



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude
Awake, A Voice Calls to Us

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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

Hymn 539 (stand)

Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*read responsively*)

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O God, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what you are saying, *
for you are speaking peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to you.
- 9 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
that your glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 You, O God, will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before you, *
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

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The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

(*continued* →)

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 272 (*stand*)

The Truth from Above

Unison or harmony

1 The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
 2 With heaven - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
 *3 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
 4 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and

1 her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
 2 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
 3 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
 4 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
 5 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and

1 nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
 2 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
 3 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
 4 nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
 5 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *(sit)*

Leslie Hunter

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 VI

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (*Silence*)
For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey, our Bishop; and for all
 bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on
 our parish prayer list, and those we name now, silently or aloud.

*All are invited to offer their own prayers,
 either silently or aloud.*

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*All are invited to offer their own thanksgivings,
 either silently or aloud.*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal
 kingdom; especially . . .

*All are invited to offer their own prayers,
 either silently or aloud.*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

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

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
 in your compassion forgive us our sins,
 known and unknown,
 things done and left undone;
 and so uphold us by your Spirit
 that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Ministry Minute – Megan Trubey

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Magnificat

Thomas Kelway

Solo group: Kate Burnham, Madison Fisher, Morgan Fisher,
Molly George, Kirsten Krieman, Grace Rempel

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 *(sung repeatedly by all, standing)*

(My soul doth magnify the Lord)

Canon

Ma-gni-fi-cat. Ma-gni-fi-cat. Ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.

Ma-gni-fi-cat. Ma-gni-fi-cat. Ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a!

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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;

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All are invited either to remain standing or to kneel.

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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

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

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

All Amen.

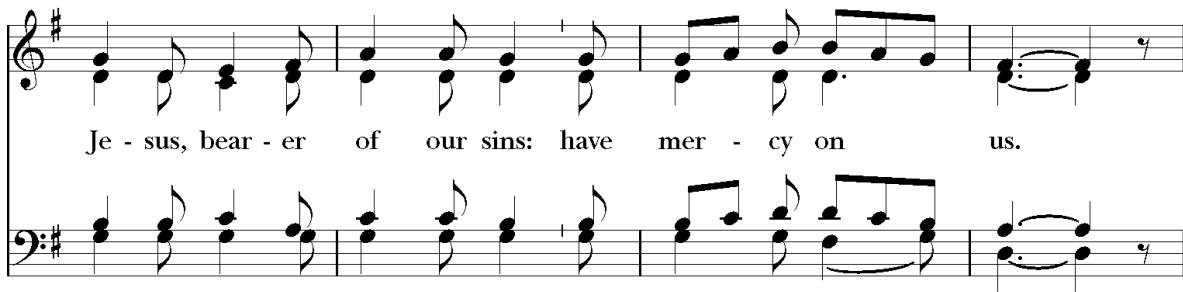
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

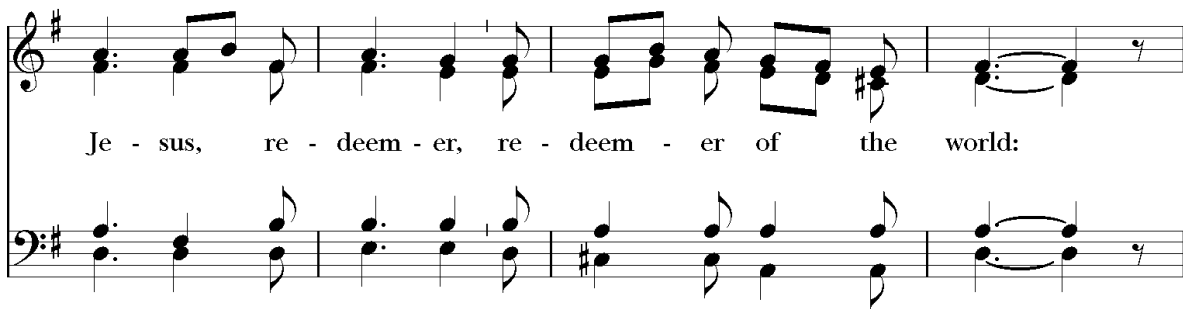
The Breaking of the Bread

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for two voices, likely soprano and alto, in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." The music consists of two staves, with the upper staff for the soprano and the lower staff for the alto. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: "Je" under the first note, "sus," under the second, "Lamb" under the third, "of" under the fourth, "God:" under the fifth, "have" under the sixth, "mer -" under the seventh, "cy" under the eighth, "on" under the ninth, and "us." under the tenth.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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.

Hymn 454 (sung by all, seated or kneeling)

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

Anthem

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hal Hopson

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when you call.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright, not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven shall call you Lord.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Latin hymn 9th c., trans. The Hymnal 1982, alt.

