

# Christ Episcopal Church

*A Parish of the Anglican Communion*

**February 16, 2025, 10:00AM**

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**Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.**

*(Christ Church's Mission Statement)*



**6 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 clergy person, one of the ushers, or a greeter after the service or contact the church office, 610-566-7525 or [rita@christchurchmedia.org](mailto: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**

## 6 Epiphany

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ernest Galaz**

**Deacon: The Rev. Joseph German**

**Organist: Mr. Steven Neau**

**Prelude**            Elevation in A-flat, *Alexandre Guilmant*

### **Opening Hymn 296 “We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”**

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;  
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.  
Reborn we share with him in Easter life  
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.  
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.  
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ’s new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe restored and whole will sing.  
Alleluia! Amen

**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... O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People      Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

*Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is in the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

# Gradual Hymn 635 "If thou but trust in God"

*Unison or harmony*

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through  
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,  
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.  
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

## **The Gospel**

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 6:17-26

People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Reader            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**Rev. Ernie Galaz**

## **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**

With all our heart and with our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God. In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life. Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched and withered hearts with the streams of your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, you brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters and through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing, that we all may hope in your dominion of justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy One, in Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled. Heal our diseases. Remove the evil spirit of racism. Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**



Leader: Gracious Lord, your mercy encompasses all creation. Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny and distort your presence in the midst. Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Lord, from creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions. Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your dominion. Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Abba God, you came to us little and vulnerable. Make us see and become one with the poor that we may share in your dominion. Make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find our satisfaction in serving others. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### **The Celebrant concludes with a Collect**

Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that you are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **In observance of Black History month, we'll pray a different collect each week.**

#### **This one is from the Diocese of West Virginia, Commission to End Racism.**

Creator of all people, in our amazing diversity of size, shape, color, and giftedness: guide us, by your grace, to recognize the beauty and fitness of all whom you have made in your own image. Give us gifts of humility and generosity of spirit to recognize in all people, the face of our Savior, Jesus, and to practice his commandment to "love one another," toward the end of bringing harmony and peace among persons of all colors, origins, and abilities, for the sake of your Kingdom. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People        And 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

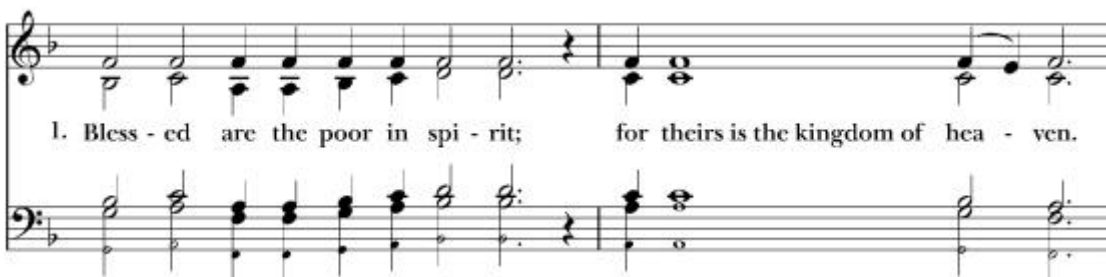
O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Offertory Hymn 560 "Remember your servants Lord"

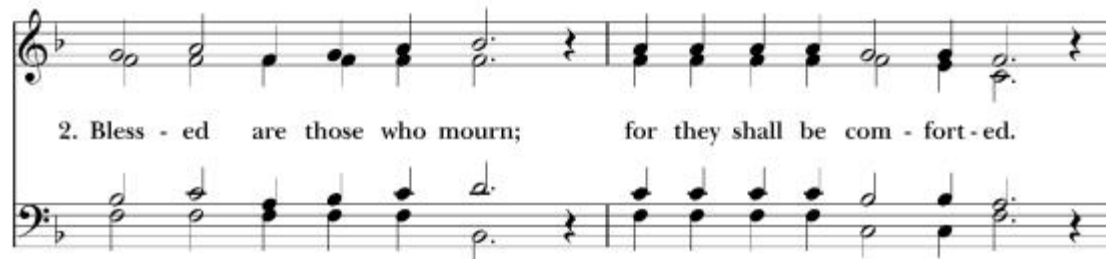
*Antiphon*



Re - mem - ber your ser - vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow - er.



