

COMMUNITY NEWS



CHRIST CHURCH IN PICTURES

In anticipation of the Savior's birth, we have jumped into Advent activities. From Advent wreaths to fellowship dinners and singing and worship, the church is abuzz with eager energy & hopeful spirits. "For through our God's great love and might, the Blessed Babe she bare us, in a cold, cold winter's night."
- Catherine Winkworth (1827 - 1878)

- **Jessica St. Clair Smith**
Director of Strategic Marketing and Communications



TODAY



Cocoa & Carols

**December 10
4:00 PM, Church**



AT CHRIST CHURCH

In-Person and Online Worship Offerings
Online worship continues to be available on our YouTube Channel:
Channel name: @ChristChurchEpiscopalGVL

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I *Markley Chapel*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Historic Church*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Sunday Evening Worship Schedule

First Sunday of the Month

5:00 PM • Solemn Choral Evensong Church
All other Sundays
5:00 PM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Second Sundays

3:00 PM • Rhythms of Grace, *Markley Chapel*

First and Third Tuesdays

5:30 PM • Healing Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Wednesday

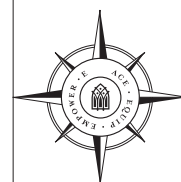
10:30 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite I *Markley Chapel*

For full descriptions and detailed information, please visit our
website at www.ccgsc.org.



Save the Date:

December 11 - Christmas Flower Dedications End kbennett@ccgsc.org
December 13 - Downtown Concert Series smarczyński@ccgsc.org
December 15 - Stockings for Sterling Seniors End kmertens@ccgsc.org
December 18 - Children's Communion Reg. Ends chorn@ccgsc.org
December 20 - Downtown Concert Series smarczyński@ccgsc.org
December 22 - Greening the Church lboyd7605@gmail.com
December 24 - Advent 4 and Christmas Eve
December 25 - Christmas Day
December 27 - Gingerbread Houses - Grove Park Inn acook@ccgsc.org
December 31 - Carols for Christmastide



OUR MISSION

Embrace, Equip, and Empower Apostles to
Serve Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Community, Compassionate, Faithful,
Grateful, and Inviting to All.



