

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 19, 2021
*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.*
Prelude Two Carols from Six Carol Settings Wilbur Held
Of the Father's Love Begotten
Forest Green

Proc. Hymn 56 (vs. 1, 5, 6, & 7) “O come, O come, Emmanuel”
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The Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Postlude “From Heaven Above to Earth / Come” Wilbur Held

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

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little
clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one
who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until
the time when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of
Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the
strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of
the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he
shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be
the one of peace.

The Song of Mary

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and
holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices
and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have
prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I
have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the
book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You
have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices
and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings"
(these are offered according to the law), then he added,
"See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will
that we have been sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a
Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the
house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When
Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and
exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why
has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your
greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And
blessed is she who believed that there would be a
fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

**The Wednesday mid-week Eucharist, in the chapel,
is at 9:30 a.m. This Wednesday we will
commemorate St. Thomas the Apostle**

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Joe Jones 12/19, Mary Lynn Landgraf 12/19, Suzanne Berry 12/24, and Bob Guillotte 12/24; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Miller & Ginger Smither 12/21, and Ray & Martha Stokes 12/22.

We pray for the search committee of our diocese as they discern the candidates for the election of our 14th Diocesan Bishop and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and members of St. Asaph's – Bowling Green, St. James – Montross, and St. Paul's - Montross.

Advent suppers and program

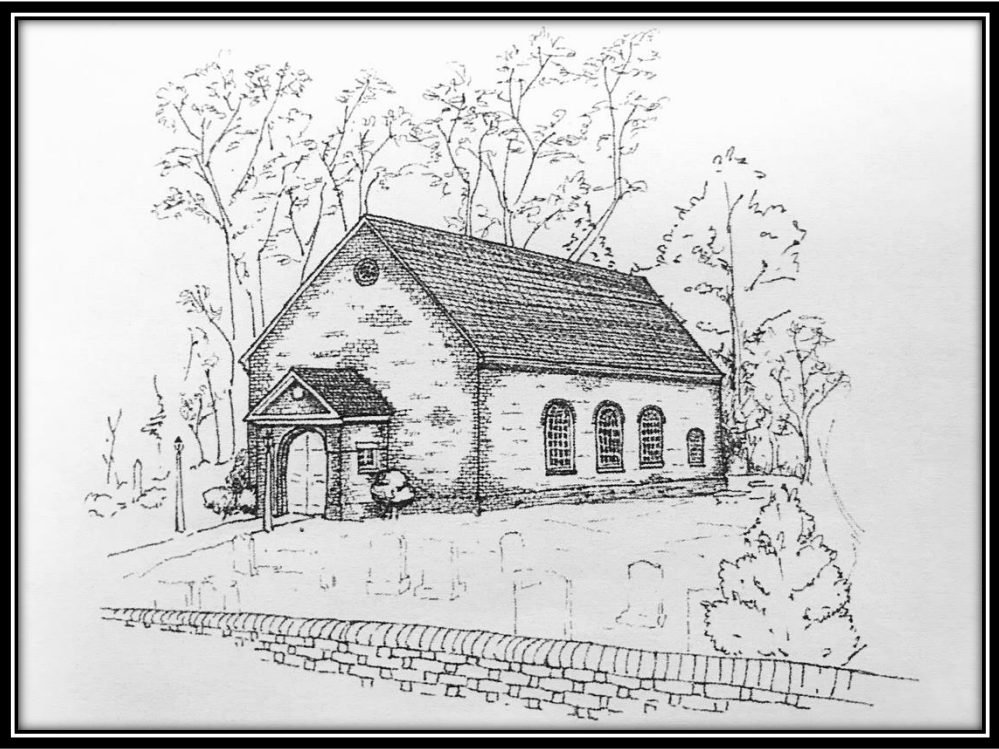
Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a light supper followed from 6:00 to 7:00 for our Advent study. Please sign-up for the meal on the bulletin board in the parish hall so that the cooks will know how many to prepare for. These will be December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.

*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)*

December 19, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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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.*