
Welcome to
Christ Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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



BCP—The “Black” Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The “Red” Hymnal 1982

Upcoming Calendar of Events...

December

Weekly/Monthly Reoccurring Events:

- 1st Monday-Building & Grounds Meeting 6PM Parish Hall
- 2nd Tuesday- Vestry Meeting 6:30PM Parish Hall
- Wednesday’s Prayer group (Helen Wright POC) 7PM Church
- 3rd Wednesday-Healing Service w/Fr. Peter 7PM Church
- Sunday’s- Advent Bible Study w/Fr. Peter 11:30-12:30PM Parish Hall

Special Events:

- Saturday, Dec. 16th- Blue Christmas Service 3PM Church
- Dec. 25th thru Jan. 1st- Parish Office Closed

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

Robbie Loker

10:00am

Dave Hudson

Lectors:

David Simmons

Donnie Morgan

Greeters:

Brad Reeves & Paul Oliver

Keith & Karen Owens

Acolyte:

Katie Shupe

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING PRAYER RESPONSE:

Let us walk in the light of the Lord

OPENING SENTENCE	BCP Pg. 323
COLLECT OF THE DAY	SEE INSERT
LESSONS (Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thes. 5:16-24)	SEE INSERT
GOSPEL (John 1:6-8, 19-28) <i>(Response before the reading: Glory be to thee, O Lord.)</i> <i>(Response after the reading: Praise be to thee, O Christ.)</i>	SEE INSERT
SERMON <i>The Reverend Peter 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 EUCHARIST PRAYER I	BCP Pg. 333
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

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING PRAYER RESPONSE:

Let us walk in the light of the Lord

INTRODUCTION HYMN	<i>O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs 6-8)</i>	HYMNAL 56
OPENING SENTENCES		BCP Pg. 355
KYRIE		HYMNAL S-91
COLLECT OF THE DAY		SEE INSERT
LESSONS	(Isa. 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; 1 Thes. 5:16-24)	SEE INSERT
SEQUENCE HYMN	<i>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!</i>	HYMNAL 437
GOSPEL	(John 1:6-8,19-28) (Response before the reading: <i>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</i>) (Response after the reading: <i>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</i>)	SEE INSERT
SERMON	<i>The Reverend Peter Ackerman</i>	
THE NICENE CREED		BCP Pg. 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV		BCP Pg. 388
THE CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION		BCP Pg. 360
THE PEACE		BCP Pg. 360
ANNOUNCEMENTS/ BLESSING OF BIRTHDAYS ETC.		
OFFERTORY HYMN	<i>The angel Gabriel from heaven came</i>	HYMNAL 265
THE DOXOLOGY	(<i>"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow..."</i>)	HYMNAL 380 v. 3
EUCCHARIST PRAYER C		BCP Pg. 369
SANCTUS		HYMNAL S-130
THE LORDS PRAYER		BCP Pg. 364
AGNUS DEI		HYMNAL S-161
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Watchman, tell us of the night</i>	HYMNAL 640
POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BLESSING		BCP Pg. 365
RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling</i>	HYMNAL 539
DISMISSAL RESPONSE:	<i>"THANKS BE TO GOD!"</i>	

Christ Church Short Announcements

Current Member Prayer list

Active members for whom prayers have been requested: *Helen Wright, John Harhai, Ebie & Jane Cooper, Jack Williams, Robert Opperman, Destiny Cusic and Eddie McDonald.*

As always we also invite you to also pray for those listed on the Family & Friends Prayer list located in the back of the church.

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 18.

Advent Sunday Class- Beginning on Sunday December 3rd, at 11:30 a.m., Fr. Peter will offer a one-hour Advent Class up the hill from our Parish in the downstairs Vestry Room (or, if class size is smaller, his office). He will use the *Journeying the Way of Love*, offered through our Diocese. We will engage in three of the four sessions (4th Sunday of Advent is 12/24) as we await the coming of Christ by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the **Way of Love** as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. There is no need to sign up ahead of time, all are welcome.

Blue Christmas Service - Saturday, December 16th at 3:00 p.m. - This service is particularly for people for whom the holiday season is less than pleasant. Perhaps the death of a loved one keeps them from celebrating in the same spirit as everyone else. This short service, allows the gathered, to quietly and within their hearts, name that which brings them up short in the season. The result is that people are able to engage with the season better, having started in an authentic place.

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.

Calling New Vestry Members - An important ministry in any Episcopal Church is serving on the Vestry. Each "class" consists of three members, and serves for three calendar years, beginning at the election at the Annual Meeting in January and concluding at the same in three years time. Potential members need to be involved in the parish (regular worshippers, members of record, known to the Treasurer) and Confirmed (or Received) into the church - or willing to be at the next opportunity. If you feel called, or want more information, please see Fr. Peter or any current Vestry member about the opportunity to serve in parish leadership.

Christ Church Vestry: Keith Owens (Sr. Warden), Brandon Frawley (Jr. Warden),
Bob Donaldson (Treasurer), Karen Owens (Registrar)
Class of 2024: Paul Nelson, Lynne Redmond
Class of 2025: Julie Burch, Sara Frawley, Susan Tyner
Class of 2026: Barbara Drumgoole, George Kennett, Brenda Monshower

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 1:30pm