1. Bless - ed are the poor in spi - rit; for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.



2. Bless - ed are those who mourn; for they shall be com - fort - ed.



3. Bless - ed are the meek; for they shall in - her - it the earth.

4. Bless - ed are those who hunger and thirst af - ter right - eous - ness;

for they shall be sat - is - fied. 5. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful;

for they shall ob - tain mer - cy. 6. Bless - ed are the pure in heart;

for they shall see God. 7. Bless - ed are the peace - ma - kers;

for they shall be called the chil - dren of God.

8. Bless - ed are those who are perse - cut - ed for right - eous - ness' sake;

for theirs is the kingdom of hea - ven.

9. Bless - ed are you when the world re - viles you and per - se - cutes you;

and utters all manner of evil against you false - ly for my sake:

Re-joice and be ex-ceed-ing glad; for great is your reward in hea - ven.

*Antiphon*

Re-mem-ber your ser-vants, Lord, when you come in your kingly pow-er.

*The second bass part is optional.*

**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.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It 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 333** "Now the silence now the peace"



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty  
hands up - lift - ed Now the kneel - ing Now the plea  
Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come Now the hear - ing  
Now the power Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing  
Now the Bo - dy Now the Blood Now the joy - ful

cel - e - bra - tion Now the wed - ding Now the songs  
 Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing Now the Spi - rit's  
 vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - an - y  
 Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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 544 "Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun"**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

### The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright", *Walter L. Pelz*

**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, Dan, Bette, Beth, Emily, Grace

**WE CELEBRATE THIS WEEK**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Stefanie Lenderman, Dan Weber, Jim Castellan, Jan Ross, Jean Donaphon

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

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE** **WEDNESDAY PRAYER, BIBLE STUDY, and SERVICE** 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.

**ADULT FORUM** All adults are invited to participate in Adult Forum that follows our 10am worship service each Sunday and meet in St. Joseph's Hall. We thank Valerie Mewha for hosting today's coffee hour.

Upcoming topics:

Feb. 16 – An inside look at a FEMA deployment, Maggie Dunn presenter

Feb. 23 – Vestry Meeting

Mar. 2 – A Holy Lent, Fr. Ernie presenter

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 email: [terminibeth@hotmail.com](mailto:terminibeth@hotmail.com)

**CHURCH SCHOOL** Church school is held immediately following the 10am Sunday worship service. All children 3 years of age through 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kanefrank86@yahoo.com).

**CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** This group meets on the SECOND Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. All are welcome, whether your loss is recent or years ago.

**Can You Consider Making a Pledge?** At our Annual Business Meeting last Sunday, we learned that while the financial status of our church is good, it will be even stronger if more members are able to think about pledging their support.

What does a pledge do? It allows the Finance Committee to plan prudently for the coming year. Just as it helps our households to know what amount of money will be coming in, likewise, it helps the church tremendously to know what it can expect.

Those who give through our on-line program are already pledging their amounts but need to complete a pledge card to have their donations count as a pledge.

Unless a donation is part of a pledge, it isn't considered part of the budget. While all gifts are deeply appreciated and needed, only pledged gifts can be taken into consideration in planning for the year.

Often members may be reluctant to commit to a pledge. One way to reduce any anxiety associated with a pledge could be to pledge for a lower amount than you actually give. But sharing your intent to support the church by pledging is an extra way to show your commitment, one that is truly appreciated.

If you are already being thoughtful and generous in supporting the church that we love, can you make a pledge today? Pledge cards are available in the parish office.

Thank you!

Doug Sisk and Pat Rizzo, Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS 2025** What are some of your favorite bible passages, prayers, psalms and inspirational messages that are meaningful to you? For this year's Lenten Devotional, we are looking for you to share these with us.

There is a signup sheet on the hallway bulletin board for you to let us know of your willingness to participate. The format is simple. Type your go to meaningful message, followed by your thoughts. Be sure you include the date and your name.

We will need your submission by **Monday, February 17th**. If possible, use Word Doc. Please email your devotional to [rita@christchurchmedia.org](mailto:rita@christchurchmedia.org).

Please consider this opportunity as a chance to deepen your spiritual life.