Prayer for Pastoral Ministry (*stand or kneel*)

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

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

Hymn 76 (*stand*)

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
 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
Savior of the Heathen, Come

J. S. Bach
 (1685-1750)

Today's altar flowers are
given in loving memory of and to the glory of God
for the life of David Emmanuel Gormanous
from his children, Jeff and Jenny, his grandchildren
Rachel, David, and Caroline and
his wife, Sherry

and in loving memory of my
father, Wilbur Wilson Oaks, Jr., from
Sally Lou Loveman

and to the glory of God in loving memory of
Anna Marie, Robert, and Lena Rasmus
from their parents.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- » Anglican Cycle of Prayer – Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin.
- » Diocesan Cycle of Prayer – *For the ecumenical relationships between the churches in full Communion with the Episcopal Church:* the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Church of North India; Church of South India; Church of Pakistan; Church of Bangladesh; the Old Catholic Churches; the Philippine Independent Church; the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar; and the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces.
- » 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, Marty, Betty.

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 – 2018 At-a-Glance

Join Christopher after the service for a look at the important moments on the calendar for 2018. Subjects will include our annual meeting, our search for a Youth Minister, finances at Christ Church in years to come, the Rector's sabbatical plans, and the work of the 2040 Committee.

Wrap & Roll Caroling Party – Tonight – 4:00-7:30pm

Come tonight as we wrap presents for the homeless, eat dinner (and Christmas cookies!) together, sing carols, and get a visit from St. Christopher—I mean St. Nicholas! 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 Sign-Up – It's Not Too Late

To sign up for the Christmas Pageant just fill out a registration form online or email Melissa with requested roles. The Pageant is Sunday, Dec. 17 during the 9:30 service.

Didn't Have Time to Buy a Sweatshirt or Thermal Underwear?

That's no problem. We're a little over halfway to our goal of 82 of each in sizes xl, xxl, and xxxl. You may drop your donations off at the Parish Office at 470 Maple Street until Wednesday, Dec. 13. Or, you can make a donation labeled for "sweatshirts" and the Christmas Angels Committee will do your shopping for you! See Julie Flood in the Prevost Cloister after the 9:30am service or send it to the office labeled "sweatshirts".

Do a Little Christmas Shopping: Do a Lot of Good for People in Need

Today after both services, come to the Prevost Cloister to purchase beautiful ornaments that have been handmade by our youth to benefit the Christmas Angels ministry. These make special holiday hostess gifts and Christmas gifts for teachers – especially Sunday School teachers – and those people on your list who are impossible to shop for. Every dollar you spend will be used by the Christmas Angels shoppers to provide warm winter necessities and gifts for hundreds of people in need that we provide for at Christmas.

Thursday Evening Advent Program Dec. 14

Come on Dec. 14 as we wrap up our Advent series. Christopher will address: *Why We Pray the Way We Pray When We Pray: Liturgy of the Table*. 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.

We start at 6:15pm with Compline in church. Followed by supper at 6:30pm and the 45 minute program at 7:00pm. 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.

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

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

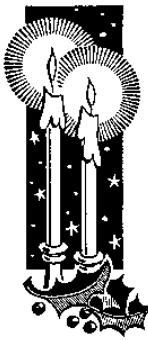
The Grand has donated over \$2,250 so far in 2017 to our Youth Ministry from your submitted receipts and the efforts of Volunteer Extraordinaire Willie Dooley. The Grand has a strict deadline that no 2017 receipts can be submitted after January 5. Therefore, we ask you to turn in all receipts by December 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 173 families who have made their pledge increasing our total to \$934,000. We are 85% 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.

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> _____	

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 –Wednesdays in Advent, Dec. 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 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.

SAVE THE DATES

Jan. 28 – Annual Meeting & Brunch

Feb. 7 – Inaugural Legacy Dinner

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

This morning 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. Jan. 10, 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.

Verger	Lucy Kreisa
Acolytes	Zoe Underwood, William Roberts, Brinton Roberts, Wes Baker
Lectors	Todd Trubey, Kate Burnham (L), Jim McGee (I)
Ushers	Robin Anstaett, Kurt Anstaett, John Gude (V)
Chalice Bearers	Jim McGee, Phil Adams, Howard Underwood, Gary Martin, Charlotte McGee, Lawson Whitesides, Jane Whitesides, Susie Sprowl
Altar Guild	Susan Lumpp, Mary Hickey, Judy Harmon, Debbie Ross
Flower Guild	Kristin Koepfgen, Darlene McKinney, Lois Ware
Flower Delivery	Nina Gray

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.