

**Welcome to Worship at Christ Church**

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad that you have chosen to join us today. 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 is found in the **Book of Common Prayer** (small red book in pew rack) and the corresponding page numbers in this book are indicated in the worship leaflet by the abbreviation BCP. The hymns and service music are found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** and the corresponding numbers in this book are indicated in the worship leaflet by No. or S. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are listed on the outside panel of this leaflet.

**Receiving Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. This is done by holding out your hands to receive the bread. To receive the wine guide the chalice to your lips, or dip the bread into the wine. You may choose not to receive the wine. If you do not wish to receive Communion or have not been baptized, you may come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available to those who need them, and are kept and administered separately from the other wafers. Please indicate your desire for a gluten-free wafer to the priest. If you have not been baptized and wish to be, please speak to one of the priests following the service.

*If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please notify an usher and the clergy will bring the sacrament to you in your pew.*

**Serving in Worship Today**

The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Preacher  
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Celebrant  
Kevin Mertens & Gayle Saylor, Vergers  
David Padilla & Bryan Hiott, Lay Readers  
The Christ Church Parish Choir  
The Christ Church Altar Guild

**The Prayers of the People**

As we pray, let us offer our intercessions for the following:  
Janie Ballew, Jane Crowder, Joe MacCabe, Gay Peden, Cory Riedl,  
Linda Robertson, Charlotte Scott, John Waldrop

**Altar Flowers**

The greens on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God and in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Triplett and Mr. & Mrs. Franz Haas by Linda Haas.

**Advent Procession This Evening**

Join us this evening at 5:00 pm in the Historic Church for our 7th annual Advent Procession of Carols. This unique service, based on similar services in the great cathedrals of England, was designed especially for Christ Church and our historic church building. The service incorporates the use of each of the liturgical spaces from the bell tower to the sanctuary. The candlelight procession throughout the building commemorates the beginning of the Advent season and recalls the coming of Christ's light into the world. The music for the service is sung by the Christ Church Schola Cantorum and Church Street Choral Academy.

**Christ Church Clergy**

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards**  
*Bishop*

**The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod**  
*Rector*

**The Rev. Kellie Wilson**  
*Senior Associate Rector*

**The Rev. Scott Fleischer**  
*Associate for Pastoral Care*

**The Rev. Lindy Bunch**  
*Associate for Parish Life*

**The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley**  
*CCES Senior Chaplain*

**Regular Worship Schedule**

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

**Sunday Evening**  
*First Sunday of the Month*  
5:00 PM Choral Evensong  
*Historic Church*  
*All other Sundays of the Month*  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Markley Chapel*

**Second Sunday of the Month**  
3:00 PM Rhythms of Grace  
*Markley Chapel*

**First & Third Tuesdays of the Month**  
5:30 PM Healing Eucharist, Rite II  
*Markley Chapel*

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

**Christ Church Vestry**

**Bill Hardaway**  
*Senior Warden*

**Bryant Nixon**  
*Junior Warden*

**Betsy Baumgardner**  
*Faith Development*

**Betsy Elliott**  
*Pastoral Care*

**Betty Parker Ellis**  
*Communications*  
*Welcoming Ministries*

**Sam Erwin**  
*Outreach*

**Norma Givens**  
*Worship*

**Julie Haas**  
*Parish Life*

**Dexter Hagy**  
*Resource Development*

**Kay Jenkins**  
*Engagement*

**Paul Landis**  
*Finance*

**Martha Louise Lewis**  
*CCEP & CCES*

**Phil Peterson**  
*Hospitality*

**Cindy Poe**  
*Grounds*

**Chris Klasing**  
*Treasurer*

**Nelson Arrington, III**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**Cecil Nelson**  
*Chancellor*

**Wade Kolb**  
*Assistant Chancellor*

**Josh Hudson**  
*Secretary of the Vestry*

**Ministry Area Leaders**

Christ Church offers an extensive array of ministries.  
Contact one of these staff members to learn more.

