

8:00 AM

Markley Chapel
Holy Eucharist | Rite I
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation (*standing*) Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323
Collect for Purity BCP 323
Gloria in excelsis BCP 324
Collect of the Day: Second Sunday after Christmas Day BCP 161
Scripture Lessons (*seated*)
Gospel Lesson (*standing*)
Sermon (*seated*) The Rev. Canon Stephen Rhoades
The Nicene Creed (*standing*) BCP 326
Prayers of the People (*kneeling*) BCP 328
During the Twelve Days of Christmas the Confession of Sin is omitted.
The Peace (*standing*) BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II (*standing*) BCP 340
Communion Music Tom Spooner, *soloist*
Post Communion Prayer (*kneeling*) BCP 339
Blessing & Dismissal

10:30 AM

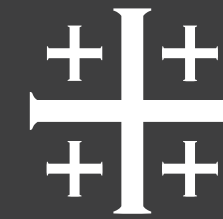
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THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn in Procession, No. 115 (*standing*) *What child is this*
Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355
Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal, S-280) Robert J. Powell
Collect of the Day: Second Sunday after Christmas Day BCP 213
Scripture Lessons (*seated*)
Alleluia Verse (*standing*)
Gospel Lesson
Sermon (*seated*) The Rev. Lindy Bunch, *Associate for Parish Life*
The Nicene Creed (*standing*) BCP 358
Prayers of the People: Form IV BCP 388
During the Twelve Days of Christmas the Confession of Sin is omitted.
The Peace (*standing*) BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentences
Anthem at the Offertory Markley Chapel Musicians
Presentation Hymn, No. 380, v. 3 (*standing*)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367
The congregation stands throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.
Sanctus (Hymnal, S-130) Franz Peter Schubert
Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-154) David Hurd
Communion Music Markley Chapel Musicians
Post Communion Prayer (*standing*) BCP 365
Blessing
Hymn in Procession, No.128 *We three kings*
Dismissal BCP 366



Worship Leaflet for All Services
January 4, 2026
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

Serving in Worship Today

8:00 AM | Markley Chapel
The Rev. Canon Stephen Rhoades, Celebrant & Preacher
Chris Taggart, Lay Reader + Tom Spooner, Soloist

10:30 AM | Markley Chapel
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Celebrant & Preacher
John Malik, Lay Reader + Chris Klasing, Verger
Markley Chapel Musicians + Chase McAbee, Assistant Parish Musician

10:30 AM | Historic Church
The Rev. Canon Stephen Rhoades, Celebrant
The Rev. Canon Janey Wilson, Preacher
Monnie Humphries & Jeff Horn, Lay Readers
Tom Coker & Gayle Saylor, Vergers
The Christ Church Parish Choir
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

5:00 PM | Historic Church
The Rev. David Upton, Officiant
Nelson Arrington, Verger
The Christ Church Parish Choir & Church Street Choral Academy
The Christ Church Altar Guild + The Christ Church Acolyte Guild

