Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion January 12, 2025, 10:00AM

Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



1 Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome! Whether you are visiting for the first time or are a lifelong member, we are glad you are here. Whatever your religious background and wherever you are on your faith journey, we hope you encounter the Sacred here.

You'll notice that in our worship services not all people participate in exactly the same ways. Part of what makes The Episcopal Church special is that people with diverse beliefs and practices worship together here. We invite you to participate in the service as you feel comfortable. You are free to sit, stand or kneel; cry and laugh; doubt and question; hold hands with your partner; sit silently; or sing off key. Children are a blessing, not a bother, so don't be worried if they wiggle.

Most of the material you need is in this bulletin; as well as *The Hymnal 1982*, the songbook *Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (has a cross on the front). There are Bibles in the pews in various translations, feel free to leaf through, or even take one, if you'd like.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ's eternal banquet. In the Episcopal Church it is our tradition to welcome everyone to receive communion. This is God's table, not our table; and God welcomes everyone to share in the Body of Christ.

Following the service, please join us for refreshments in St. Joseph's Hall. There are often presentations of varied topics of interest in the Adult Forum.

If you have questions about our church, please speak with a clergyperson, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or rita@christchurchmedia.org. To join our emailing list, please fill out the tan visitor card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the collection plate.

God loves and accepts you, just as you are, and we do too. Welcome!

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutierrez - Bishop The Rev. Fr. Ernest Galaz – Rector The Rev. Dcn. Joseph German - Deacon Mr. Kurt Brunner – Senior Warden

1 Epiphany Guest Celebrant: The Rev. Bud Holland Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German Organist: Mr. Joel Lenderman

Opening Hymn 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Gloria – Lau

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship you. We adore you. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray... Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed 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. **People** Amen.

The First Reading

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Isaiah 43:1-7

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

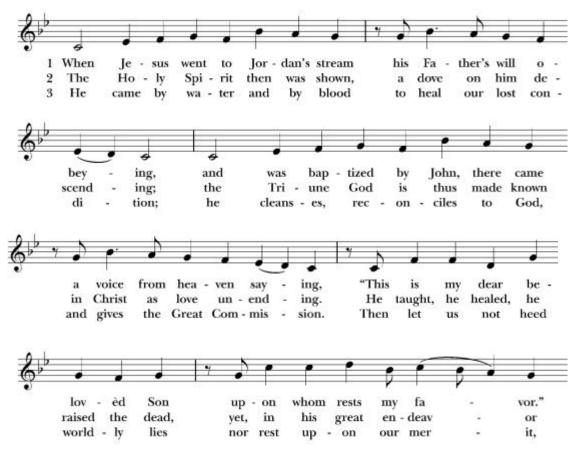
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; * the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; * the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 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.

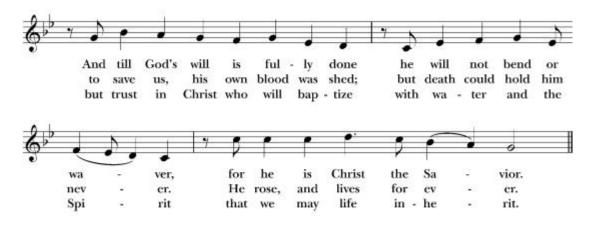
The Epistle

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.
The Word of the Lord.

Gradual Hymn 139 "When Jesus went to Jordan's stream"





The Gospel

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 3:15-17,21-22PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

ReaderThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Bud Holland

Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light. true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man (truly human). For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, And his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. he has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We look in faith today toward the Lord, the one on whom God's favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the baptized gathered in this church, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those preparing for baptism and for their families, that they might draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen, the light of the nations, and our light, let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the healing of all those who are blind to God's impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the consolation and support of all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, emotionally; for all who are ill; especially for those dying of incurable diseases and those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The people may add their petitions and thanksgivings aloud or silently.

The Celebrant concludes with a Collect

All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayer for Birthdays

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem "Shall We Gather at the River" R. Lowry/arr. J. Coates

Doxology Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.

CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Santcus – Lau

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.Heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem "Whoever Comes to Me" – Arlen Clarke Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, And who ever believes in me shall never thirst; Send out your light and your truth That they may lead me to your holy hill.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. The Body of Christ for the Body of Christ. Be what you see. Receive what you are.

Communion Hymn LEV 118 "Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You"

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you, With His Spirit and His love, Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul, Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, And His Spirit like a dove, Will descend upon your life, and make you whole. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Oh, come and sing this song with gladness, As your hearts are filled with joy, Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. Oh, give Him all our tears and sadness, Give Him all your years of pain, And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, Oh, Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Hymn LEV 111 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"





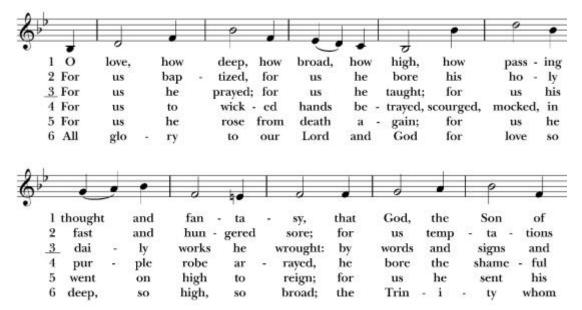
Let us pray.

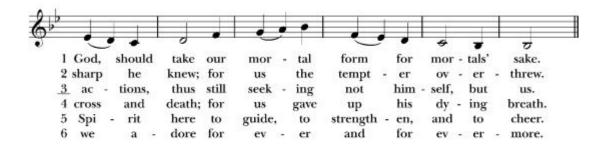
Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 448 "O Love, How Deep"





The Dismissal

Celebrant:Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People:Thanks be to God.

The Altar Wine, Bread, and Candles are given to the Glory of God by Carol Smith in loving memory of Pam Smith and Chuck Smith. **INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST** – (friends, family and acquaintances of parishioners) Pat, Barbara, Doug, Debbie, Judith, Kurt, Connor, Bruce, Bonnie, Cynthia, Robert, Mark, Linda, Greg, Cecelia, Chris, Rose, Jo, Dolores, Jean, Terry, Jimmy, Jeannine, Paula, John, Joanne, Bobbi, Dan, Bette, Beth, Emily

WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK

BIRTHDAYS: Joel Lenderman, Leslie Bullitt, Oliver Donnellan

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II, the 10am service is live-streamed.

<u>WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE</u> <u>WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and</u> <u>SERVICE</u> Every Wednesday, all are invited to join in a spiritually uplifting morning. Intercessory Prayer at 10am; Bible Study at 11am in the Rector's Office. Following Bible Study, the midday service is offered in the Chapel. All are welcome!

NURSERY CARE Nursery care is available today from 9:30am—12:30pm for infants to 3 years of age in the Acorn Classroom located on the lower level. De Anna Hickson, Nursery care giver.

<u>ADULT FORUM</u> All adults are invited to participate in Adult Forum that follows our 10am worship service each Sunday and meet in St. Joseph's Hall.

If you'd like to present a topic at an upcoming Adult Forum, or if you have an idea for a topic, please contact Beth Termini 978-239-3937

CHURCH SCHOOL Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 3 years of age through 5th grade meet in St. Mary's Hall. Church School ends promptly at 12:15pm.

YOUTH GROUP All youth grades 6 – 12 are invited to join us immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. This Group meet in the new Meeting Room located on the lower level adjacent to the Butterfly class, from 11:30-12:15pm. For more information please contact Frank Mathews at kanefrank86@yahoo.com.

ST. MARY'S FOOD COLLECTION Many people in our area suffer food insecurity. You can help by adding a few things to your grocery cart each week and bringing them to church. Christ Church coordinates regular collection of non-perishable food items for St. Mary's Cupboard in Chester.

<u>CHRIST CHURCH BOOK CLUB</u> All are welcomed to come on **Tuesday, January 14 at 11am** in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the book, "<u>Absolution</u>" by Alice McDermott.

<u>ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 26</u> The annual business meeting of Christ Church is scheduled for **Sunday, January 26** in St. Joseph's Hall. **There will be one service at 9am,** and a light lunch will follow the meeting. In addition to reviewing our ministries and finances, we will elect vestry members and three deputies to Diocesan Convention.

