

Welcome to Christ Church

Advent 3

December 14, 2025

8:00 A.M and 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982



Christ Episcopal Church King and Queen Parish Chaptico, Maryland

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

Dec:

Weekly/Monthly Reoccurring Events:

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| • 1 st Mon. Building & Grounds Meeting | 6:00PM | Parish Hall |
| • 2 nd Tues. Vestry Meeting | 6:30PM | Parish Hall |
| • 2 nd Wed. Prayer Group | 7:00PM | Church |
| 4 th Wed. Prayer Group (No group 12/24)
(POC Donnie Morgan) | 11:30AM | Church |
| • 2 nd & 4 th Mon. of each month- Women's Bible Study
(POC Helen Wright) | 6-7PM | Vestry Room |

Special Events:

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| • 13 th Sat. Patuxent Voices Concert | 7PM | Church |
| • 20 th Sat. Parish Work Day
(POC Donnie Morgan) | 8:00-12:00 | Parish Hall |
| • 20 th Sat. Christmas Family Night
(POC Helen Wright or Shelby Oppermann) | 5PM | Parish hall |
| • Sunday's Advent Bible Study w/Fr. Peter | 11:45AM | Parish Hall |

Church Staff

Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Chaptico:

The Reverend Peter K. Ackerman

Parish Administrator:

Jennifer Groht

Choir Director:

Marcus Thompson

Today's Lay Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00am

Keith Loker

10:00am

Robbie Loker

Lectors:

David Simmons

Beth Fitch

Greeters:

Brad Reeves & Paul Oliver

Mark & Amy Topolski

Acolyte:

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCE	BCP Pg. 323
COLLECT OF THE DAY	SEE INSERT
LESSONS (Isa 35:1-10; Canticle 3; James 5:7-10)	SEE INSERT
GOSPEL (Matthew 11:2-11) (Response before the reading: Glory be to thee, O Lord.) (Response after the reading: Praise be to thee, O Christ.)	SEE INSERT
SERMON <i>The Reverend Peter K. Ackerman</i>	
THE NICENE CREED	BCP Pg. 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	BCP Pg. 328
THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION	BCP Pg. 330
THE PEACE	BCP Pg. 332
ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS ETC.	
HOLY EUCHARIST EUCCHARIST PRAYER II	BCP Pg. 340
THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP Pg. 336
BREAKING OF THE BREAD/PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS	BCP Pg. 337
POST COMMUNION PRAYER	BCP Pg. 339
DISMISSAL RESPONSE: "THANKS BE TO GOD!"	

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

God's People Gather Together

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding</i>	HYMNAL 59
OPENING SENTENCES		BCP Pg. 355
KYRIE		HYMNAL S91
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
LESSONS	(Isa 35:1-10; Canticle 15; James 5:7-10)	SEE INSERT
SEQUENCE HYMN	<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 5,6)</i>	HYMNAL 56
GOSPEL	(Matthew 11:2-11) <i>(Response before the reading: Glory to you, Lord Christ.)</i> <i>(Response after the reading: Praise to you, Lord Christ.)</i>	SEE INSERT
SERMON	<i>The Reverend Peter K. Ackerman</i>	
THE NICENE CREED		BCP Pg. 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI		BCP Pg. 392
THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION		BCP Pg. 360
THE PEACE		BCP Pg. 360
ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS ETC.		
OFFERTORY HYMN	<i>Lo! He comes, with clouds descending</i>	HYMNAL 58
THE DOXOLOGY	<i>("Praise God from Whom all blessings flow...")</i>	HYMNAL 380 v. 3
EUCCHARIST PRAYER B		BCP Pg. 367
SANCTUS		HYMNAL S130
THE LORDS PRAYER		BCP Pg. 364
AGNUS DEI		HYMNAL S161
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us</i>	HYMNAL 61
POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING		BCP Pg. 365
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling</i>	HYMNAL 539
DISMISSAL RESPONSE:	"THANKS BE TO GOD!"	

Christ Church Short Announcements

Current Member Prayer list

Active members for whom prayers have been requested: John Harhai, Joan Schuhart, Bill & Gayle Edger, Ben Pecson, Brandon & Sara Frawley, Dawn Tierney, Lynne Redmond, Betty Fuqua, and Lynn Burton.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Advent Sunday Class- On the first three Sundays of December, Fr. Peter will facilitate a one hour bible study and discussion, *Keep Awake: An Advent Journey using Mark and Matthew*. Parishioners are invited to gather at the Parish Hall/Office Building (in either Fr. Peter's office or the Downstairs Vestry Room) at approximately 11:45am for this Advent season bible and conversation time.

Vestry Nominations Open: Vestry Nominations Open - The election of our newest Vestry Members will take place at our Annual Meeting on Sunday January 18th (with a Vestry retreat the following Saturday). If you are interested or think someone is a good candidate, please see Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, or Mary Simmons who are rolling off of the vestry and serving as the search committee for new members!

Christmas Flower Donations- Celebrate the birth of our Savior with a Christmas memorial or thanksgiving donation. Donations underwrite the cost of greening the church with flowering plants and greens. Envelopes are in the back of the church for this offering. Please **PRINT** on the envelope the names of those you are remembering or grateful for so that your dedication is included in the bulletins for the Christmas service. Or feel free to email the office with your names. Deadline for names with donation is **December 17**.

Staff Appreciation Gift - In the spirit of the season, we want to offer an opportunity for you to thank our staff for their diligent work and service this year. If you would like to contribute to a financial gift that the Wardens will portion out to our staff members, merely write your check out to Christ Church with "Staff Gift" in the memo line. Our Administrator Jenni, and our Musician Marcus will receive the bulk of your generosity, with Fr. Peter receiving a smaller share, if any (at his request). These donations need to be received by the last service on **December 17th**.

Joyful Giving Christmas Collection POC Helen Wright- Please see flyer in the back of the church.

Mission Statement:

We live the message of Jesus Christ as a Godly presence, influencing and encouraging all persons to gather in community for worship, service, and play.

Vision Statement:

Christ Church expresses God's love by being welcoming and attentive to individuals and the wider community, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Christ Church Vestry: Greg Penk (Sr. Warden), Donnie Morgan (Jr. Warden), Bob Donaldson (Treasurer), Robbie Loker (Registrar)

Class of 2026: Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, Mary Simmons

Class of 2027: Diana Donahue, Greg Penk, Michael Oliver

Class of 2028: Shelby Opperman, Robbie Loker, Donnie Morgan

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