



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

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025 — 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)*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Prelude Prelude on “Duke Street” Wilbur Held

Processional Hymn Jesus shall reign where're the sun H 544

*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 L 243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name.

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Unison*  
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry  
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,  
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are  
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,  
*Unison*  
7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the  
glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we  
Praise your Ho - ly name.

A - - - - - men.

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

**The Second Lesson**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

**Blest are the pure in heart**

**H 656**

**The Holy Gospel** *Standing*

**Luke 6:17-26**

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

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is at their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Children's Homily**

**Hannah Hutchens**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Deacon Lisa Kirby**

**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**

With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life. Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched and withered hearts with the streams of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, you brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters and through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing, that we all may hope in your dominion of justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One in Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled. Heal our diseases. Remove the evil spirit of racism. Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, your mercy encompasses all creation. Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny and distort your presence in our midst. Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, from creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions. Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your dominion. Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Abba God, you came to us little and vulnerable. Make us see and become one with the poor that we may share in your dominion. Make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find our satisfaction in serving others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially remember educators, the homebound and caregivers.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willis Stevens by his wife, Carolyn.

We remember St. James the Fisherman, Shallotte, 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. \*\*

God our Creator: We ask for your loving presence and for your peace to be with refugees in our local community and around the world. Be with all who are in fear. Be with us as we strive to enact your will in our welcome and support of refugees. Be with those in positions of leadership, that their decisions may bend toward peace. Give us all strength and courage. Equip and empower us to be witnesses to your love – especially for those seeking refuge. Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that you are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in you, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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**

**Blest are they**

**David Haas**

*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.

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.

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**  
 HOLY COMMUNION

## Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

## Sanctus

S 129

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.



*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant and people*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

## Invitation to Communion

*Celebrant* 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.

## Communion Hymn

**All who hunger gather gladly**

**WLP 761**

*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 forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing *Standing*

The Lord be with you in all the places where you will go.

Go then:

Go where there is ignorance;  
Go where there is need;  
Go where there is danger;  
Go where there is pain;  
Go where there is narrowness;  
Go where there is fear;

Go in courage; go in doubt.

Go in the wisdom of knowing  
and in the wisdom of not knowing.

Go in strength,  
and in the strength of weakness.

Go in the joy which overcomes sorrow  
and in the love which casts out fear.  
Go. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
go with you. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

**H 423**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Fugue from Passacaglia in C minor**

**J.S. Bach**

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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, February 16**

- 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](#))
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

### **Monday, February 17**

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)

### **Tuesday, February 18**

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

### **Wednesday, February 19**

- 12:15 pm: Pastoral Care Commission (Library)
- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

### **Thursday, February 20**

- 11:30 am: Seniors Who Like to Lunch (Harrison Center)

### **Saturday, February 21**

- 9 am: Building and Grounds Committee (Library)

### **Sunday, February 23**

#### *Camp Hope Sunday*

- 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](#))
- 12:15 pm: LEV Meeting (Library)
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)

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