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From the Rector:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." Luke 1.26-29

I have been to Mary's house in Nazareth. It is quite small, smaller than most living rooms.

Dirt floor. Mud walls. Extremely humble.

We do not know how many siblings Mary had, but there was not much personal space in their home. So privacy was negligible to non-existent for her.

Mary was likely very young. Teenager-young. Perhaps early-teenager young.

Which makes her selection by the Creator of the Universe all the more remarkable.

God could have chosen a princess, but He chose Mary. The Lord could have chosen an adult, a National Merit finalist, Miss Universe, but He chose Mary.

God chose to enter into the world through a young teenage girl living in a very modest home in a very small town in a minor part of the Roman Empire.

Mary's response to Gabriel is, perhaps, the greatest statement of faith in the Bible.

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name." Luke 1.46-49

As you celebrate Thanksgiving and begin the walk through Advent, remember that God has chosen you. He has chosen to love you. He has chosen to bless you. He has chosen to save you.

The Lord has called you to a great task—to know Christ. I pray that this Advent, the Lord will do great things in your life. Preparing you—as never before—to celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Advent!


David +





Thank you to the **202** families
who have participated, *so far*, in
God's Generosity: Our Response,
2023 Stewardship Campaign.

As of today,
we have 20 new pledgors and
36 pledges have been made online.

Need more information, contact:
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TIDINGS of

TUESDAYS at noon in the NAVE

November 29, 2022
UT TYLER PATRIOT SINGERS,
Dr. Cameron Rose, *conductor*

December 6, 2022
DUO RENARD,
Mark Miller, *violin*; Ute Miller, *viola*

December 13, 2022
WOODWIND QUINTET, *Faculty of UTT*
Jeffrey Emge, Sue Bugg, Sharon Deuby,
Sarah Roberts, & Austin Seybert

December 20, 2022
vibré, *Handbell Ensemble*

**TUESDAYS in ADVENT
NOONTIME CONCERT SERIES**
followed by a light lunch

music at Christ Church

Jeffrey Ford / *Choirmaster & Organist*

Blessed Advent to you!

It won't be long and it will be time to wish a Blessed Advent. It is that time of the year and that means two things. It means that the Tidings of Joy Noon-Time concert series will begin and that the Chancel Choir will be presenting the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. We now have 23 singers in the Chancel Choir. Please consider helping to spread the news and invite your friends and neighbors to these events. It would be a great thing to fill the Nave for these concerts and service. Thank you for your support of the Music offerings here at Christ Church.



Mark your **CHRISTMAS** *calendars*

December 18

C IRIS CHURCH SOUTH
11:05AM CHRISTMAS PAG ANI

December 24

C IRIS CHURCH DOWNTOWN
4:00 PM C IRIS MAS PAGI AN
7:30 PM C IRIS MAS EVI SIRVIC
10:30 MIDNIGHT/CAN DLE TIG II SIRVIC

December 25

11:05AM ONLY CHRISTMAS DAY SIRVIC
WILL BE AT CHRIST CHURCH SOUTH



Our Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Election will be held in January. **Vestry nominations are being received now!**

Nominees should be excellent trustees and lay leaders of Christ Church, at least 18 years of age and enrolled communicants of the church in good standing.

Please commend those names to John Owen, Senior Warden,

jowen69@aol.com by November 22.

children's ministry

Kimber Short / Director of Children's Ministries



Can I be honest? *I'm a little intimidated.* I mean I'm following in the footsteps of someone who was the Director of Children's Ministries for 14 years. 14 years!!! And in that time she developed a well-oiled machine. There was a process and timeline for everything! And can we talk about the Christmas pageant? So precious. So creative! And now it seems that we have gotten to the point on the liturgical calendar that tells us it's time to start planning for this year's pageant. **YIKES!!**

In our family we always gathered at my parents' house north of Chicago during Christmas so my girls only participated in the pageant a few times. I think they might've been lambs. I do remember them being angels. Cameron was even Mary when she was in 4th grade! But because we were most often out of town over Christmas, I haven't even attended most of the pageants.

