift wrapping competition.
Who can wrap the fastest?

Caesar Augustus wants to know how many people are in his empire, so he tells all the people to go back to their hometown to be registered and counted.

Google search Christmas traditions around the world, and ask your family to vote on a new tradition to adopt.

Joseph brings Mary, who is pregnant, to his hometown of Bethlehem to be counted.

Gather your extra towels and blankets, and wash and dry them. Then, as a family, go together to donate them to an animal shelter.

While Joseph and Mary are in Bethlehem, the time comes for the baby to be born.

Eat dinner together by candlelight or Christmas lights.

Mary gives birth to Jesus, wraps Him in swaddling cloths, and lays Him in a manger because there is no room for them anywhere else.

Grab some stuffed animals and towels or small blankets. Search how to swaddle a baby. Encourage everyone to try swaddling. Have a contest to see whose is best!

At night in a nearby field, shepherds are watching their flocks.

Bundle up and go outside after nightfall. Look at the stars those are the same stars the shepherds saw in the sky the night Jesus was born.

The sky lights up— God has sent an angel to the shepherds to tell them the good news of Jesus' birth.

Ask everyone to sign a family
"Thank You" card to your mail carrier.
Feel free to add a bottle of water and
a \$10 gift card for lunch!

When the shepherds see the angel, they're afraid!

Get those phones ready and have a silly, Christmas-themed photoshoot.

The angel tries to calm the shepherds, saying: "Don't be afraid. I bring wonderful news that will bring joy to all of the world!"

Create a playlist using everyone's favorite Christmas song. Then, crank up the volume, press play, and have a family dance party!

"A Savior, the Rescuer you have been waiting for, is born today!" the angel proclaims to the shepherds.

Grab blankets and popcorn, and have a Christmas movie marathon together.

The angel explains the shepherds will find the Savior, a baby, wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

The big day is almost here! To prepare, turn up the Christmas music, assign chores, and clean the house from top to bottom.

More angels come to celebrate the good news—they arrive at the shepherd's field and begin praising God!

Declare today is Red and Green Day! Tell everyone to dress in all red and green—even if it doesn't match!

The shepherds leave their flocks and hurry to find Mary, Joseph, and the baby, who is lying in a manger.

Break out the cookie cutters, and bake Christmas cookies together.

After they see the baby, the shepherds excitedly go and tell the good news to everyone they see!

Call or FaceTime a family member, and sing them a Christmas carol.

The shepherds return to their flocks, praising God for all they have seen and heard.

Enjoy a family board game night in front of the Christmas tree.

Mary names the baby Jesus, just as the angel told her to do.

Choose a scene from the Christmas story, assign roles, and act it out

God has sent Jesus to rescue us because God loves us so very much!

Read the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 1:26-2:21. Remember the greatest gift of all—the hope we have in our Savior, Jesus!

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December 20, 2019 – Advent 4 (B) Fourth Week of Advent: Journeying in the World

As we come closer to the joy and promise of the Incarnation, we invite you to continue journeying the Way of Love. Consider this week which of the seven practices captured your imagination this Advent. Which challenged you or brought the most joy? Where did you find blessings or cross boundaries? Where is God calling you to witness to salvation being birthed into the world today?

Sunday, December 20 WORSHIP

Linger before leaving worship today. Ask God to prepare and send you on a journey into the world to witness to God's love.



Monday, December 21

Go out into your neighborhood today. Where do you see God at work? What attributes of God's love are visible? Ask God to show you how you can celebrate and join in that love.

Tuesday, December 22 **LEARN**

Read Luke 2:8-10. When has God surprised you? Share with a friend.

Wednesday, December 23 PRAY

Set aside a time today to pray for others. Include three minutes of intentional silence, asking God to speak to you.

Tuesday, December 24 BLESS

If you are gathering with others today, take turns naming a way the person on your right or left has blessed you.

Wednesday, December 25 **TURN**

Read Luke 1-2. Give thanks for the birth of the Christ-child. Pray that you may follow Christ Jesus on his Way of Love with your whole heart, mind, body, and spirit

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

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REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

(DECEMBER 20, 2020) —FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Welcome to Christ Church. On this The central figure in today's liturgy is the Blessed Virgin Mary and her vocation as the human instrument of the Incarnation.

Today's Gospel is the account of the Annunciation, when Gabriel announced to the Virgin that God had chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah. Mary's humble obedience, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word..." is the model for Christian living.



The first reading today is the promise God made to David to establish his line as kings over God's people. This promise to raise up a new king of David's lineage was understood by Jews in the first century as a promise to send the Messiah.

In the second reading today Paul concludes his letter to the Church in Rome. He expresses the early Christian proclamation that in Christ the clouded meaning of the Old Testament prophecies has been revealed. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God's plan has been made clear and the hints of that plan in the writings of the prophets have been fulfilled.

Christians gather in the liturgy to remember our story: a story which goes back through the ages. The central actor is always God, who acts in history to lead all the creation into the Kingdom. God, who acted in the lives of people in the past such as David and the blessed Virgin, continues to act today in our lives. The Eucharist is the moment of encounter with God in which, like Mary, we respond, "Yes, let it be done to me according to your word."

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Stewardship 2020

	2020	2021 (As of 12/11/2020)
Commitments/Pledges Received	66	38
Commitments/Pledges Totals	\$158,458	\$113,978

Thank You For Your Support!

Your commitment to Christ Church each year is more than simply paying the bills. You are partnering with the rest of your church family to do the good work that Jesus us asks us to do. We are helping to build God's kingdom by ministering, not only to members of our parish, but by touching countless lives in the world around us and sharing the message that God loves them too!

It is never too late to make a commitment to support the mission and ministry of Christ Church. A Commitment/Pledge Sheet is included on the next page. Thank you for your support!

Faithfully yours in Christ, Chris +

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RITES OF PASSAGE

Please forward Birthday and Anniversary information to Fr. Chris at frchris@cckqp.net

December Birthdays

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- 2 Donna McCarthy
- 2 Michelle Eaton
- 6 Dan Donahue
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- 25 Logan Wright
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December Anniversaries

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On the Lighter Side...

THE ADVENT POLICE







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