



**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 — 11:00 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)*

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### **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**

**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

Saint 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.**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

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. \*\*

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*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**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

**arr. Stephen Cleobury**

*Parish Choir*

### **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 A**

**BCP 361**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven 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.

## Communion Hymn

People, Look East, the time is near

WLP 724

*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.**

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 366

*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.

**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:** Mariann Camila Cuellar Lugo **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Christie Wineholt**Intercessor / Eucharistic Minister:** Kahni Miller **Eucharistic Minister:** Andrew Garlick**Acolytes:** Ada Ruth Canady, Ella Corson, Anna Corson**Greeters:** Tony Embrey, Peter Mnatzakanian **Ushers:** Carl Huddle, Josh Taylor**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**CONTACT US****Christ Church**

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## 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)
- 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 Boxing and 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](#))