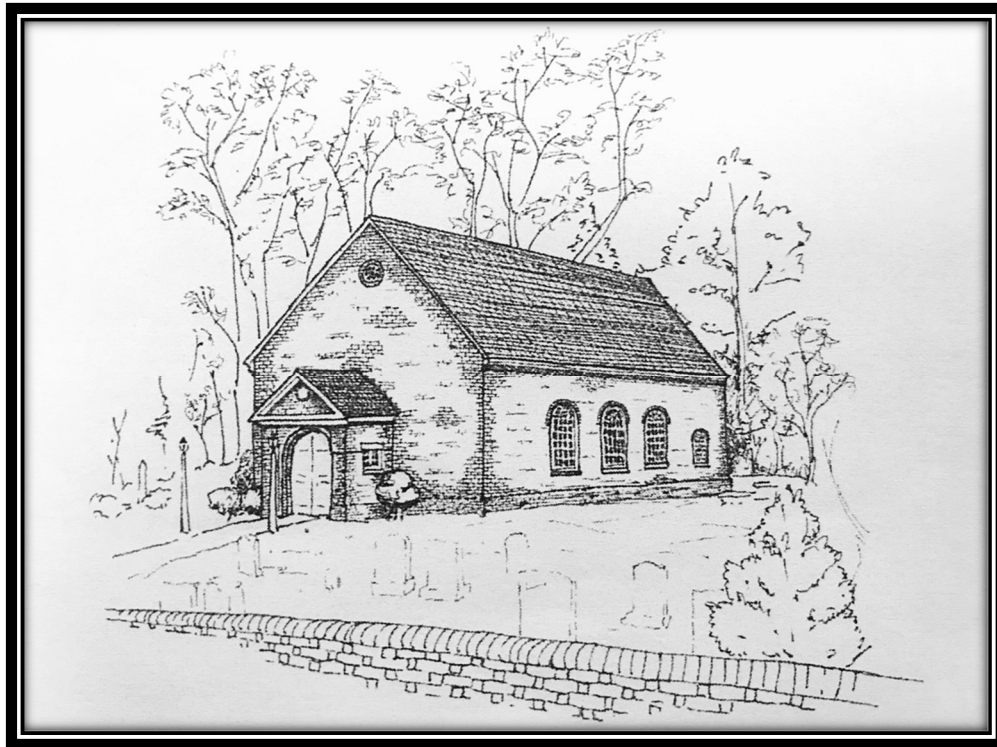


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)*

December 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

The First 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 First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 3, 2023

Keep Awake!

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| Opening Voluntary | <i>Wachet, Auf</i> | J. S. Bach |
| Processional Hymn 61 | <i>Sleepers, Wake!</i> | |
| Opening Sentences | | BCP Page 355 |
| Kyrie (S-96) | | |

THE WORD OF GOD

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| The Collect of the Day (<i>Advent I</i>) | | BCP Page 211 |
| First Lesson | | Isaiah 64:1-9 |
| Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18 | | BCP Page 702 |
| Second Lesson | | I Corinthians 1:3-9 |
| Sequence Hymn (<i>see insert</i>) | <i>Come, Israel's Shepherd</i> | |
| Gospel | | Mark 13:24-37 |
| 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 | <i>Change My Heart O God</i> | Eddie Espinoza |

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.*

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| 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 Anthem *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Post Communion Hymn (*see insert*) *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP Page 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 53 *Once He Came in Blessing*

The Dismissal: As we await our coming Savior,

go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Closing Voluntary

Wake, Awake

Robert A. Hobbie

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence -- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
**how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Taylor Johnson, Shannon Budd, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Lucille Redmon, Jenny Wright, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, Trip Poates, & Colt Johnson.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Anne Donoff, Mary Anne Harris-White, Barbee Phipps, Jean T. Holt, Ellie Wilton, and Jim Hill.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of: Holy Cross – Batesville, and St. Stephen's - Heathsville.

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

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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 | John Quilter, Scott Holt, and Bill Budd |

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 / Euch. Min. | Grace Parker |
| Crucifer / Acolyte | Ann Padgett |
| Lector | Lydia Dudley |
| Ushers | |
| Altar Guild | Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, and Linda Irwin |
| Flower Guild | Cean Cawthorn, and Libby Boyer |
| Tech Team | Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler |

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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 | |