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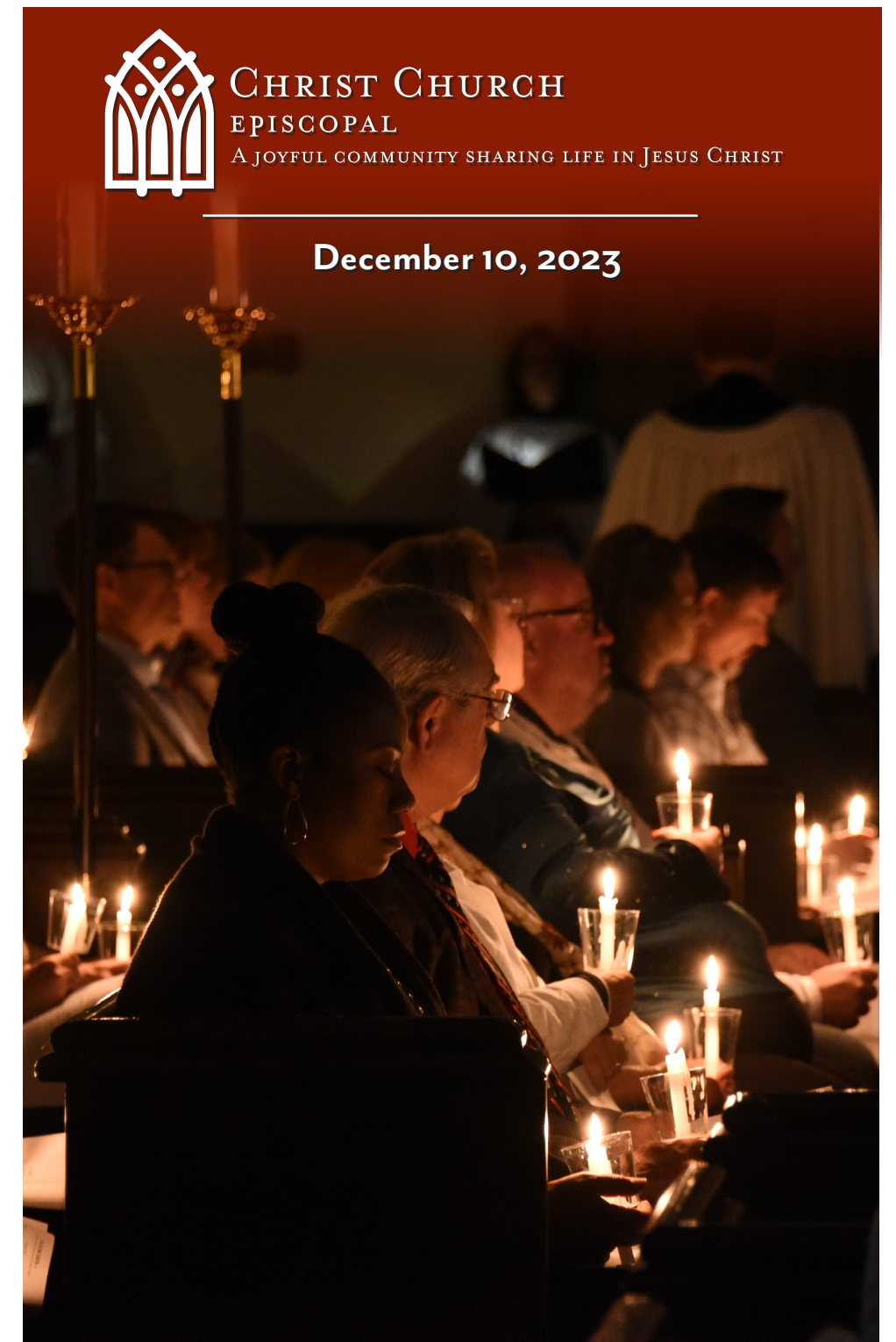
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CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

December 10, 2023



Welcome

At Christ Church Episcopal, we have been gathering for 200 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate faith in our daily lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you. If you are visiting or are new to our parish, contact Kevin Mertens, Director of Faith in Action and Hospitality Ministries at kmertens@ccgsc.org. Otherwise, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera or fill out the blue card in your pew so we may contact you. To learn more, visit our website at www.ccgsc.org or contact us at 864.271.8773.



The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector



A JOYFUL COMMUNITY

End-Of-Year Giving Information

Thank you for your support of Christ Church in 2023. As you plan for your year-end giving, please make a note of our limited holiday business hours. Between Christmas and New Year's, the church office hours are reduced to allow staff time with their families. The business office will respond to emails and voicemails in a timely fashion. For stock gifts or pledge balances, leave a message for Kristin Bennett at kbennett@ccgsc.org or 864.672.4148. **Business staff will be onsite Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.** Appointments and call-aheads are encouraged. As a reminder, if you are mailing a check, make sure it is postmarked by December 31. To give online, please visit www.ccgsc.org/give.

2023 Christmas Flower Dedications

Poinsettias and greenery will be used to decorate the Church and Markley Chapel for Christmas services. Donations of \$20 or more and dedications will be received starting tomorrow through Friday, December 11, and will appear in the Christmas bulletins. (Dedications received in person or by mail December 12 and after are appreciated but will not appear in the bulletins.) For more information, contact Kristin Bennett at kbennett@ccgsc.org



Christmas at CHRIST CHURCH

Advent 4 • December 24
8:00 AM | Markley Chapel

Christmas Eve • December 24
Holy Eucharist Rite II | 2:00 PM | Church
Family Service & Christmas Pageant | 4:00 PM | Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II | 5:00 PM | Markley Chapel
Festal Eucharist Rite II | 6:30 PM | Church

Solemn Rite II with Eucharist | 10:30 PM | Church*
Preceded by a 30-minute choral offering beginning at 10:00 PM
*Please note: incense will be used at the 10:30 PM service in the church.

