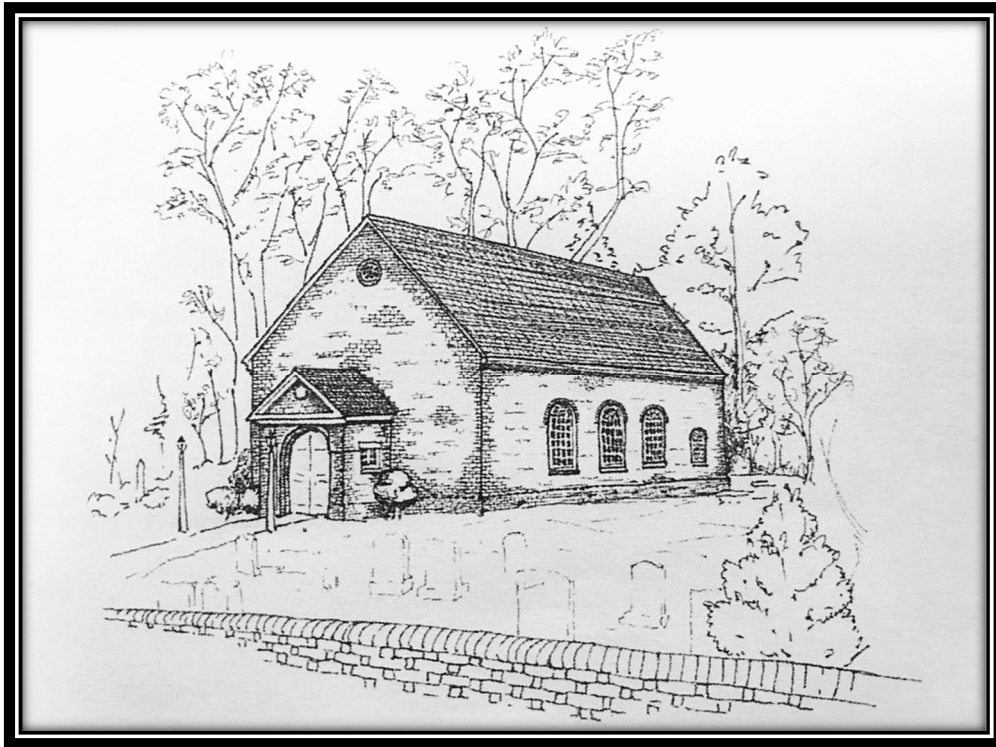


Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)

February 2, 2025

10:30 a.m.

The Presentation of Our Lord
Scout Sunday



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.*

Holy Eucharist: Rite II – February 2, 2025

The Presentation of Our Lord

Scout Sunday

Opening Voluntary	“Truro”	by J. Wayne Kerr
Processional Hymn 436	<i>Truro</i>	“Lift Up Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”
Opening Sentences		BCP Page 355
The Gloria (Hymnal S-280)		BCP Page 356
THE WORD OF GOD		
The Collect of the Day		BCP Page 239
First Lesson		Malachi 3:1-4
Psalms 24:7-10	<i>Domini est terra</i>	BCP Page 613
Second Lesson		Hebrews 2:14-18
Sequence Hymn 490	<i>Houston</i>	“I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”
Gospel		Luke 2:22-40
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
Children’s Sermon		The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
Offertory Anthem	“Let there Be Peace On Earth”	
	by Sy Miller & Jill Jackson; Trombone – Steve Kancianic	
The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B		BCP Page 367
Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal S-129)		BCP Page 368
Lord’s Prayer		BCP Page 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP Page 364
Communion Hymn 649	<i>Dickinson College</i>	“O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts”
The Post Communion Prayer		BCP Page 365
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 530	<i>Gott sei dank</i>	“Spread, O Spread Thy Mighty Word”
Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ		
People: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>		

The Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Psalm 24:7-10

Domini est terra

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

The Epistle

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week

Those on our Prayer List: 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, Dolly Cronk, Ellen Johnson.

We give thanks for those who are celebrating their birthday this week: Chip Holt, Joyce Reisinger, Ann Harris, and Thyra Harris.

We pray for our Diocese, and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: Christ Church, Brandy Station; Emmanuel, Greenwood; St. Christopher's, Springfield.

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	Scouts
Crucifer / Acolyte	Scouts, Tom Clarke
Ushers	Dave South, Chris Jones
Altar Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Barbara Shaw, Lydia Dudley, Grace Parker, Virginia Miller, Marilyn South, Linda Irwin
Flower Guild	Cean Cawthorn, Libby Boyer
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Jeff Loustanaou, Rusty Spears, Monica Melendez, & Jack Fackler

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The Rev. Randi Rowe- Priest in Charge
The Rev. Dr. Robert Prichard- Priest Associate
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