



The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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.

A Festival of Advent Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude
O Lord, How Shall I Receive You

Ernst Pepping
(1901-1981)

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

Ringing of the Tower Bell (*stand*)

Matin Responsory

G. P. da Palestrina

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another,

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come

to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar . . .

Hymn 56

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1-4: Choir Only
Stanzas 5-8: Congregation and Choir



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high,
3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might,
4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree,
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come,
6. O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high,
7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind
8. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,

and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 who or - d'rest all thing might - i - ly;
 who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
 free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
 and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
 and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
 in one the hearts of all man - kind;
 and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,

that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 to us the path of know - ledge show,
 in an - cient times didst give the law,
 that trust thy might - y pow'r to save,
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease,
 that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in her ways to go.
 in cloud, and ma - jes - ty and awe.
 and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re-joice! Re - joice!
 and close the path to mis - er - y.
 and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

A Penitential Order

- Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures for ever.
Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Bidding Prayer

Presider Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and
joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to
go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose
from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption
brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the
yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and
justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he
died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this
community.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the
poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and
those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children,
as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and
that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the
Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which
Christ himself has taught us, saying:

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.

Presider The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

All Amen.

The First Lesson (*sit*)

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25

*God creates man and woman to live
in obedience in the Garden of Eden*

Read by Julie Flood

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call

them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

Verse 1:

Madison Fisher, Morgan Fisher, Catherine Flood,
Kirsten Krieman, Grace Rempel

Verse 5:

Avery Brock, Claire Ganz, Rachel Ganz, Caroline Lloyd-Jones,
Oliver Potterfield, Isabel Roberts, Ainsley Werner

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive; it keeps my dying faith alive,
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

*Words from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs
compiled by Joshua Smith (New Hampshire, 1784)*

The Second Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

*God comforts his people
and calls on them to prepare for redemption*

Read by Mary Jo McMillin

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Hymn 67 (*stand*)

Psalm 42

(see next page →)



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Third Lesson *(sit)*

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

Read by Alden Senior

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hymn 59 *(stand)*

Merton

(see next page →)

Descant

2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond- age let us rise;
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill- ing voice is sound- ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond- age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex- pect- ed, comes with par- don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo- ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon- or, glo- ry, might, and bless- ing to the Fa- ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

1 "Cast a- way the works of dark- ness, O ye child- ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis- pel- ling, shines up- on the morn- ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor- row, one and all to be for- given;
4 may he with his mer- cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev- er- last- ing Spi- rit while un- end- ing a- ges run.

The Fourth Lesson (*sit*)

Baruch 4:36—5:9

*The Scribe Baruch urges the people to look east
because salvation is at hand*

Read by Emma Reder

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your

splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, “Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Anthem

O Radiant Dawn

James MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice, come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” Amen.

The Fifth Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14–18

*The Lord will be among us;
we are summoned to rejoice and sing.*

Read by Brad Peterson

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

*During the singing of the following hymn,
children aged 3 through second grade will join their families.*

Hymn 65 (*stand*)

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Sixth Lesson (*sit*)

Luke 1:26-38

*The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary
 that she will bear the Son of the Most High*

Read by Grace Rempel

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The LORD is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not

be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the LORD God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with

God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the LORD; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

*During the singing of the following anthem,
ushers will come forward to receive the Offering.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem

Magnificat

Herbert Brewer

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Luke 1:46-55

Hymn at the Presentation (*stand*)

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
low; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a -
bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

Presider This bread and wine were consecrated by the Holy Spirit earlier this morning through the prayers of the people gathered in this church. Through that Spirit, these ordinary gifts have now become the Body and Blood of Christ. You are invited to come forward to receive them, bearing in mind the words written by Paul in Holy Scripture:

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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.

Handbell Music

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. Sandra Eithun

The Advent Blessing (*stand*)

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People Amen.

Presider May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People Amen.

Presider May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People Amen.