YIKES!!

Thankfully, I'm surrounded by seasoned professionals. And by professionals, I mean all you parents whose kids have never missed a production! I know I can count on you to help me navigate my Directorial Debut!



In the next couple of weeks I will be looking for my 3rd and 4th graders who are interested in a speaking part. But all children ages "they-want-to-participate-but-may-or-may-not-actually-make-it-down-the-aisle-when-Action-is-called" through 4th grade are invited to participate! This is a time when it definitely takes a Village! If you've got a budding actor or actress living in your house please call the church office, 903-597-9854, or email me at kshort@christchurchtyler.org and let me know.

I'm looking forward to the fun!

CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

11/19 **Geo Hernandez**, 11/21 **Sarah Chambers**, 11/23 **Reese Bryant**, 11/24 **Polly Clayton**, 11/25 **Gillian Lowe**,
11/25 **Celia Mellon**, 11/27 **Kate Eagleton**, 11/28 **Hunter Jensen**, 12/1 **Mitchell Bryant**,
12/2 **Hannah Hennigan**, 12/6 **William Phillips**

youth ministry

Laura Albea / Director of Student Ministries



bonfire Caroling

Saturday, December 10
Christ Church South
 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy

Meet at 6:00pm for **caroling**
bonfire at 7:00pm

Premium Hot Chocolate Bar!!
 -Fun for all ages-

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Bonfire Prep & Workday—December 3rd 9:00am!



Friday, December 2

RSVP to Kim Meyers @
(903) 530-6186

Supper Club
Scottish Christmas Party
At the home of Joanna Reagan

December 11
THEATER | SALAD SOCIAL

We will be attending the 2:00 matinee at Tyler Civic Theater, followed by potluck salads & social in the Parish Hall. Folks can bring their salads to the Parish Hall & place in the refrigerator before the play. There will be a \$10 per person charge for the social to cover beverages & room set up/clean up. Folks may attend both the play and salads & social, or just one of the events. Tickets for the play are available directly from the Tyler Civic Theater at \$15 each.

Primetimers [age 50 & above]

Gift Shop News SHOP LOCAL | SHOP SMALL

<<< BEAUTIFUL ADVENT WREATHS!

Get yours before Thanksgiving to be prepared for Advent 1. Come check us out. We are open Tuesday & Thursdays 10-1 (not Thanksgiving Day) and Sundays 8:30 -11.

Contact us at giftshop@christchurchtyler.org or call the office.

thanksgivings & supplications

In Our Prayers

Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:

Lisa, Cynthia, Christi, Charles, John, Jim, Diane, Jennifer, Virginia, Dalton, Kirby, Chris, Sally, Rhonda, Isaiah, John, Gregory, Russell, Mike, Mark, Linda, Marian, Larry, Paul, Frieda, Suzanne, Diane, Ian, Frieda, Betsey, Wayne, David, Jerry, Etienne, Marie, Will, Duke, Kim, Paul & Lucy, Edward, Brinley, Yeva, Glenda, Anthony, Ricky, Julie, Carl, Phil, Mimi, Sandy, Greg, Kitty, YK, Dave, Ann, Trinity, Tammy, Sandy, Ivette, Larry, Courtney, Max, Charles, Virginia, Colin, Teresa, Anne, Hal, Jeff, Sue, Cal, Art, Fred, Steve, Victoria, Kristi, Georgene, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Claudia, Rob, Alberto, Bobby, Jenna, Angela, Mary, Gregg, Joy, Earl, Tommy, Victoria, Lynda

The Anglican Communion: *The Diocese of Niger Delta North (Nigeria);*

The Episcopal Church: *Dioceses of Southeast Florida & Southern Ohio; Diocese of Texas: St. John's—Palacios & St. Phillip's—Palestine*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine with prayer list changes or additions 903.530.8168.

