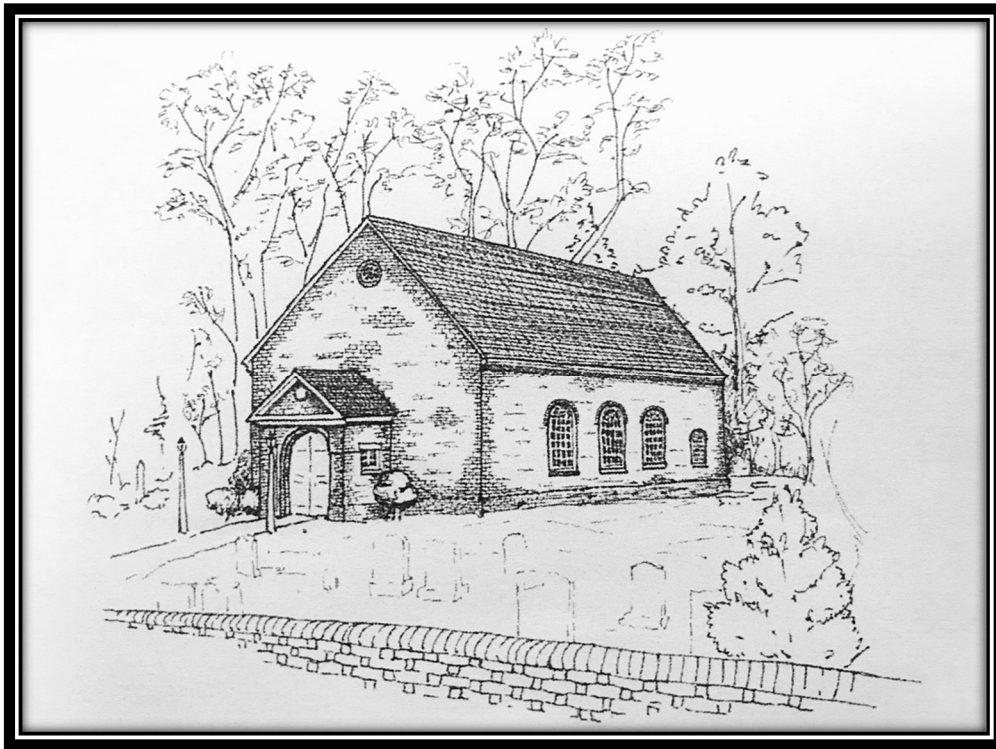


Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
December 8, 2024
10:30 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 8, 2024

Opening Voluntary	“Thornbury”	by Charles Callahan
Processional Hymn 444	“Blessed Be the God of Israel”	<i>Thornbury</i>
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Kyrie (Hymnal S-96)		BCP Page 35
THE WORD OF GOD		
The Collect of the Day		BCP Page 211
First Lesson		Malachi 3:1-4
Response: Canticle 16		BCP Page 92
Second Lesson		Philippians 1:3-11
Sequence Hymn 67	“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”	<i>Psalms 42</i>
Gospel		Luke 3:1-6
The Sermon		The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form I		BCP Page 383
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	“Advent Echo Carol”	by Mary Kay Beall
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B		BCP Page 367
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-130)		BCP Page 368
Lord’s Prayer		BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP Page 364
Angus Dei (Hymnal S-164)		BCP Page 364
Communion Voluntary	“Fantasy and Toccata on Psalm 42”	by Gert Van Hoef
Communion Hymn 75	“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”	<i>Ascension</i>
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 76	“On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry”	<i>Winchester New</i>
Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Closing Voluntary	“Winchester New”	by Jacob B. Weber

The Collect

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

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Benedicus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week

Those on our Prayer List: The Rev. Peg Moncure, Lurlene Samuel, Robin Wells, Jim Padgett, Ann Donoff, Joyce Reisinger, Taylor Johnson, Colt Johnson, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Lovey Jane Long, Tim Schwartz, Denise Brown, Louise Woods, Cyndy Bristow, Levi, Elizabeth Foley,

Andrea Mac-Fall, John Wilson, Garry Clay, Helen Tarran, Barbara Cockrell, John Hilliard, Bruce Forsberg, Mike Gorin, Bill Brown, Roxie Jones, Phil Brown.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Marilyn South, Jackie Gahan, Susan Hilliard, Don Harris, Ann Padgett.

We pray for our Diocese, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Emanuel, Rapidan; St. James the Less, Ashland; St. Andrews, Burke.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Acolyte/Lector	Jeff Shaw
Usher	Henry Moncure

Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant/Sermon	The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Deacon	The Rev. Peg Moncure
Organist –	Libby Boyer
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Lector	Page Wittkamp
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Ushers	Jeff & Susie Loustaunau
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke Susan Hilliard, Kathryn Humphreys
Flower Guild	Alyson Holt, Harriette Floyd
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

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