



The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.



Welcome to Christ Church

We're delighted you're here!

Everything you need for full participation in the service is in this bulletin.

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a pew card
so we might get to know you better.

Today we offer Holy Eucharist at 8:00 & 9:30am and Compline at 5:30pm.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

Dance

Alan Ridout
(1934-1996)

We offer this organ voluntary to open your mind for meditation and your heart for prayer.

Introit

O God, the Great Creator
The Primary Choir

Fair & Taranto

O God, the great Creator, create in us, we pray,
a feeling of thanksgiving, for all that you have made:

For the colors of the rainbow, and the splendor of the trees,
for the majesty of mountains and the calmness of the seas.

What if all we had were deserts bare, or if all we had were seas?
And if there were only mountains, where would the richness be?

Hymn 61 (*stand*)

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

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sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share.”
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The First Reading *(sit)*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and

served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7 (*read responsively*)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
 and what our forebears have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
 your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
 and the wonderful works you have done.

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- 5 You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments;

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The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 620 (stand)

Land of Rest

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

The Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Matthew 25:1-13

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed *(stand)*

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 kneel)*

Form III

Leader God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader We pray for all those on our parish prayer list, and those whose needs are
 known to you alone. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief
 or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader We pray for those who have died....Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

*Members of the congregation are invited to offer
 their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence)*

All 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.

Presider 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.

All Amen.

The Peace (*stand*)

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

The ministers and assembly greet one another in the peace of Christ.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Thou Wilt Keep Him

S. S. Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for evermore.

Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 139:11; I John 1:5; Psalm 119:175

Hymn at the Presentation (*stand*)

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye

heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 & Benedictus

Organ

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, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 3/2 time signature. The organ part is indicated by the word 'Organ' above the first staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a fermata over the final note of the last line.

All are invited either to remain standing or to kneel.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

All Amen.

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

All 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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome to receive the sacraments of our Lord. Those not wishing to receive communion are invited to the altar for a blessing: simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference. Please tell the priest if you require gluten-free bread and chalice. Please tell an usher if the clergy should bring the sacraments to someone in your pew.

Sacred Song (*sung repeatedly by all, seated or kneeling*)

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The score includes repeat signs at the end of each line.

Anthem

Behold, O God Our Defender

Noel Rawsthorne

Behold, O God our defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

from Psalm 84

The Postcommunion Prayer (*stand or kneel*)

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

*If you wish, please come forward into the choir stalls
 to listen to the organ voluntary.*

Voluntary

Psalm XIX
 (excerpt)

Benedetto Marcello
 (1686-1739)

Today's altar flowers are given
in loving memory of
Sylvia Schwarz Adams
from her husband, Phillip, and
their children, Elizabeth Atkinson, and
Nicholas and Joshua Adams.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- » **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** – Ughelli - (Bendel, Nigeria) **The Rt Revd Cyril Odutemu.**
- » **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** – For our annual Diocesan Convention and for Clergy and lay delegates attending our Diocesan Convention.
- » Those serving in our armed forces, especially: James Kowalski, Derek McGee, Nick Powell, James Bird, Matt, Chris Wypyski, Zachery Taylor.
- » The sick and those in any need or trouble, especially: Dan, Jerry, Todd Nielsen, Tricia Cramer, Elliston Morris, David Benedict, The Maskal Family, Brett Lowry, Ansel Rogers, Laurie, Bob Fox, Woody Imberman, Max Rempel, Richard Libles, Bob Julian, Beth, Barbara Lore Mayo, Isidiro Ruiz, Carolyn Sanders, Bret, Lisa Linn, Beth, Larry, Noah, Kristie, Myra Fuguet.

Lifting Up Our Prayers

We keep an ongoing parish prayer list in the church office. Please stop by or call the church office to enter your prayer requests. Unless you indicate otherwise, names will be kept for one month's time. Friends in Faith, as well as our lay chaplains and our clergy, will be lifting up these names in prayer. Private prayer needs may be shared with the clergy at any time. Each prayer is an opening to God's healing grace at work in our lives.

Altar Flowers

The flowers that decorate the altar at Christ Church are given by members or friends of the parish, often in memory or honor of, someone special -- or in thanksgiving for a special blessing or event. The names you designate will appear in the Sunday bulletin and be read during the service. If you would like to make a flower memorial, contact Jetta Boschen at jettaboschen@gmail.com or call the Parish Office (847) 446-2850. *You can also submit your request and payment online.* Go to our website: christchurchwinnetka.org>Give>Flower.