We will reset the prayer list as of this Sunday, November 27.

To add or take off a name from the Prayer List, please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine, at 903-530-8138, or the church office, office@christchurchtyler.org.

We celebrate the marriage of:

Cambridge Bosworth

daughter of

Susan & Michael Bosworth

& Scott Price

October 29, 2022

Welcome the newly baptized:

Everett Reed & Claire Everleigh (CeCe)

son & daughter of Dustin & Lauren Collins

grandchildren of Laurie Rossman and
Bryan & Susan Rossman

November 6, 2022 at Christ Church Downtown.

UPCOMING

Sunday, November 20
11:05am **Confirmation**—CCS

Tuesdays, November 22
8:00am **Men's Bible Study with the Rector**

Wednesday, Nov 23 noon—Friday the 25th **offices closed**
All activities normally scheduled Wednesday-Friday are cancelled

Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Service online

Sunday, November 27
No Christian Formation—CCD or CCS
Join us for a Thanksgiving Reception

Tuesdays, November 29—December 20
Noon **Tidings of Joy Advent Concert**—CCD
Light Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Friday, December 2
6:00pm **Supper Club** Scottish Christmas party (Wear Plaid)
Larger group meeting at the home of Joanna Reagan
(contact Kim Meyer yelas4@suddenlink.net or 903.530.6186)

Sunday, December 4
6:00pm **Lessons & Carols**—CCD

Tuesday, November 29 (see graphic on p. 2 for more info)
Noon **Tidings of Joy Advent Concert**—CCD
Light Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 6 (see graphic on p. 2 for more info)
Noon **Tidings of Joy Advent Concert**—CCD
Light Lunch to follow in the Parish Hall

Sunday, December 11
2:00pm **Primetimers** Theater | Salad Social
(www.christchurchtyler.org/primetimers)

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4:00pm **Christmas Pageant**—CCD
7:30pm **Christmas Eve Service**—CCD
10:30pm **Midnight/Candlelight Service**—CCD

Sunday, December 25
11:05am (The only) **Christmas Day Service**—CCS

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Doyle

Bishop of the Diocese of Texas

The Rt. Rev. Jeff Fisher

Bishop Suffragan

The Rt. Rev. Kai Ryan

Bishop Suffragan

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Mrs. Allison Hernandez

Nursery

The Vestry

Mr. Tim Alexander

Treasurer

Mr. Peter Boyd

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Mrs. Lou Ann Berman

Class of 2022

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Mrs. Christi Khalaf, Clerk

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Class of 2022

Mr. Stephen Bentley

Class of 2023

Mr. Jerry Sanders, Jr. Warden CCD

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Mr. Bob Westbrook

Class of 2023

Mrs. Kim Meyer

Class of 2024

Mr. Danny Noteware

Class of 2024

Mrs. Sheryl Richter

Class of 2024

Dr. Mak Saigusa

Class of 2024

Dr. Dan Toney

Class of 2024

Pastoral Emergency Contacts

In the event of a pastoral emergency,
you may reach

The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Rector*, at 903-279-8777, or

The Rev. Stephen Stine at 903-530-8168.

*You may also call the church office, 903-597-9854,
during normal business hours.*

Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year C BCP 1979 Lectionary

Sunday, November 27

Advent 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 24:37-44

Sunday, December 4

Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.christchurchtyler.org

Worship Schedule

Sunday

7:30 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
9:00 am CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
11:00 am ~ CCD: The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*
11:05 am ~ CCS: The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*
~live-streamed christchurchtyler.org

CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES

CCD: Christ Church *Downtown*, 118 S. Bois d' Arc, Tyler, TX 75702 (office address)

CCS: Christ Church *South*, 15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX 75703

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to be recognized as a joyful,
spirit-filled community of
apostles reaching out and
transforming lives for Christ.*