

**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. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Preacher  
The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Celebrant  
The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Assisting  
Jen Henikman & Clayton Williams, Lay Readers  
Tom Coker & Gayle Saylor, Vergers  
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music  
The Christ Church Parish Choir  
The Christ Church Altar Guild

**The Prayers of the People**

As we pray, please remember the following:  
Janie Ballew, Jane Crowder, Joe MacCabe, Gay Peden, Cory Riedl,  
Linda Robertson, Charlotte Scott, John Waldrop,  
Knox Haynsworth, Suzy Haynsworth

**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*

**Dexter Hagy**  
*Resource Development*

**Julie Haas**  
*Parish Life*

**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**

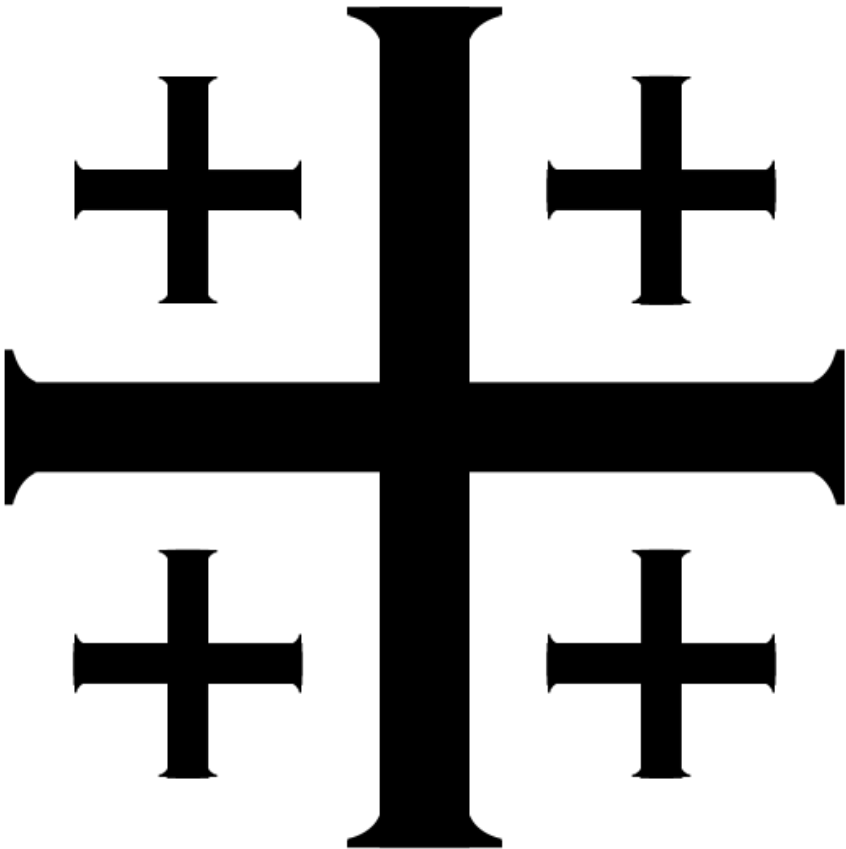
*Christ Church Preschool*  
**Christine Skelton**

*Resource Development*  
**Kristin Bennett**

**WORSHIP LEAFLET**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

*The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord*



*Historic Church Service*  
10:30 AM



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

## The Word of God

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

**Ringling of the Tower Bell**

*The congregation stands at the sound of the bell.*

**Hymn in Procession, No. 135** *(standing)* Songs of thankfulness and praise

**Opening Acclamation** **Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 299**  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God’s call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

**Collect of the Day**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** *(seated)*

**The Epistle Lesson** *(seated)*

**Sequence Hymn, No. 121** *(standing)* Christ, when for us you were baptized

*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.  
Children are encouraged to bring an offering with them for the collection.*

**The Gospel**

**The Sermon** *(seated)* The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod

**Presentation and Examination of Baptismal Candidates** **BCP 301**

**The Baptismal Covenant** *(standing)* **BCP 304**

**Prayers for the Candidates** **BCP 305**

**Thanksgiving over the Water** **BCP 306**

**The Baptisms** *(seated)* **BCP 307**

**The Welcoming of the Newly Baptized** *(standing)* **BCP 308**

**The Peace** **BCP 308**

**Welcome and Announcements** *(seated)*

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Sentences**

**Hymn at the Offertory, No. 370** *(seated)* Christ Church Parish Choir

*The congregation is invited to join in singing the Hymn at the Offertory, using this pattern:*

verse 1 - All  
verse 2 - All  
verse 3 - Women  
verse 4 - Men  
verse 5 - Women  
verse 6 - Choir Alone

*The congregation stands following Stanza 6 for the Presentation.*

verse 7 - All

One of the oldest texts in our hymnal, *I bind unto myself today* is attributed to St. Patrick and is an example of a breastplate prayer or “lorica” -a hymn to be chanted while dressing oneself or arming for battle. Another lorica found in our hymnal is the ever-popular *Be thou my vision*. This hymn, often referred to as *St. Patrick’s Breastplate*, is most often used on Trinity Sunday, at ordinations, baptisms, and confirmations.

**Presentation Hymn, No. 370, v. 7** *(standing)*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
the strong Name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all nature hath creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** **BCP 361**

**Sanctus (Hymnal, S-125)** Richard Proulx

**Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-154)** David Hurd

**Ministration of the Sacrament**

**Communion Music**  
**Hymn No. 117** *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*  
**Hymn No. 295** *Sing praise to our Creator*  
**Hymn No. 116** *“I come,” the great Redeemer cries*

*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. 119** *(standing)* As with gladness men of old

**Dismissal** **BCP 366**

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

## Readings for The First Sunday after the Epiphany

**The First Lesson** **Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson** **Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Lesson** **Mark 1:4-11**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**