Welcome to Diocesan Staff

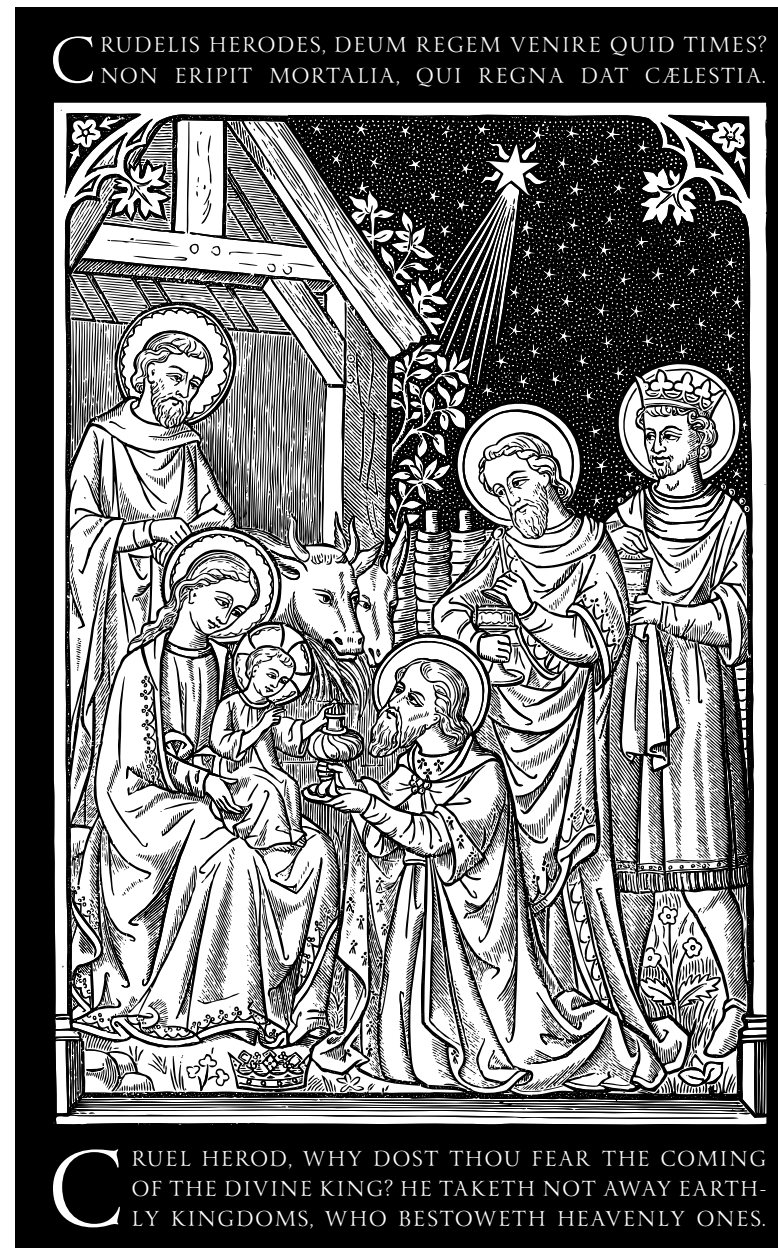
Today we welcome The Rev. Canon Stephen Rhoades, Canon to the Ordinary,
and The Rev. Canon Janey Wilson, Canon for Transition and Congregational Health,
to Christ Church for the 8:00 am Chapel and 10:30 am Church services.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar in the Historic Church are given to the glory of Almighty God and in memory of Emily Gilreath Stephenson, Robert John Stephenson, III, Frances Atkins Gilreath, John Hall Gilreath, Susanne Pegues Stephenson, and Robert John Stephenson, Jr.

Welcome to Worship at Christ Church

In order to assist you in following the service, this worship leaflet provides an outline of today's liturgy. The text of the prayers and other liturgical materials can be found in the **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**, the small red book in your pew rack. The corresponding page numbers are indicated in the worship leaflet by the abbreviation BCP. The hymns and service music can be found in the **Hymnal 1982**, the blue book in your pew rack. The corresponding numbers are indicated in the worship leaflet by *No.* or *S.*



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

Readings for the Second Sunday after Christmas Day

The Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

8:00 AM:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

10:30 AM:
The Holy Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

8:00 AM:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

10:30 AM:
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

10:30
AM

Historic Church
Holy Eucharist | Rite II
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day

**“The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.”
Habakkuk 2:20**

As we prepare for worship, we invite all members of the congregation to enter the church in a spirit of stillness. The moments before the liturgy begins are a sacred time to center our hearts, pray, and ready ourselves to encounter the presence of God. Let us honor this holy silence together, creating space for prayerful reflection for ourselves and for those around us.

THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary

Donald W. Duncan
Director of Liturgy & Music

Hymn in Procession, No. 109 *(standing)*

The first Nowell the angel did say

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal, S-280)

Robert J. Powell

Collect of the Day: Second Sunday after Christmas Day

BCP 213

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons *(seated)*

Sequence Hymn, No. 115 *(standing)*

What child is this

*During the singing of the hymn, young children are invited to follow the children's crucifer to
St. Luke's Chapel for Children's Church. They will return to the nave at The Peace.*

The Gospel Lesson

The Sermon *(seated)*

The Rev. Canon Janey Wilson
*Canon for Transition and Congregational Health
Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina*

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

BCP 358

Prayers of the People: Form IV *(standing)*

BCP 388

During the Twelve Days of Christmas the Confession of Sin is omitted.

The Peace *(standing)*

BCP 360

Words of Welcome *(seated)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*For guidance on receiving Holy Communion, please see the instructions
on the back of the Welcome Card located in the pew rack.*

Anthem at the Offertory

The Christ Church Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn, No. 105, v. 4 *(standing)*

Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*In observance of the festive character of the Twelve Days of Christmas,
the congregation **remains standing** throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Sanctus et Benedictus (Hymnal, S-129)

Robert J. Powell

Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-154)

David Hurd

Communion Music

Hymn No. 110

The snow lay on the ground

Hymn No. 88

Sing, O sing, this blessed morn

Hymn No. 108

Now yield we thanks and praise

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out this week, the following is said:

The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer *(kneeling)*

BCP 365

Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people; the congregation responds with "Amen."

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn in Procession, No. 128 *(standing)*

We three kings

Dismissal

BCP 366

Organ Voluntary

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