

*Christmas Eve 2025*

Come,  
Thou  
Long  
Expected  
Jesus



**CHRIST**

CHURCH • EPISCOPAL

**The Christmas Eve Eucharist | 7:30 pm**

*According to The Book of Common Prayer, Rite One*



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The Eve of the Nativity  
December 24, 2025

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The Rev. David Luckenbach, *Celebrant*  
Mr. Jeffrey Ford, *Organist-Choirmaster*

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### *Welcome to Christ Church*

*We are pleased you have joined us for our Christmas Eve celebration. We invite you to participate fully in the worship service, which is printed in this service leaflet. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please silence all cell phones.*

*For those with young children, nursery care is available downstairs, or seating with video of the church service is provided in the Guild Hall, on the east side of the nave.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE OPENING VOLUNTARIES

<i>Concerto op. 6 No. 8 (Christmas Concerto)</i>	Arcangelo Corelli
<i>Greensleeves (What Child is This?)</i>	Traditional
<i>Josef, lieber Josef Mein (Joseph, Dearest Joseph Mine)</i>	Leonhart Schröter
<i>Good Christian Men, Rejoice</i>	Traditional
Mark Miller, <i>violin</i> , Andres Bravo, <i>violin</i> , Ute Miller, <i>viola</i> , Dan Totan, <i>cello</i>	

*The Congregation stands for the Processional Hymn.*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *O come, all ye faithful*

Tune: *Adeste fideles*

- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels;**  
*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*
- Child, for us sinners, Poor and in the manger,  
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;  
Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly?** *Refrain*
- Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
Glory to God in the highest:** *Refrain*
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,  
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.** *Refrain*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	<b>And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.</b>

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## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

A HYMN OF PRAISE: *Joy to the World*

Tune: Antioch

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his  
love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: *In the Stillness*

Katrina Shepherd

In the stillness of a church Where candles glow, In the softness of a fall, Of fresh white snow,  
In the brightness of the stars That shine this night, In the calmness of a pool, Of healing light,  
In the clearness of a choir That softly sings, In the oneness of a hush Of angels' wings, In the  
mildness of a night By stable bare, In the quietness of a lull Near cradle fair, There's patience as  
we wait For a new morn, And the Presence of a child Soon to be born.

## PSALM 96

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1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

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- 2 **Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! \*  
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \* when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

#### THE SECOND LESSON | Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

#### THE SEQUENCE HYMN

*Away in a manger*

Music: Traditional Carol

Music: William Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

*(Women)* **Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on  
the hay.**

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*(Men)*      **The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning  
is nigh.**

*(Everyone)*    **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee  
there.**

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

*Deacon*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*                        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Deacon*                      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. David A. Luckenbach, *Rector*

**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.**

**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.**

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**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**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word has taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially our parish clergy: David, Cole, Ted, Stephen, Tim and Leesa, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; and Don, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name.  
Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Following the Absolution, the People respond: Amen.*

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**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**THE RECTOR'S GREETING**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY:**

*Infant holy, infant lowly*  
Words: Tr. Edith M. Reed  
Music: Polish Carol arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For his bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging Angels singing, Nowells ringing, Tidings bringing, Christ the Babe is Lord of all, Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Flocks are sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory, Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow, Praises voicing, Greet the morrow, Christ the Babe was born for you! Christ the Babe was born for you!

**THE PRESENTATION HYMN**

Tune: Old 100th

**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. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Eucharistic Prayer II*

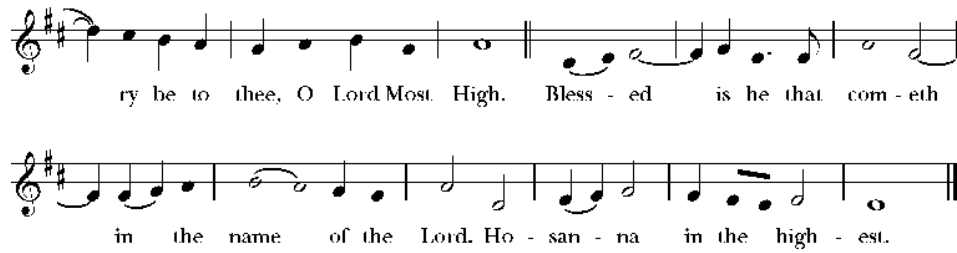
*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**  
*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.  
*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.*

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

**THE SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS, S-114**

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -



*The Celebrant continues, the people kneeling,*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Agnus Dei, S-158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### The Communion Welcome

*In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive the host, place one hand over the other with palms facing upward. You may intinct (dip) the host into the chalice of wine, or you may consume the host and then drink from the chalice, gently guiding it to your lips by the base. If you prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

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## THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