**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.

**30<sup>th</sup> Annual CHILI COOK-OFF and BINGO – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6 PM**

Mark your calendar for this fun-filled family opportunity to taste a variety of home-made delicious chilis, play bingo with family and friends and get to know a few more folks! Don't be shy, whip up your favorite chili and bring it along to share. If you prefer not to enter the contest, that's your call, but do not let that stop you from joining in on all the fun!!! There is no charge, a free-will offering will be taken. Do bring some funds for Bingo and 50/50 chances. Most importantly, please use the **sign up sheets on the bulletin board** to indicate your attendance, nut free food donations, and willingness to volunteer etc. P.S. This event is BYOB

**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](mailto: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. Since the Flower Committee's budget depends on donations, we are appreciative of these gifts so we may continue placing fresh flowers on our altar every Sunday. 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! Sign up today!

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED** The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

## How to Order a 170<sup>th</sup> History Book

We will be taking orders for the 170<sup>th</sup> history book through February 28<sup>th</sup>. The books will be printed and delivered in March. The cost is \$15 each, payable in advance.

There are several ways you can place an order:

- Sundays during coffee hour
- Leave an envelope with a check or cash with Rita in the office. Make checks payable to “Christ Church Media” and specify “170<sup>th</sup> book” on the “for” line
- Leave an envelope with a check or cash in the collection plate. Make sure to specify “170<sup>th</sup> book” on the envelope and include your name and the number of copies you want
- Pay via your church Realm account
- Pay via Venmo or Paypal to Patti Davis, or via Quickbooks directly to Christ Church

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## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

### **6 Epiphany, Feb. 16**

#### **8AM**

Altar – Rob Miller  
OT, Psalm – Geoff Kitson  
PP – Holly Cunningham  
NT, CB – Kate Zurick

#### **10AM**

Crucifer – Frank Mathews  
1<sup>st</sup> Server – Ivy Comerford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Claire Comerford  
OT, Psalm – Carol Smith  
NT – Marylee Bunting  
PP – Ron Spinelli  
Gospeler – Frank Mathews  
PB – Ron Spinelli  
CB1 – Jo Trout  
CB2 – Sue Welfley

### **Ushers**

#### **8AM**

Ginny Davis, Gregg Smith

#### **10AM**

Jim Mayer, Ron Mecklin

### **7 Epiphany, Feb. 23**

#### **8AM**

Altar – Peter Falcone  
OT, Psalm – Sandy McKeown  
PP – Ginny Davis  
NT, CB – Steve Falcone

#### **10AM**

Crucifer – Scott Scranton  
1<sup>st</sup> Server – Maya Scranton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Server – Nora Dufner  
OT, Psalm – Bethany Dufner  
NT – Claire Comerford  
PP – Callie Scranton  
Gospeler – Ivy Comerford  
PB -  
CB1 – Caroline Lenderman  
CB2 – Scott Scranton

### **Ushers**

#### **8AM**

Sandy & Jim McKeown

#### **10AM**

Jim Mayer, Faith Elcock

## Weekly Calendar

### **6 Epiphany, February 16**

8am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:30am Nursery Care  
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30am Church School  
11:30am Adult Forum

### **Monday, February 17**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, February 18**

9:30am Archives Committee

### **Wednesday, February 19**

9:30am Music Class, SJH  
10:00am Intercessory Prayer  
11:00am Bible Study  
11:00am Finance Meeting  
12:15pm Midday Service  
7pm Choir Rehearsal  
8pm AA Meeting, SJH

### **Thursday, February 20**

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**Friday, February 21**

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**Saturday, February 22**

9am Altar Guild  
6pm Chili Cook Off Event  
**7 Epiphany, February 23**  
8am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
9:30am Nursery Care  
10am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:30am Church School  
11:30am Vestry Meeting

## ABOUT OUR CHURCH

Rector: The Reverend Ernest Galaz, [frernie@christchurchmedia.org](mailto:frernie@christchurchmedia.org)

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Preschool Director: Mrs. Lori Crussard, [lori@christchurchmedia.org](mailto:lori@christchurchmedia.org)

### **Vestry**

#### **2026**

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis, Operations Warden

Stephanie Untz, Preschool Liaison

#### **2027**

Jo Trout, Hospitality

Peggy Levesque, Secretary of Vestry

#### **2028**

Frank Mathews, Liturgical

Mary Ellen Maatman, Communications

Alicia McCarthy, Parish Life

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

**8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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