Christmas Day • December 25
10:30 AM | Church
Carols for Christmastide with Holy Eucharist • December 31
10:30 AM | Church

**Nursery will be available December 24, 3:30 to 8:30 PM
and December 31, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

SHARING LIFE

Condolences to:

The family and friends of Bo Fant.



The Common Table

Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM



- 5:30 PM - Nursery opens, Children's Sabbath programming begins, adults-only social quarter-hour begins.
- 5:45 PM - Clergy Klatch and Youth programming begin.
- 6:30 PM - Nursery closes, Children's Sabbath ends, Wednesday Night Suppers serving line opens.
- 7:00 PM - Wednesday Night Suppers line closes, informal Compline is said.

Supper Wednesday, December 13 - Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs With bacon, sauteed mushrooms, assorted cheeses, chili sauce, Lettuce, tomato, and onion, Buttermilk Onion Rings, Garlic Potato Steak Fries, and a "Surprise Holiday Dessert".

Christmas Downtown Concert Series Wednesdays December 13, 20 12:05 PM, Church, With Lunch

The season can be filled with hustle and bustle, so stop inside for a moment of peace and beauty. Christmas Downtown concerts feature some of the finest performers in the Upstate in an intimate setting. Concerts are free and followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for \$10. This program is funded in part by the Metropolitan Arts Council with funds received from the City of Greenville, BMW Manufacturing Company, Michelin North America, Inc., SEW Eurodrive and the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Quarts of soup will also be for sale each week and can be preordered on Christ Church website and picked up between 1:30 and 5:00 PM. \$12.00 per quart.



Christ Church & Project Host Feed The Hungry

Weekly Needs:




165,000 meals & counting!


- Fresh fruit
- Sliced meats
- Raisin boxes
- Granola bars
- Mayonnaise
- Bags of chips
- Cracker packs

Christ Church ... Book Distribution Ministry

We meet every Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. Contact Angelle Reichert at angellereichert@gmail.com



450,000 books & counting!



IN JESUS CHRIST



Help us stock the store!

Angel Tree Store



Children's Communion Class

January 7, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 9:30 AM, Parish House

These four classes are designed to teach 2nd - 5th graders why we celebrate the Eucharist and how they can participate. Children must attend at least three classes and the celebratory Eucharist. **Register by December 18.** For more information, contact Cara Horn at chorn@ccgsc.org.



Greening of the Church, December 22, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join the Altar Guild for a fun morning to decorate our worship spaces for the Christmas services. No prior experience with flowers, greenery, or the Altar Guild is needed, just a desire to help! If you have work gloves or garden clippers, please bring those. For more information, contact Chan Boyd at clboyd7605@gmail.com.

Gingerbread Houses at the Grove Park Inn Wednesday, December 27, 9:30 AM

Tour the fabulous Gingerbread Houses then have lunch at Edison's Restaurant at the Grove Park Inn. Reservations due by December 15 to Annette Cook at 864.672.4141 or acook@ccgsc.org.

Explorers Sunday School Class, Starts this January, 9:30 AM

Are you hungry for fellowship and searching for community with others close to your age? Join fellow parishioners in a new Sunday School offering as we navigate the second half of our lives looking at how scripture speaks to us. Our goal is to share, learn, challenge and build relationships as we explore the lessons of the day. For more information contact Greta Parkinson at tidelandscounsel@aol.com or Claudia Coleman at ccoleman@ccgsc.org.

Stockings for Sterling Seniors, through December 15

This season, let's continue our Christ Church tradition and help fill stockings for seniors from the Sterling Community. Stockings should be returned no later than December 15 to the bin outside of room 200 in the Parish House. For more information, contact Kevin Mertens at kmertens@ccgsc.org.