### THE VOLUNTARIES AT COMMUNION

<i>Lo, How a Rose</i>	Traditional
<i>Gelobet seist Du, Jesu Christ (Praise Be to You, Jesus Christ)</i>	Luther/Gumpelzhaimer
<i>Uns ist ein Kindlein heut geboren (Unto Us A Child Is Born)</i>	Kuhnau/Bach
<i>Silent Night</i>	Traditional
<i>Break Forth, O Beautiful, Heavenly Light</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the nations, Come)</i>	J.S. Bach
<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear</i>	Traditional
<i>O Jesulein Zart (O Jesus, Sweet Child)</i>	Samuel Scheidt
<i>The First Noel</i>	Traditional

Mark Miller, *violin*, Andres Bravo, *violin*, Utc Miller, *viola*, Dan Totan, *cello*

### THE CANDLE LIGHTING

*The congregation will now light their individual candles from those of the acolytes. Please receive the light from your neighbor's candle by tilting your unlit candle towards the lighted candle so as not to spill wax.*

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

*Remaining kneeling, the Congregation joins in singing.*

### A HYMN OF ADORATION: *Silent Night*

Tune: Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight, glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

### THE BLESSING

*Following the Blessing, the People respond: Amen.*

*The Congregation extinguishes their candles.*

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**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful all ye nations rise, Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come Off-spring of a virgin's womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King.**

**THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon*            Go in peace to love and serve our Newborn King. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People*            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE VOLUNTARY:** *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen*

Traditional

Mark Miller, *violin*, Andres Bravo, *violin*, Ute Miller, *viola*, Dan Totan, *cello*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers on this Eve of the Nativity are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bracken and Mrs. W.M. Roberts by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren,  
and in loving memory of Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Clawater, Sr., Dr. & Mrs. E.W. Clawater, Jr.,  
Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. R.O. Shaw, Jr. and Ro Shaw by the Clawater family.*

**Deacon of the Mass:** The Rev. Stephen Stine

**Lay Ministers Today**

**Verger/Chalicer:** Roger Fowler; **Lector/Intercessor:** Jolana Damkroger

**Acolytes:** Katie Luckenbach, Robbie Meals, Evelyn Meals, Katie Meals

**Ushers:** Stephen Bentley, Lee Montgomery

**Altar Guild Team 1 & 4:** Caroline Wylie & Harriet McArthur

*Welcome*

We are happy you have joined us today.

Are you NEW to Christ Church?

If yes, so that we may get to know and serve you best,  
please complete our newcomer card by scanning the QR code, going to  
[www.christchurchtyler.org/visitor](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/visitor) or filling out a card from the pew back.





# Christmas Poinsettias



In memory of . . .

*Upton Beall* by Trixie Beall  
*The Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley,  
Michael Seago, Martel Shuttlesworth &  
Marsha Birdwell*  
by Katie & Brian Birdwell

*Tommy Paul*  
by Laura Boyd

*Our parents & grandparents*  
by Dr. Bill & Peggy Brelsford

*Mavis and Dr. Elbert Caldwell*  
by Hayes Caldwell

*Beloved father, Harold W. Francis*  
by Debbie Finley

*Wayne, Breck, Kelly*  
by Crews Fry

*Amora Lee & Wayne Stelzig,  
Dawn Marie Szesnat,  
Mary & Tom Stovall*  
by Kay & Michael Hardin  
and Pam & Gary Stelzig

*Holleys* by Honey

*Howard H. Crane, Elizabeth B. Crane,  
Violet A. Bell*  
by Madeline & Eric Jensen

*Brooke Belobrajdic*  
by Mike & Courtney Lewis

*Frank O. McClendon*  
by Leigh McClendon

*Betty Meyer*  
by Kim & Hal Meyer

*Virginia Gorla*  
by Ginny Reinhardt

*Our son Michael and  
our parents F.C. & Lorraine Seago and  
Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley*  
by Tim & Libby Seago

*Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley,  
Martel Shuttlesworth, and Michael Seago*  
by Mark & Trudy Shuttlesworth

*Lola Cox*  
by Rita & Bobby Upshaw

*D'Anna Wick*  
by Paul Wick

*Dorothy Yarbrough Thrower*  
by Paula & Trey Yarbrough

In thanksgiving for . . .

