

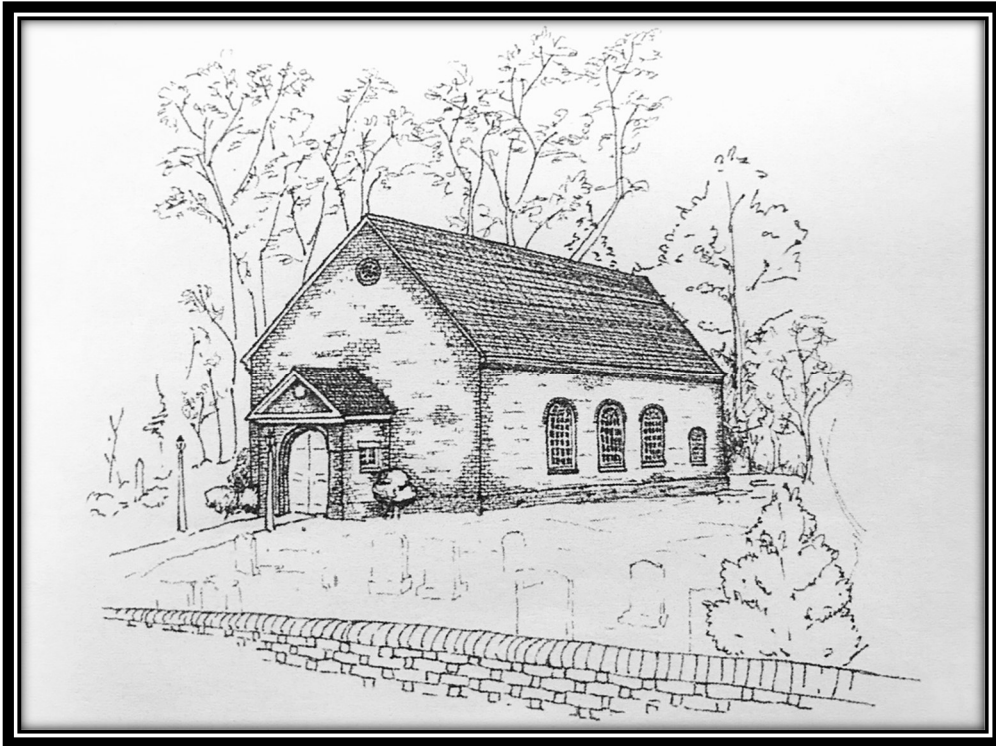
Welcome to Christ Church Parish

(Episcopal)

January 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*The First Sunday After the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ*



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 First Sunday After the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – January 7, 2024

The baptism of Jesus.

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| Opening Voluntary | <i>Deo Gracias</i> | Mary Beth Bennett |
| Proc. Hymn 117 | <i>Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning</i> | |
| Opening Sentences | | BCP Page 355 |
| The Gloria (S-278) | | |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| The Collect of the Day (1 st Sunday after the Epiphany) | BCP Page 214 |
| First Lesson | Genesis 1:1-5 |
| Psalms 29 | BCP Page 620 |
| Second Lesson | Acts 19:1-7 |
| Sequence Hymn 449 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 6) | <i>O Love, How Deep</i> |
| Gospel | Mark 1:4-11 |
| The Sermon | The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood |
| The Renewal of Baptismal Vows | BCP Page 292 |
| The Prayers of the People | Insert |
| The Confession and Absolution | BCP Page 360 |
| The Peace | BCP Page 360 |
| Offertory Anthem <i>Baptized in Water, Sealed by the Spirit</i> | |
| | arrangement by Yusuf Islam / Cat Stevens |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and strengthened to serve him for ever. *Amen.*

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| The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B | BCP Page 367 |
| Sanctus (S-128) | BCP Page 367 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP Page 364 |
| Breaking of the Bread: | |

We break the bread of life,
And that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

Giving of Communion:

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Com. Vol. *O Morning Star how fair and bright*

Kenneth T. Kosche

Post Communion Hymn 333 *Now the Silence*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

The Dismissal: We have come to Christ, the living water.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Agin-court Hymn

Charles Callahan

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anoint 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

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.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle

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 Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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."

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Jack Tarran, Helen Tarran, Tom Cockrell, Mike Gorin, Gibbie Mangum, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Zubin, Taylor Johnson, Shannon Budd, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Lucille Redmon, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, Trip Poates, Colt Johnson, Lovey Jane Long, Judy Erdman, and Mary Breeden.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Leigh Cros Wilson, Stuart Wood, Dina Parry, Garry Clay, and Jim Knupp.

We pray for our Parish Discernment Committee as they carry on their work.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Epiphany – Herndon, Good Shepherd of the Hills – Free Union, Messiah – Fredericksburg, and St. Paul’s – Bailey’s Crossroads.

**The mid-week Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday
Morning this week at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel.**

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Please remember that next Sunday,

January 14th, there is only ONE joint service

at 10:00 a.m.

followed immediately by the

Annual Congregational Meeting

in the parish hall.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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

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| Celebrant / Sermon | The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood |
| Deacon | The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon |
| Lector / Acolyte / Euch. Min. | Jeff Shaw |
| Ushers | Gordon White |

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

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| Celebrant / Sermon | The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood |
| Deacon | The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon |
| Organist | Libby Boyer |
| Prayers / Eucharistic Minister | Sharon Colston |
| Crucifer / Acolyte | Grace Parker |
| Lector | Miles Libbey |
| Ushers | Jeff & Susie Loustaunau |
| Altar Guild | Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, & Linda Irwin |
| Flower Guild | Cean Cawthorn, & Libby Boyer |
| Tech Team | Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler |

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NURSERY is provided upon request in the Parish Hall
RESTROOMS are located in the Parish Hall

Christ Church Parish Vestry

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| Garry Clay – Senior Warden ‘24 | |
| Scott Holt – Junior Warden ‘ 25 | |
| Betsy Evans ‘23 | Ann de Peyster ‘24 |
| Mike Gorin ‘23 | Bill Budd ‘25 |
| Clayton Neal ‘23 | Henry Moncure ‘25 |
| Karen Brown ‘24 | |