Faith & Practice – Today – "The Seven Keys to Service that Prove the Golden Rule"

Inspired by her grandfather's ideals at his Disney World-area hotel, parishioner Stephanie Emrich's customer service journey began at the front desk of Chicago's Drake Hotel. With a career labyrinth from Les Clefs d'Or concierge to Kendall College professor, and founder of ServiceSpeaks Solutions, she uses her "Be My Guest" mantra to develop and instill service culture in a wide range of industries around the world. With service as a universal theme, Stephanie will lead our conversation surrounding the seven elements of the Guest Service experience. This lively discussion centers on how authenticity, intuition, and empathy impact our daily lives.

Faith & Practice – Next Sunday: Learn About Our Peer Ministry Program

Come learn about our new peer ministry program for our 7-12th graders at Faith & Practice on November 19th. This program was introduced by Chad Senuta, Associate for Youth and Campus Ministry, from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. Here's what he has to say about it:

"What I love about Peer Ministry is that it's so much more than just a resource or curriculum. It's a way of seeing and practicing ministry with young people. If you think of youth ministry like hiking a trail, most places are offering better shoes and fast shipping. And that's helpful, but how do I know I'm on the right trail? Which one is going to get us where we'd like to go? And how can I get more young people out walking and leading the way? I believe in Peer Ministry, because it points out a path that develops young leaders, and shows us how to walk that path together, creating an infectious culture of youth ministry where the hallmarks are welcoming, listening, and helping. Peer Ministry produces leaders that embody the Good Samaritan story and follow Jesus' example of ministering to those in need every day, everywhere, and in every relationship."

Diane Krieman, Laura Sniader, and Emily Baillos will share more about the program and lead you through a few exercises to help experience the learning firsthand. (Jen Baker, our other facilitator, unfortunately can't join us but will be with us in spirit.)

Calling All Christ Church Artists, Crafts People, Painters, Photographers, Sculptors, etc.

We would love to display your work in a Christ Church Art Show. Please let us know about you and other Christ Church artists you might know. Contact Heather Campbell heather3520@gmail.com or 847-877-9649. Hope to put something together for early 2018.

Pledge Updates for 2018

We currently have 92 families who have made their pledge increasing our total to \$427,000. We are 39% of the way towards our goal of \$1.1 million for 2018. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the back of the Church. You may fill one out and place in the Alms Basin any Sunday at the Offertory. You may also pledge online on our website or simply call our Finance Manager, Cindy Lyman, at 847.446.2850 ex. 23. or via email: cindylyman@christchurchwinnetka.org

Wrap & Roll Caroling Party – Sun., Dec. 10 – 4:00-7:30pm

It's (almost) that time of year! Mark your calendars and call your family and friends—the caroling party is around the corner. Thrown by the youth and parents of our congregation, we will wrap presents for the homeless, eat dinner (and Christmas cookies!) together, sing carols, and get a visit from St. Christopher—I mean St. Nicholas! It's a great time to celebrate with your church family and introduce your friends and relatives to our church community. There's a recommended donation of \$15/person and \$30 total per family, but no need to RSVP. The more the merrier, so save the date!

Christmas Pageant and Children & Youth Service

All children and youth are invited to participate in our annual Nativity play and Children & Youth-led service on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 9:30am. Please sign up on line.

Thursday Evening Advent Programs – Nov. 30, Dec. 7 & Dec. 14
Sunday Worship in the Episcopal Church: How We Got Here

6:15pm - Compline in Church
6:30pm - Supper
7:00pm - Program
7:45pm – Dismissal (in time for 8:00pm Choir Practice)

November 30—Richard Clemmitt

Why We Sing What We Sing When We Sing

Richard will take us through the beginnings of liturgical music from before the time of Jesus through the modern day. Learn what we have adapted from the Temple in Jerusalem to the place of Gregorian Chant to ancient and modern Hymnody. It's no accident that we sing the hymns we do.

December 7—Nadia Stefko

Why We Pray the Way We Pray When We Pray: Liturgy of the Word

Go to a Shabbat service at a synagogue on Friday night, you might be surprised to discover how familiar it feels. We have adapted Jewish rituals back to the time of Solomon's Temple. We have also adapted pieces of our service from the Greek Mystery Religions from Jesus's day. This portion of our program will cover from the Opening sentences to the Peace.

December 14—Christopher Powell

Why We Pray the Way We Pray When We Pray: Liturgy of the Table

This forms the second part of our Episcopal Service each Sunday. The earliest written copies come from the second century. Discover the principles present in each prayer that tie together everything from Basil of Caesarea in 387 AD to Elizabethan versions present in the first prayer book of 1549 to other contemporary Eucharistic Prayers.

The Nursery will be open all evening.

