

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. Kellie Wilson, Preacher
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Celebrant
Chris Klasing & Nelson Arrington, Vergers
Josh Segars & John Whitney, 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 Beth Croft by Tom Croft.

Christ Church Clergy	Regular Worship Schedule
The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards <i>Bishop</i>	Sunday Morning 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I <i>Markley Chapel</i> 10:30 AM Family Eucharist, Rite II <i>Markley Chapel</i> 10:30 AM Traditional Eucharist, Rite II <i>Historic Church</i>
The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod <i>Rector</i>	Sunday Evening <i>First Sunday of the Month</i> 5:00 PM Choral Evensong <i>Historic Church</i> <i>All other Sundays of the Month</i> 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>Markley Chapel</i>
The Rev. Kellie Wilson <i>Senior Associate Rector</i>	Second Sunday of the Month 3:00 PM Rhythms of Grace <i>Markley Chapel</i>
The Rev. Scott Fleischer <i>Associate for Pastoral Care</i>	First & Third Tuesdays of the Month 5:30 PM Healing Eucharist, Rite II <i>Markley Chapel</i>
The Rev. Lindy Bunch <i>Associate for Parish Life</i>	Wednesday 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I <i>Markley Chapel</i>
The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley <i>CCES Senior Chaplain</i>	

Christ Church Vestry

Bill Hardaway <i>Senior Warden</i>	Norma Givens <i>Worship</i>	Phil Peterson <i>Hospitality</i>
Bryant Nixon <i>Junior Warden</i>	Julie Haas <i>Parish Life</i>	Cindy Poe <i>Grounds</i>
Betsy Baumgardner <i>Faith Development</i>	Dexter Hagy <i>Resource Development</i>	Chris Klasing <i>Treasurer</i>
Betsy Elliott <i>Pastoral Care</i>	Kay Jenkins <i>Engagement</i>	Nelson Arrington, III <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
Betty Parker Ellis <i>Communications</i> <i>Welcoming Ministries</i>	Paul Landis <i>Finance</i>	Cecil Nelson <i>Chancellor</i>
Sam Erwin <i>Outreach</i>	Martha Louise Lewis <i>CCEP & CCES</i>	Wade Kolb <i>Assistant Chancellor</i>

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.

<i>Faith Development</i> The Rev. Kellie Wilson	<i>Parish Life</i> The Rev. Lindy Bunch	<i>Support</i> Suzanne Mize
<i>Faith in Action</i> Kevin Mertens	<i>Pastoral Care</i> The Rev. Scott Fleischer	<i>Communications</i> Jessica St. Clair Smith
<i>Liturgy and Music</i> Donald W. Duncan	<i>Christ Church Preschool</i> Christine Skelton	<i>Resource Development</i> Kristin Bennett



CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL
A JOYFUL COMMUNITY
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

WORSHIP LEAFLET

10:30
AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HISTORIC CHURCH + DECEMBER 10, 2023

The Word of God

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

Ringling of the Tower Bell *(standing)*

Hymn in Procession, No. 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

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: The Second Sunday of Advent **BCP 211**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *(seated)* **Isaiah 40:1-11**

The Epistle Lesson *(seated)* **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Sequence Hymn, No. 67 *(standing)* *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

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 1:1-8**

The Sermon *(seated)* The Rev. Kellie Wilson

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

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. 70
Hymn No. 75
Hymn No. 60
*Herald, sound the note of judgment
There’s a voice in the wilderness crying
Creator of the stars of night*

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. 65 *(standing)* *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Dismissal **BCP 366**

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

Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent

The First Lesson **Isaiah 40:1-11**
Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord’s hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Lesson **2 Peter 3:8-15a**
Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson **Mark 1:1-8**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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