*Our children and grandchildren*  
by Jeff & Louise Arnold  
*Our clergy and staff at both campuses of  
Christ Church*  
by Jeff & Louise Arnold

*Amazing staff & clergy*  
by Carole & Bob Bergfeld

*Our Children, Aly, Evan & Blake*  
by Katie & Brian Birdwell

*Our children and grandchild,  
Gabrielle and Will Jackson,  
Cambridge, Scott, and Oliver Price*  
by Susan & Michael Bosworth

*Ashley Bracken, Carolyn and Bob Fry,  
Roger Fry*  
by Susan Bracken

*My loving wife*  
by JC Brandt

*Our children & grandchildren*  
by Dr. Bill & Peggy Brelsford

*The blessings of family and friends*  
by DeeDee & John Bufe

*My grandchildren,  
Claire, Cora, Rory and Eva*  
by Melissa Day

*Family*  
by Jerry & Suzette Hudgins

*Our children and grandchildren*  
by Madeline & Eric Jensen

*Our children Abby, Hunter, Tyler*  
by Krystal Jensen

*Our girls, friends, family,  
and Christ Church*  
by Mike & Courtney Lewis

*Our children & grandchildren*  
by Marilyn & Peyton Luckett

*Family*  
by Nancy McReynolds

*Alan and Laura*  
by Ginger & Jerry Sanders

*Our families*  
by Tim & Libby Seago

*Our grandchildren*  
by Mark & Trudy Shuttlesworth

*Our grandchildren:  
Kathryn, Mark, Rachel, Frances, Jack,  
Jeremy, Lilly and Lauren*  
by Kraig & Suzanne Stemme

*Christ Church Clergy & Staff*  
by Paula & Trey Yarbrough

In general thanksgiving from...

Rebecca Myers, Joanna Reagan, Elizabeth & Gregory Vadasdi, Ginger Wick



## Christmas Music

In memory of . . .

*Pauline Miles*  
by Jeff & Louise Arnold

*My parents Rev. John R. & Betty Bentley*  
by Stephen Bentley

*Betsy Ellis*  
by Susan Bracken

*Virginia Day & Fred R. Bufe,*  
*Marti Cason Oge,*  
*Patricia Payne Oge, George W. Oge, Sr.*  
*and George W. Oge, Jr.*  
by DeeDee & John Bufe

*Rosemary Cobb*  
by Will Arnold

*Our children and grandchildren*  
by Carole & Bob Bergfeld

*Meeting my Swedish cousins*  
*Katarina & Carl-Oskar Runeson and*  
*Monica & Jan Pettersson*  
by Rosemary Cobb

*Upton Beall*  
by Trixie & David Carlock

*My parents Frances & Russell Dethlefsen*  
by Melissa Day

*George W. Burkitt III and*  
*Joyce B. Winkler, Judge and*  
*Mrs. William Jensen*  
by Madeline & Eric Jensen

*Bob Edge and Norma Edge Halfpenny*  
by Carol & Jack Langston  
and Barbara Gabriel

In thanksgiving for . . .

*Jeffrey, A.J. and the Chancel Choir*  
by Debbie Finley

*CCD Choir*  
by Honey

*Our choir, Jeffrey & A.J.*  
by Marilyn & Peyton Lockett

*The life and the ministry of my beloved*  
*wife, Laurie Margaret Dowell*  
by The Rev. Stephen B. Stine

In general thanksgiving from...

Joanna Reagan; David & Julia Stiles; Elizabeth & Gregory Vadasdi

*Joe Yelas*  
by Kim & Hal Meyer

*Ester Replogle,*  
*music teacher extraordinaire*  
by Kraig & Suzanne Stemme

*Elsie Upshaw*  
by Rita & Bobby Upshaw

*Christ church clergy,*  
*staff and volunteers*  
by James & Sharon Wynne

*Our children and grandchildren*  
by Paula & Trey Yarbrough

*The inner joy music brings to our hearts*  
by Valentine

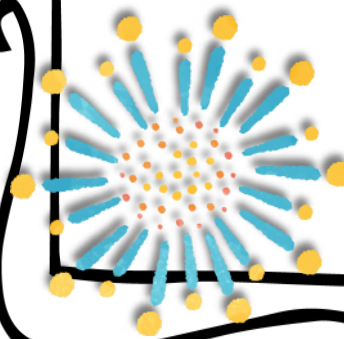
CHRIST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

Sunday, December 28

7:30am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Holiday Reception (no Christian Formation)

10:00am Holy Eucharist



Sunday, January 4, 2026

7:30am Holy Eucharist

(no Christian Formation)

10:00am Holy Eucharist

11:00am Coffee Time in Guild Hall

Bible Study with the Rector | Christ Church DOWNTOWN

AGOS  
of the Apostles

Resumes the first week of January

MEN: Tuesdays @ 8:00am | WOMEN: Thursdays @ 10:30am



VENITE hosted + ALL INVITED!  
 January 10th 5:30 PM South Campus  
 potluck + bonfire + Epiphany reflection

Potluck theme is "stew + bread + beer".  
 Bring along your favorite soup/stew or bread  
 along with your favorite drink share with the  
 folks and families of Christ Church.

RSVP please [christchurchtyler.org/venite](http://christchurchtyler.org/venite)



New SUNDAY Adult CHRISTIAN FORMATION  
 Beginning January 11, 2026 | 10:00am both campuses

# 2 Corinthians

1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
 6:00pm South Campus



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Tyler, Texas 75702

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