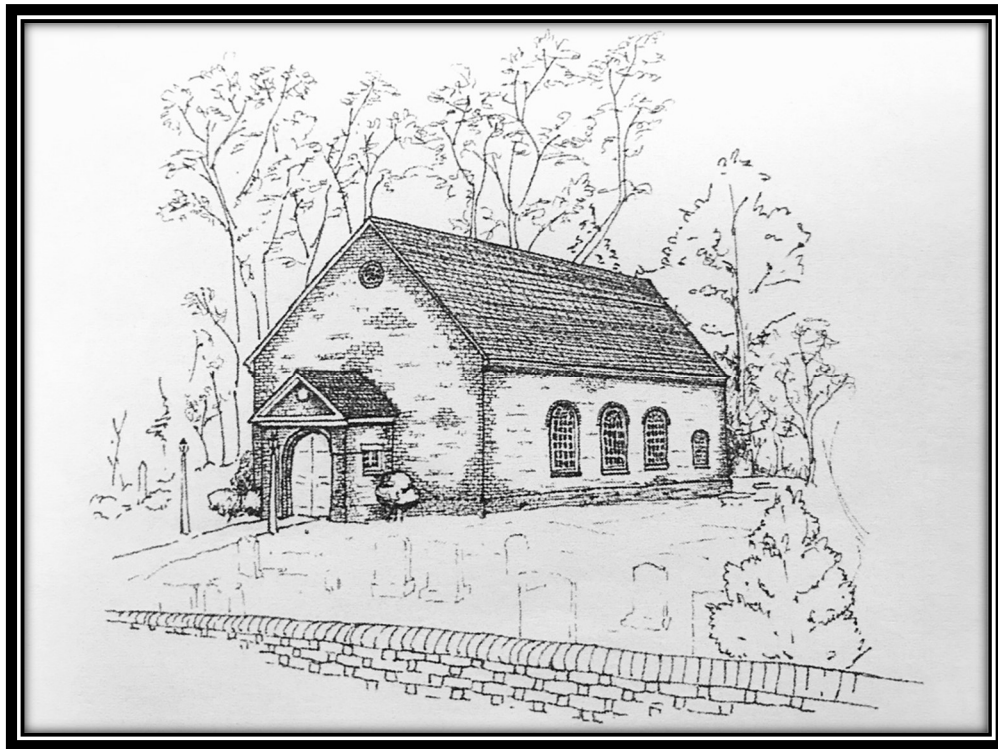


Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(*Episcopal*)

*December 15, 2024*

*10:30 a.m.*

*The Third 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.*

The Third Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 15, 2024

Opening Voluntary	“Prepare the Way, O Zion “	by Dale Wood
Processional Hymn 59	“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”	<i>Merton</i>
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Kyrie (Hymnal S-96)		BCP Page 356
THE WORD OF GOD		
The Collect of the Day		BCP Page 212
First Lesson		Zephaniah 3:14-20
Response: Canticle 9		BCP Page 86
Second Lesson		Philippians 4:4-7
Sequence Hymn 679	“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”	<i>Thomas Merton</i>
Gospel		Luke 3:7-18
The Sermon		The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
The Nicene Creed		BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People: Form III		BCP Page 387
The Confession and Absolution		BCP Page 360
The Peace		BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem	“Canticle of the Turning”	by Ray Cooney,
	arr. by Anne Krentz Organ (flute- Monica Melendez; Clay Neal- guitar)	
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	“An Advent Meditation”	by David Lasky
Communion Hymn 75		<i>Ascension</i>
	“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying”	
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 65	<i>Bereden vag</i> “Prepare the Way, O Zion”	
Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Closing Voluntary	“Zimbelstern on <i>Bereden vag for Herran</i> ”	by Paul Fey

## **The Collect**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

## **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

## Canticle      **The First Song of Isaiah**

Ecce Deus

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say, \*

**Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*

**and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*

**for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

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 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **The Gospel**

**Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And

we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

### **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, Bill Brown, Roxie Jones, Phil Brown.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Ann Padgett, Joe Jones, Mary Lynn Landgraf.

We pray for those who have died: Mike Gorin.

We pray for our Diocese; in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Gordonsville; Grace Church, Bremo Bluff; La Iglesia Santa Maria, Falls Church; St. James, Warrenton.

**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	Judy Quilter, Barbara 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	Alyson Holt
Crucifer / Acolyte	Ann Padgett
Ushers	Jeff & Susie Loustaunau
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Pat Anderson
	Marilyn South, Ginger Hellems
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Cathy Spence
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

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Scott Holt– Junior Warden '25	
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Garry Clay '24	Rick Smith '26
Ann de Peyster '24	Anne Wilcox '26
Henry Moncure '25	