

Christ Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Anglican Communion

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Empowered by Jesus to love, serve, and lead.

(Christ Church's Mission Statement)



**1 Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord
Holy Eucharist Rite I**

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. 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: The Baptism of Our Lord
Guest Celebrant: The Reverend Bud Holland
Deacon: The Reverend Joseph German

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

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

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

Amen.

Summary of Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria

Glorify be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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.
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

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 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

Acts 8:14-17

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke 3:15-17,21-22

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Bud Holland

The 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 (All Stand)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Greetings and Announcements

Prayers 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.**

Prayers 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving, (Eucharistic Prayer I)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his

mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Invitation

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.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

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.

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.

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.

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

ANNUAL MEETING – JANUARY 26 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

CHRIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 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.

CHILI COOK-OFF - 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, Adrienne 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

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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

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Vestry

2025

Heather Comerford, Preschool

Karen Mason, Parish Life

Robert Miller, Liturgical

Kate Zurick, Secretary & Communications

2026

Kurt Brunner, Rector's Warden

Rob Miller, Outreach

Patti Davis, Operations Warden

Stephanie Untz, Operations Back up

2027

Jo Trout, Hospitality

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

8AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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