SAVE THE DATE

Nov. 17-18, Fri. & Sat. – Diocesan Convention

Nov. 23 – Thurs. – Thanksgiving Service – 10:00am

Nov 30, 12/7, & 12/14 – Thurs. - Advent Program and Supper Series

Dec. 3 – Sun. – Lessons & Carols – 9:30am

Dec. 17 – Sun. – Christmas Pageant – 9:30am

Dec. 24 – Sun. – 3:00pm, 8:00pm & 11:00pm services

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Tis the Season! Christmas Angels

Are you looking to make a difference in the life of someone in need this Christmas? Now you can be an Angel! The Christ Church Christmas Angels Program is one of our largest and most important outreach ministries. This year we will provide food, basic necessities and gifts for:

- 110 families with little or no income
- 55 low-income senior citizens, most living alone with no family
- over 150 residents of 6 Episcopal agencies
- 50 homeless men and women
- Families in desperate circumstances living here in New Trier Township

How Can You Help?

- You can adopt a family: Sign up here online, or come to the Prevost Cloister after today's service.
- You can donate funds These funds will be used to cover the cost of gifts for senior citizens, Episcopal Agency residents, and New Trier families.

Questions? Contact Julie Flood at 847-903-2390 or jwflood@att.net

Feed My Starving Children – Dec. 9 – Sat. – 9:00-11:00am

Turn hunger into hope with your own two hands. On Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 to 11:00am, Christ Church will travel to Libertyville, Illinois to help Feed My Starving Children. We have decided to carpool instead of spending the money on tour buses. We will gather in the parking lot of Christ Church behind the 470 Maple Street address at 7:45am. We will leave promptly at 8:00am. We will return at noon. We committed to bring 80 people. **Sign Up Today!** Email Phil Krone at pkrone@productivestrategies.com. They accept volunteers as young as 5 when accompanied by an adult. This means that for families with small children, this can be an event that everyone can participate in together.

A Just Harvest

Christ Church serves twice a month at A Just Harvest, a community kitchen, in Rogers Park, serving dinner 365 days a year to anyone in need. **This is a great family opportunity to “reach out.”** We need cooks (done in your home), servers (age 12+), and people to provide milk, fruit, and salad each time we are “on deck.” To learn more go to: <http://www.christchurchwinnetka.org/a-just-harvest>.

Serve on the Altar: Acolyte

Carry the cross and gospel book, light the way for the word of God by bearing the torches, and help prepare the communion table for the Eucharist. Young people of all ages are encouraged to join! The only requirements are that an acolyte must be able to participate in an entire church service and handle fire responsibly. In addition to helping

serve on the altar, acolytes earn increasing levels of achievement, displayed in their crosses and ribbons. We also have parties and celebrate together! If you are interested, please contact Jim McGee at jvm@mostlymcgee.com.

Come Sing with Us

Christ Church offers excellent and fun choirs for both youth and adults. Details about our Music Program can be found on our website. Please contact Richard Clemmitt at rclemmitt@christchurchwinnetka.org for more information. We'd love to have you with us!

ON-GOING GROUPS

Friends in Faith – Mondays 10:00-11:00am

The Friends in Faith are always eager to welcome new friends. Please join us on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00am in the Lea Room at the Church House. Our time together consists of ten minutes of silent meditation followed by lively conversation of a spiritual nature based on a different topic each week. We end the hour by praying for the people on the parish prayer list. Contact Elizabeth Clemmitt with any questions at ecl Emmitt@sbcglobal.net.

Book Group – Mondays 11:00am-12:00pm

We have selected our next book: [The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings](#), by respected spiritual leader, peacemaker and scholar John Philip Newell. Please join us—or re-join us-- for this exciting and timely read about the future of the Church. Book Group meets every Monday morning 11:00-12:00 in the McClain Room. We typically read one chapter per week. Contact Melissa Durbin with any questions at melissa@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Exploring Grief Support Group Monday – Nov. 13

Kenilworth Union, Samaritan Counseling Center, and Winnetka Congregational Church join with Christ Church to provide a free, confidential, supportive, and educational environment to grieve the loss of a friend or loved one. Register for Exploring Grief Group Fall Session: The group meets every other Monday from 7:00-8:30pm at Kenilworth Union in their Library through December 11. All community residents are welcome to participate. For more information and to register for the fall 6-week sessions, contact Joellen Hosler: 847-446-6955, ext.19.

Centering Prayer – Tuesdays - 2:00-3:00pm

The Centering Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00pm in the Lea Room of the Church House. Centering Prayer is a Christian form of silent meditation which alleviates stress, focuses the mind, and deepens our experience of God's presence within us. Please join us for twenty minutes of peaceful meditation followed by discussion and readings about Centering Prayer. Feel free to come occasionally or come every week. Contact Elizabeth Clemmitt with any questions at ecl Emmitt@sbcglobal.net or 312-618-1238.

