



**CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA**

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

In this Season of Advent, before the Service, speak to the Lord.

During the Service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the Service, speak to one another.

During this season, we invite you to listen more closely to the words of scripture. We are not printing the text, but you are welcome to find it in the Bible in the pew. The page listed in the bulletin corresponds to that edition. You are also encouraged to bring your own Bible.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2024 — 8:30 am

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

The 11:00 am service is livestreamed on our YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@ChristChurchNewBern>.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Announcements

Prelude **Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, come), BWV 659** **J.S. Bach**

Processional Hymn **Prepare the Way, O Zion** **H 65**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 355**

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. **Amen.**

Song of Praise **O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 3 and 4)** **H 56**

**O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the
law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from
Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to
save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Bible Page 772

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Zechariah *(Spoken in unison)*

Benedictus Dominus Deus

BCP 92

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

Bible Page 952

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Luke 3:1-6

Bible Page 829

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

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

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Children's Homily

St. Nicholas

The Sermon

The Rev. H. Paul Canady III

The Nicene Creed *All stand*

BCP 358

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.

**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.

Prayers of the People *Stand or kneel*

Intercessions for Christian People

Wherever we are, in the wilderness, the countryside, or the city, God, you are there. That our hearts may be stirred up in thanksgiving for the life you have given us, let us pray, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night. May our eyes be open to the beauty around us, the subtle changes in the sky, the delicate coating of soil from which breaks forth our food and flowers and in which animals make their home. Help us to protect and nurture your creation around us and proclaim its wonders. Lord, in our mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of the church, the persons next to us in the pew, those in neighborhood churches, the national, international, and ecumenical church of every race, nation and economic circumstance. Let us give thanks for the web of friends of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in authority: Let us pray for Christians who witness in places hostile to the gospel, let us be thankful for our freedom to practice our faith. Let us pray for the leaders of nations that Christ may transform strangers into friends that all may see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this community in our joy and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us, those who have sacrificed for us. Help us to look for what is below the obvious, and from this depth to reach out to others. Help us to know the joy that is mingled even with our utmost grief. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those lonely, rejected, or oppressed, for the sick and for those who struggle to regain their strength, for those among us with the longest memories to link us to the past, and for the newborn, in whose baptism our baptism is again renewed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We especially remember military personnel, elected officials, mental health professionals, and all those who serve in our community.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God; in honor of the wedding of Virginia "Giga" Smith and Robert Wilson Askew and in honor of their mothers, Mary Manley and Velma Askew Dilday; and in thanksgiving for Michele Mnatzakanian's birthday month of December by her husband, Peter.

We remember St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro, in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your heavenly kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. **

Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

** Prayer offered by the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, the Most. Rev. Hosam Naoum.

Deacon and People

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

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

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

Offertory Sentence

Music at the Offertory

An Advent Processional

Donald Pearson

Joyful Voices

Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion.

- Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips.
- If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself.
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station.
- Respond to communion by saying “Amen.”
- If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.
- Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more.
- If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing.
- Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

Hymn at the Presentation

H 444 v. 1

**Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE **HOLY COMMUNION**

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion Hymn

I am the bread of life

H 335

We will sing this as communion is ending. Please stand as you are able while we sing.

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Standing*

Celebrant

We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People

Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.

All

We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing *Standing*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

People, Look East, the time is near

WLP 724

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

People, Look East, the time is near

setting by Kristina Langlois

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SERVING US TODAY

Vergers: Hal Stirling

Altar Guild: Barbara West, Bonnie Royer, Cindy Gleisberg, Tim Lamm, Susan Husson

Lector: Priscilla Miller **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Rodney Hayes

Intercessor / Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Henke **Eucharistic Minister:** Wayne Rowe

Acolytes: Robert Simmons, Parker Jutras

Greeter: Martha Schulhaus

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro,

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

Rector: The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby **Director of Music:** Jacqueline Nappi

Director of Church Life: Jimi Paderick **Director of Growing in Grace:** Debbie Fodrie

Director of Christian Formation: Hannah Hutchens **Financial Coordinator:** Cindy Tripp

Communications Coordinator: Betsy Downard **Volunteer Coordinator:** Sarah Risty-Davis

Nursery Staff: Heidi Powell, Allison Robinett **Custodial Services:** Terry Pitner

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term - 2024: Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas

Term - 2025: Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Lippitt, Kim Huddle (*Clerk*)

Term - 2026: Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

Term - 2027 (starts January 1): Vins Bowers, Liz Coble, Susan Husson, Ernie Williams

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Please Note: You will notice that not all weekly church events are listed here. If there are no changes to your regularly scheduled event, it might not appear below. The entire calendar can be viewed online at <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/calendar> and in the Sunday morning email. Signs with the complete calendar are posted on the kiosk in the Reception Area and the bulletin board across from the Library. Daily calendar signs are posted on the church's exterior doors.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 8

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 12:30 pm: Tried by Fire (My Sister's House) Gospel Brunch (Harrison Center)

Monday, December 9

- 9:30 am: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Tuesday, December 10

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, December 11

- 9 am: Cookie Walk Prep (Harrison Center)
- 4:30 pm: Choristers Program (Nave) - *NOTE date and location change*
- 6 pm: Crossing the Alps Concert (Nave)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, December 12

- 3:30 pm: GIG Christmas Celebration (Harrison Center)
- 4 pm: Finance Committee Meeting (Pelletier Room)
- 5 pm: Endowment Expenditure Working Group Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Friday, December 13

- Cookie Walk Plating Day (Harrison Center)*
- 6 pm: ArtWalk Christmas Sing-a-long (Nave)

Saturday, December 14

- 9 am: Holiday Arts and Crafts Market (Church Grounds)
- 10 am: Cookie Walk (Harrison Center)

Sunday, December 15

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))