*Faith Development*  
**The Rev. Kellie Wilson**

*Parish Life*  
**The Rev. Lindy Bunch**

*Support*  
**Suzanne Mize**

*Faith in Action*  
**Kevin Mertens**

*Pastoral Care*  
**The Rev. Scott Fleischer**

*Communications*  
**Jessica St. Clair Smith**

*Liturgy and Music*  
**Donald W. Duncan**

*Christ Church Preschool*  
**Christine Skelton**

*Resource Development*  
**Kristin Bennett**



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
EPISCOPAL  
A JOYFUL COMMUNITY  
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

**WORSHIP LEAFLET**

**10:30 AM**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
HISTORIC CHURCH + DECEMBER 3, 2023

**The Word of God**

**Organ Voluntary** Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

**Ringling of the Tower Bell** *(standing)*

**Hymn in Procession, No. 56, vv. 1-4** *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

**Opening Acclamation** **Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355**

**Collect for Purity** **BCP 355**

**Venite, exultemus Domino** Anglican Chant by R. Goodson



O come, let us sing | unto • the LORD; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving; \*  
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.

3 For the LORD is a | **great** God; \*  
and a great | King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth; \*  
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.

5 The sea is | his and • he made it; \*  
and his hands pre|pared the **dry** land.

6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down, \*  
and kneel before the |LORD our **Ma**ker.

7 For he is the | Lord our God; \*  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the | sheep of **his** hand.

8 O worship the LORD in the | beauty • of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.

9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth; \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world,  
and the | peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, \*  
and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever shall be, \*  
world without | **end. Amen.**

Collect of the Day and Blessing of the Advent Wreath

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Today we enter into the season of Advent – that period of joyful expectation and preparation for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In these short days and long nights of Advent, we realize how we are always waiting for deliverance, always needing salvation by our God. Around this wreath, we shall remember God’s promises, and await the joyful return of the promised Messiah.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Almighty God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of gloom and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever. Bless + this wreath, O God, that its light may be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** *(seated)* **Isaiah 64:1-9**

**The Epistle Lesson** *(seated)* **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

**Sequence Hymn, No. 68** *(standing)* *Rejoice! Rejoice believers*

*During the singing of the Sequence Hymn young children are invited to follow the children’s crucifer to Children’s Church, held in St. Luke’s Chapel.*

**The Gospel** **Mark 13:24-37**

**The Sermon** *(seated)* The Rev. Lindy Bunch

**The Nicene Creed** *(standing)* **BCP 358**

**The Prayers of the People: Form I** **BCP 383**

**Confession of Sin** *(kneeling)* **BCP 360**

**The Peace** *(standing)* **BCP 360**

**Words of Welcome** *(seated)*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

**Anthem at the Offertory** *(seated)* Christ Church Parish Choir  
*Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin,  
who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.  
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,  
rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming, is coming soon!  
E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
and night shall be no more;  
they need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
for Christ will be their all.*

Text: Ruth Manz (adapted from The Revelation of St. John)  
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

**Presentation Hymn, No. 59 (v. 5)**  
Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit  
while unending ages run.

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C** **BCP 369**  
*The congregation remains standing throughout the Eucharistic Prayer  
and makes the responses indicated by italics.*

**Sanctus (Hymnal, S-124)** David Hurd

**Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-152)** Ambrosian Chant

Invitation to the Table

Ministration of the Sacrament

**Communion Music**  
**Hymn No. 62** *“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us*  
**Hymn No. 53** *Once he came in blessing*  
**Hymn No. 66** *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

*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

**Hymn in Procession, No. 57** *(standing)* *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending*

**Dismissal** **BCP 366**

*During the season of Advent the closing organ voluntary is omitted.*

Readings for The First Sunday of Advent

**The First Lesson** **Isaiah 64:1-9**  
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson** **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Lesson** **Mark 13:24-37**  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**