Hymn 57

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on
 our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
 saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
 train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude
Once He Came in Blessing

Ernst Pepping
 (1901-1981)

Today's altar flowers offer gratitude for the
memory of poet James Reiss and
Professor Robert Wendel "I can no other answer make but thanks. And thanks"

and in thanksgiving for the life of Elias Woodruff Imberman

and in loving memory of the Rev. Dr. Frank Mauldin McClain
from his wife, Missie, and his daughters,
Rebecca, Mary Lee, and Kate

and in loving memory of Brenda Gude from John Gude.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- » Anglican Cycle of Prayer – West Buganda - (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale.
- » Diocesan Cycle of Prayer – *Organizations of Episcopal Charities & Community Services*: Ravenswood Community Center; Shelter Care Ministries; Holy Family School; St. Leonard's Ministries; St. Mary's Services; Youth Guidance; *And for organizations of our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.*
- » 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, Max Rempel, Richard Libles, Beth, Barbara Lore Mayo, Isidiro Ruiz, Carolyn Sanders, Bret, Lisa Linn, Beth, Larry, Noah, Kristie, Myra Fuguet, Loren, Troy, Jim.

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Faith & Practice – Today – What’s Our Current Financial Picture for 2017?

Join our Treasurer, Dan George, on behalf of the Executive Finance Committee, as we take a look at our operating budget for this year. Since our fiscal year is the same as our calendar year, we are tracking revenue and expenses through December 3. Dan will also share with us the report of the Investment Committee which manages our several endowment funds, both restricted and unrestricted.

Pre-Ordered Christmas Wreaths: Pick Up Today

Your pre-ordered Christmas wreaths from our Youth Choir are on the patio for you to pick up today.

Food Pantry First Sunday - Today

This morning we are collecting: * Juice and Juice Boxes, * Cookies/Crackers/Granola Bars/Raisins/other Healthy Snacks, * Canned Fruit, * Cake/Brownie/Muffin Mixes and other baking supplies. Please bring your donations to the Prevost Cloister next Sunday. If you forget to add items to your grocery cart, we have items available for "purchase." Thank you as always for your tremendous support of this ministry!!

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up!

All children and youth are invited to join us for our Christmas Pageant, "The Nativity of Christ," to be performed Dec. 17 at the 9:30am service. Our beautiful and low-stress pageant requires no memorizing of lines, only one rehearsal for the older children, and no rehearsal at all for ages three through 2nd grade (although Primary Choir does have rehearsal.) We have roles to suit everyone: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, angels, shepherds, sheep, and friendly beasts. Plus narrators, scene directors, and behind the scenes helpers. Costumes provided. Please sign up on our website or send an email with requested roles to melissa@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Be an Angel: Wrapping Workshops: We Need YOU!!

Tuesday, 12/5 5-7pm

Saturday, 12/9 10am-2pm

We will be wrapping presents at the Parish House in the Great Hall, 470 Maple, for many clients at ReVive, Grace House, the Primo Center, and other social service organizations in Chicago. (This effort is in addition to a family that you choose to adopt on your own.) Children are welcome to attend with your supervision. If you have a question, please contact Elizabeth Parkinson e3parkinson@gmail.com 847-910-8932 or Margaret Lamason mlamason@sbcglobal.net 847-997-3325.

There are Still 3 Ways to Participate in Christmas Angels

Donate New, Warm Clothing Items for the Men of St. Leonard's and St. Andrew's Court

We are collecting **NEW** Sweatshirts, Sweatpants and Thermal Underwear Sets for men who are preparing for the cold Chicago winter as they rebuild their lives after prison.

Our goal is 82 of each in sizes XL, XXL and XXXL.

If you brought your items this morning, please bring them to the Prevost Cloister. We will also be collecting next Sunday. You can also drop them off at the Parish House in the office by Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Purchase an Ornament, Donate to the Work of Christmas Angels

Following the 9:30 service this morning and next Sunday, you can purchase beautiful ornaments that have been handmade by our youth to benefit the Christmas Angels ministry.

These make special and unique Christmas gifts for teachers, Sunday School teachers, and those people on your list who are impossible to shop for. Your money will be put to good use to provide necessities for those we serve at Christmas.

Make a Financial Donation

If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, we are still in need of significant funds. Donate this morning by placing a check in the offertory plate marked "Christmas Angels. You can also mail a check to the office or bring it to church next Sunday.

**On behalf of the Christmas Angels Committee and those we serve,
thank you for your generosity!**

Package Delivery for your Adopted Christmas Angel Family

You may deliver the boxes for your Christmas Angel family to the Parish House starting this afternoon. Please enter the building from the parking lot and follow the signs. Please do NOT leave any boxes in the Great Hall. Deliver any time starting today, Dec. 3 between 12 noon and 4:00pm, Monday, Dec. 4 through Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Please be sure all boxes are properly marked. Questions? Contact Erika Kreisa at eskreisa@gmail.com.