Reminder! All ministry leaders and committee chairs must submit their reports no later than **January 19** for inclusion in the Annual Report. Please email your submissions to rita@christchurchmedia.org

<u>CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP</u> There will not be a January Grief Group due to scheduling conflicts. Beginning in February, the Grief Group will meet on the SECOND Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or years ago.

<u>CHILI COOK-OFF</u> - *CHANGE OF DATE*! Mark your calendars for our 30th Annual Chili Cook-off and Bingo Night on **Saturday, February 22nd!** Join us for a fun-filled evening of delicious chili, exciting bingo games, and great fellowship. More information to follow.

BLESSING BAG MINISTRY – ST. STEPHEN'S, NORWOOD Volunteers needed for food distribution every Friday night from 5-7 pm. We are there to assist patrons who come in for free food and essentials. We distribute pre-made meal's, produce, baked goods, Wawa breakfast sandwiches, and blessing bags. Blessing bags are for kids and contain meals for the weekend, breakfast and lunch. We also need volunteers on Thursday to assemble blessing bags. We distribute 100 + bags each week!! This is a great volunteer opportunity for all adults and teens. Any questions, please contact Deacon Joe via email josephagermann425@gmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR ELEMENTS You can donate the altar flowers or the altar elements to commemorate an anniversary, birthday, other special occasion, or in memory of a loved one. Just sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway and write your dedication in the space provided. The donation requested for flowers is \$50 and for altar elements it is \$25. Make checks payable to Christ Church memo: flower fund or altar elements. This makes a beautiful and thoughtful gift! Charts for 2025 are now posted.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

1 Epiphany, January 12 8AM

Altar – Peter Falcone OT, Psalm – Holly Cunningham PP – Geoff Kitson NT, CB – Steve Falcone

10AM

Crucifer — Robert Miller 1st Server – Ivy Comerford 2nd Server – Maya Scranton Gospeler – Frank Mathews OT, Psalm – Jo Trout NT – Carol Smith PP – Mary Ann Klassen CB1 – Dave Kla CB2 – Patti Davis

Ushers 8AM Geoff Kitson, Holly Cunningham 10AM Jim Mayer, Adrianne Somaru

2 Epiphany, January 19 8AM

Altar – Steve Falcone OT, Psalm – Sandy McKeown PP – Holly Cunningham NT, CB – Peter Falcone

10AM

Crucifer – Frank Mathews 1st Server – Maya Scranton 2nd Server – Gospeler – Caroline Lenderman OT, Psalm – Callie Scranton NT – Claire Comerford PP – Sue Welfley CB1 – Scott Scranton CB2 – Ivy Comerford

Ushers 8AM Sandy & Jim McKeown 10AM Ron Mecklin, Faith Elcock

Weekly Calendar

1 Epiphany, January 12

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Nursery care 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30am Coffee Hour **Monday, January 13**

Tuesday, January 14 11am Book Club, SJH Wednesday, January 15 9:30am Music, SJH 10:00am Intercessory Prayer 11:00am Bible Study 12:15pm Midday Service 7pm Choir Rehearsal 8pm AA Meeting, SJH Thursday, January 16

Friday, January 17

Saturday, January 18 9am Altar Guild 2 Epiphany, January 19 8am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:30am Nursery care 10am Holy Eucharist Rite II 11:30am Church School 11:30am Youth Group

ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz. <u>frernie@christchurchmedia.org</u> Organist/Choir Director: Mr. Joel Lenderman, joel@christchurchmedia.org Treasurer: Mr. Geoff Kitson, <u>gkitson@christchurchmedia.org</u> Parish Administrator: Mrs. Rita Caserta, <u>rita@christchurchmedia.org</u> Preschool Director: Mrs. Lori Crussard, <u>lori@christchurchmedia.org</u>

Vestry

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Heather Comerford, Preschool Karen Mason, Parish Life Robert Miller, Liturgical Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden Rob Miller, Outreach Patti Davis, Operations Warden Stephanie Untz, Operations Back up

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Jo Trout, Hospitality

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