

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary **Wachet auf** **Paul Manz**

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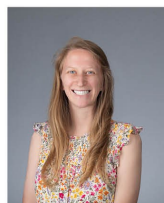
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THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, Nov. 28

First Sunday of Advent
8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Advent Wreath Making
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))
5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

Monday, Nov. 29

11 am: Staff Meeting
3 pm: Growing in Grace

Tuesday, Nov. 30

8:30 am: Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)
10 am: Women's Book Study (2nd Floor LR)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
6 pm: Rehearsal (Nave)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier)
7 pm: Handbell Choir (Music Room)

Wednesday, Dec. 1

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
4:30 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church
6 pm: EfM (2nd Floor Living Room)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)
7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Nave)

Thursday, Dec. 2

12:15 pm: Lunch Recital w/ Erika Butters (Nave)
3 pm: Growing in Grace
3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

Sunday, Dec. 5

Visit from St. Nicholas (8:30 am and 11 am)
8:30 am: Eucharist for children and families (Nave)
9:05 am: Rise Against Hunger (Harrison Center)
10 am: Annual Meeting (Harrison Center)
11 am: Eucharist (Nave/[online](#))
5 pm: Contemplative Eucharist (Indoor Chapel)

*Voting for Vestry held during all three worship services.

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MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021, at 11:00 AM

This service is livestreamed and saved on our YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/ChristChurchNewBern>

Books 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD
HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Voluntary **Prepare the Royal Highway** **David Cherwien**
Processional Hymn **Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending** **H 57**

Advent Wreath Meditation **Howard Furnas, Betty Clarke**
Reader 1: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope. Our hope is in God and in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all things. He is the through whom God has promised to save and redeem all people. We light this candle today to remind us that Jesus is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises He has made to us and for the light He has brought into the world.

Reader 2: Let us pray,
O God of hope, Emmanuel, God with Us, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing to you, both now, and forever more. Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **BCP 355**
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Hymn of Praise **Blessed be the God of Israel** **H 444**

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

Collect of the Day
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Read responsively by half verse* **Ad te, Domine, levavi** **BCP 614**

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn **Watchman, Tell Us of the Night** **H 640**

The Holy Gospel *Standing* **Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Homily **The Rev. H. Paul Canady**

Sermon **Ashley Simpson**

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 Prayers of the People *Stand or Sit* **BCP 328**

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

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: 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 Rob our bishop, Paul our priest, Lisa our deacon, Ashley our candidate for Holy Orders, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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 Joe our President, Roy our Governor, and Dana 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 those on our prayer list, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for God's blessing and wisdom for those serving in the armed forces and all public servants on whom our communities depend. We pray for their well-being and ask God to grant them patience and peace. Help them to be a reminder to each other and to us of God's enduring love.

We pray for peace across God's creation, especially remembering those in places around the world where it is dangerous to practice their faith. Help us gracious God to be instruments of your peace; enable us to sow love, pardon, union, faith, hope, light, and joy.

For those included in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell; and St. Luke & St. Anne's, Roper

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 Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements

Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ Church. You can visit <https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/give> to make a contribution. You can also text the word FUNDS to 833.233.8760 or mail a check to PO Box 1246, New Bern, NC 28563.

Offertory

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II *(Please stand as you are able)* **BCP 340**

The people now stand. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

Invitation to Communion

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please tell the priest if you wish to have one.

Communion Music **Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence** **H 324**

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *All stand.*

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 **BCP 339**

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 to 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

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 **Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes** **H 72**