Advent Wreaths

Advent wreaths are available in the Prevost Cloister. They are beautiful faux pine with berries.

Feed My Starving Children – Dec. 9 – Sat. – 9:00-11:00am – We still need 14 people.

Christ Church will travel to Libertyville 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. **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.

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 Open House at the Rectory: Friday, Dec. 15

Christopher Powell invites you to join him for some Christmas cheer at the Rectory 458 Maple Street, Winnetka on Friday, Dec. 16 from 4:00 to 8:00pm. Please RSVP to the office at 847-446-2850.

Christmas Eve – Sunday - 12/24 Services

10:00am – The Fourth Sunday in Advent

3:00pm - Holy Eucharist with Carols – Nursery is open

8:00pm - Holy Eucharist with Choir (Carols begin at 7:30pm)

11:00pm - Holy Eucharist with Choir (Carols begin at 10:30pm)

Calling All Grand Receipts – Deadline for 2017 is Dec. 27

The Grand has donated over \$2,250 so far in 2017 to our Youth Ministry from your submitted receipts and the efforts of Volunteer Extraordinaire Willie Dooley. The Grand has a strict deadline that no 2017 receipts can be submitted after January 5. Therefore, we ask you to turn in all receipts by December 27 for processing. Receptacles for receipts are located in the Prevost Cloister and the Parish Office. Thank you!

Pledge Updates for 2018


We currently have 156 families who have made their pledge increasing our total to \$870,000. We are 79% 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.

PSA from the Winnetka Police Department

You are reminded to lock your car doors AT ALL TIMES. Our village has been the victim of numerous vehicle thefts over the past year. Our Financial Manager, Cindy Lyman, reported that on her one block of Asbury Street last weekend ten cars were broken into. Yes, on ONE block. In all cases the cars were not locked. The Winnetka Police are using every means of communication to help us help ourselves. Lock your cars. Always.

Christmas Donations for Flowers & Music

Please return this form with check to the Parish Office. Gifts received by Dec. 14 will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. You may also donate online.

	<i>My Contribution for Christmas Flowers</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Music</i> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>In Memory of or Thanksgiving for</i> _____ _____
<i>Donor's Name</i> _____	

Everyone is invited to attend Shay Craig's Ordination to the Diaconate.
Candy Pyle will be presenting Shay on behalf of Christ Church.



By the grace of God
and with the consent of the people of God,
The Right Reverend Jeffrey Lee
Bishop of the Diocese of Chicago
will ordain

Joseph Butler
Shay Craig
Brian Prall
Scott Lybrand Zaucha

To the Sacred Order of Deacons in
Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
Saturday, December 16, 2017
11 o'clock in the morning
St. James Cathedral
65 E. Huron Street
Chicago,, Illinois

Your prayers and presence are requested.
Reception to follow ∞ The festival color is white.

Thursday Evening Advent Programs –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)

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 and we will also have a homework and crafts table set up for any older children who wish to use it.

ON-GOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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 are reading: The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginnings, by spiritual leader, peacemaker and scholar John Philip Newell. We are really enjoying 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. Contact Melissa Durbin with any questions at melissa@christchurchwinnetka.org.

Exploring Grief Support Group Monday – Dec. 11

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, Dec. 20 - 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 – Three Wednesdays in Advent, Dec. 6, 13 & 20-10:30am

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 Quanton. 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 Quanton 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 Sun. December 10 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	Susan Green
Acolytes	Megan Trubey, Zoe Underwood, Maddie Underwood, Alex Underwood
Lectors	Julie Flood, Mary Jo McMillin, Alden Senior, Emma Reder, Brad Peterson, Grace Rempel
Ushers	Robin Anstaett, Kurt Anstaett, John Gude (V)
Chalice Bearers	Bruce Koepfgen, Kristin Koepfgen, Doug Hambleton, Howard Underwood, Dan MacDonald, Mary Jo McMillin, Lindsay Gorman, Ted Buenger
Altar Guild	Mary Jo LaViolette, Darlene McKinney, Peggy Pendry, Betsy Balyeat, Amy Trogdon
Flower Guild	Shelley Galloway, Janet Cudahy
Flower Delivery	Judy Harmon

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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Parish Office, 470 Maple Street - (847)-446-2850

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