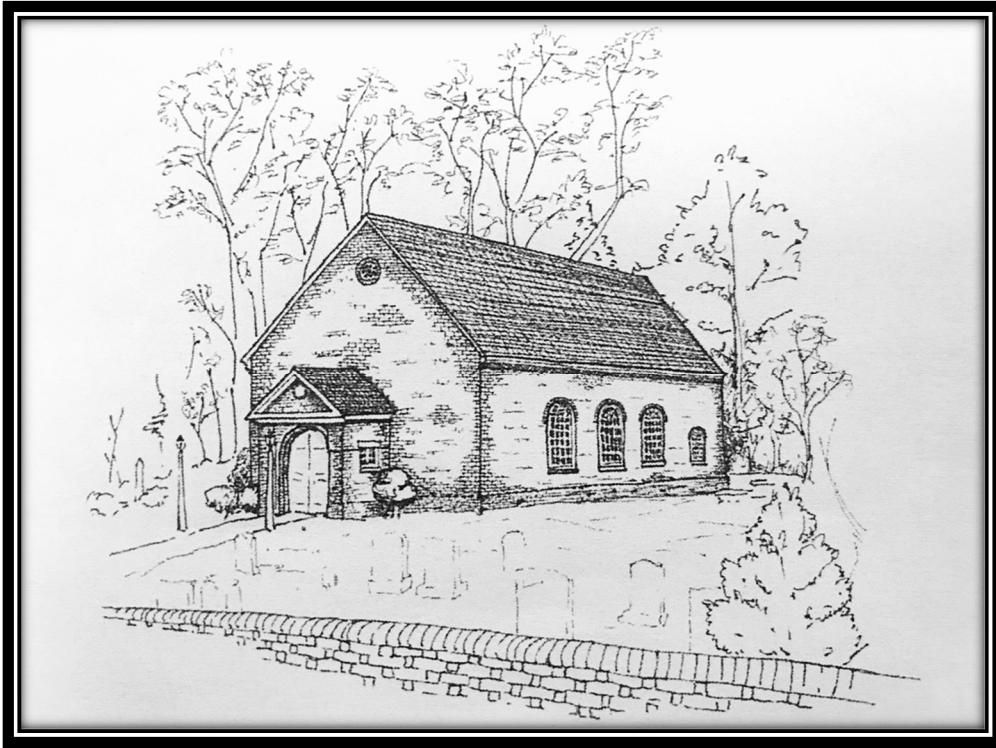


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)*

December 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Fourth 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 24, 2023

God's promise of favor to the house of David and to the people is fulfilled in Jesus. A mystery is revealed. The promise now includes the Gentiles.

Opening Voluntary *Come, Redeemer of Mankind* J.S. Bach
Processional Hymn 102 *Once in Royal David's City*
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Kyrie (S-96)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Advent 4*) BCP Page 212
First Lesson 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Choral Response *Magnificat* by Paul Tate Merri Hanson, soloist
Second Lesson Romans 16:25-27
Sequence Hymn 56 (verses 1-3) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Gospel Luke 1:26-38
The Sermon The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People Insert
The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem *The Angel Gabriel* Merri Hanson, soloist

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us
 from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise
 a dwelling place for your glory. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361
Sanctus (S-130) BCP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364

Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are
many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Voluntary	Meditation on <i>Picardy</i>	John Carter
Post Communion Hymn 324	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	
The Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCPP Page 366
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 436	<i>Lift Up Your Heads</i>	
The Dismissal: As we await our coming Savior,		
	go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i>	<i>In the name of Christ. Amen.</i>	
Closing Voluntary	<i>Tidings</i>	John E. Wigal

The Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I command-ed to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your king-dom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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, Harper Alexander & Mary Breeden.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Suzanne Berry, Bill Snider, and Priscilla Johnson; and with those celebrating anniversaries: Chip & Jean Holt.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all Altar and Flower Guilds, and Choirs.

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

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