Men's Lunch Group – Wednesday, Nov. 15 - 12:30pm

Once a month, some of the men of Christ Church meet for lunch. It's an informal opportunity for fellowship with no agenda and no fixed membership. Conversation ranges from updates on children and grandchildren to debates on economics, politics, technology, and theology. If you can make lunch in Winnetka at Little Ricky's on the third Wednesday of the month and categorize yourself among the men of Christ Church, please join us. Contact Jim McGee at jim@mostlymcgee.com for more information.

Eucharist at The Mather – Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 10:30am

We offer a monthly Communion Service (second Wednesday of every month) for the families and residents of The Mather, 425 Davis Street, Evanston. Led at 10:30am by Rod Quainton. Contact Rod at fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Women's Bible Study – Thursdays - 9:30-11:00am

The weekly Women's Bible Study Group meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00am in the Parish House Library. Visitors and newcomers are warmly welcome. Questions? Email Nadia Stefko at nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

'Sunrise' Eucharist – Thurs., Dec. 14 – 11:15am

We offer a monthly Communion Service (second Thursday of every month) for the families and residents of Sunrise Memory Care in Wilmette. Led at 11:15am by Rod Quainton with support from choir members. Contact Rod at fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Holy Caffeine – Fridays - 8:30-9:30am

This discussion group meets Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30am in the Lea Room. Christopher Powell leads the group in the study and discussion of scripture. All are welcome! For more information, contact Christopher at 847-868-5611 or christopher@christchurchwinnetka.org.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are facing illness, a life transition or challenging circumstances, please contact one of our clergy. We are available when you need us for a hospital, home, or office visit. Christ Church also has many lay volunteers who provide meals and rides as needed. Please reach out to the clergy through the office by calling (847) 446-2850, or:

Christopher Powell, Rector - (847) 868-5611 christopher@christchurchwinnetka.org

Nadia Stefko, Associate Rector - (773) 387-9128 nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org

Rod Quainton, Assisting Priest - (248) 225-9682 fatherq@christchurchwinnetka.org

Lay Chaplains: Bringing the Warmth of Christ Church to You

Trained parishioners visit those who are homebound, ill, or facing a time of grief or crisis. Lay Chaplains provide companionship and support, and may pray with you, or share communion (from the reserved sacrament) if desired. The chaplains serve under the training and leadership of our clergy. To request a visit, just call the office or contact Nadia Stefko 773-387-9128, nadia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

AED Life Saving Device Available in Prevost Cloister

There is a permanent AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) available in the Prevost Cloister. Most of our clergy and many parishioners have been trained in its use in case of a cardiac incident. In addition, the step by step instructions are very simple to follow. Hopefully this AED will never be used, but it is there in case of an emergency. There is also an AED in the foyer of the Parish House, 470 Maple.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Peer Ministry Training for Grades 7-12

Next class is today, Sunday, Nov. 12 following the 9:30 service. It is not too late to join the program! Please contact Jennifer Baker, Diane Krieman, Laura Sniader or Emily Baillos with any questions.

CCD: Coffee, Christ, and Donuts

Calling all high schoolers. The next CCD is Wed. Dec. 6, 7:15am at Walker Brothers in Wilmette. Your host is Frances DeBlasio and maybe a surprise guest too! Breakfast is on us and rides to school are available.

Vergers	Lucy Kreisa
Acolytes	Brinton Roberts, Megan Trubey, May Browdy, Maddie Underwood
Lectors & Intercessor	Emma Reder, William Roberts (L), Elizabeth Parkinson (I)
Ushers	Lisa Kerpan, Marcy Champagne, Peter Macey (V)
Chalice Bearers	Doug Hambleton, Phil Adams, Gary Martin, Elizabeth Clemmitt, Susie Sprowl, Dan MacDonald, Howard Underwood, Catherine Flood
Altar Guild	Charlotte Robertson, Mary Jo LaViolette, Barbara Jones, Buffy Ervin
Flower Guild	Janet Cudahy, Debra Beck
Flower Delivery	Barb Hambleton

The Rev. Christopher Powell	Rector
The Rev. Nadia Stefko	Associate Rector
The Rev. Rod Quainton	Assisting Priest
Richard Clemmitt	Organist and Choirmaster
Jay Peterson	Organ Associate
Elizabeth Clemmitt	Primary Choir Director
Melissa Durbin	Director of Children's Ministries
Mario Ruiz, Steve Tracy	Sextons

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A large-print copy of *The Book of Common Prayer*
is available from an usher.