

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
THE EPIPHANY

CANDLEMAS

2 FEBRUARY 2025

# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses, and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship, and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit.

**Restrooms** are located in the Parish House and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the Parish House by way of the side office door. **A Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish Hall. **A restroom for small children** is located in the nursery at the far end of the Parish House.

**Pastoral Emergencies** such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

**The AED** is located to the left of the door to the parish office.



## **The Five Traditional Precepts of the Church**

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year.
3. Reception of the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year.
4. Observance of the days of fasting and abstinence.
5. Providing for the needs of the Church.

## **At Christ Church**

1. Share the joy and strength found in Christ with others.
2. Be present at the Mass unless prevented by travel, illness, or condition.
3. Support the Parish with time, talent, and treasure.
4. Find community in the mission and ministry of the Parish.
5. Show Christ in the world by being of service to others.

## 5:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS

*The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet*

## 8:00 A.M. LOW MASS

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☩. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

**℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

☩. ✠May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**℟. Amen.**

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☩. The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

**℟. Glory be to thee, O Lord**

☩. ...full of grace and truth.

**℟. Thanks be to God.**

# THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sung Mass w. Procession & Blessing of Candles, 10 a.m.

ORGAN 'Passacaglia & Fugue in C'

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*The Congregation stands at the ringing of the Bell.*

## THE BLESSING OF CANDLES

Ÿ. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

℞. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Ÿ. The Lord be with you

℞. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

**H**OLY Lord, Father almighty, everlasting God, who hast created all things out of nothing, and by Thy command hast caused this liquid to become perfect wax by the labor of bees: and who, on this day didst fulfill the petition of the righteous man Simeon: we humbly entreat Thee, that by the invocation of Thy most holy Name and through the intercession of Blessed Mary ever Virgin whose feast is today devoutly observed, and by the prayers of all Thy Saints, Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bless ✠ and sanctify ✠ these candles for the service of men and for the health of their bodies and souls, whether on land or on sea: and that Thou wouldst hear from Thy holy heaven, and from the throne of Thy Majesty the voices of this Thy people, who desire to carry them in their hands with honour, and to praise Thee with hymns; and wouldst be propitious to all who call upon Thee, whom Thou hast redeemed with the precious Blood of Thy Son; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

**L**ORD Jesus Christ, the true Light who enlightenest every man that cometh in to this world: pour forth Thy blessing ✠ upon these candles, and sanctify ✠ them with the light of Thy grace, and mercifully grant, that as these lights enkindled with visible fire, dispel the darkness of night, so our hearts illumined by invisible fire, that is, by the splendor of the Holy Spirit, may be free from the blindness of all vice, that the eye of our mind being cleansed, we may be able to discern what is pleasing to Thee and profitable to our salvation; so that after the perilous darkness of this life we may deserve to attain to neverfailing light: through Thee, O Christ Jesus, Saviour of the world, who in the perfect Trinity, livest and reignest, God, world without end. **Amen.**

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

*Following the Choir, the People will receive their candles at the rail and return to their pews.*

## ANTIPHON

**L**UMEN ad revelationem gentium: et  
gloriam plebis tuæ Israel.

**A**LIGHT to lighten the Gentiles, and the  
glory of thy people Israel.

## CANTICLE – Nunc dimittis in C

*C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)*

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes  
have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a  
light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father...  
Lumen ad revelationem...

## AT THE PROCESSION

Ÿ. Let us proceed in peace.

**R.** In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN 115 – Hail, to the Lord Who Comes

*Old 120<sup>th</sup>*

HYMN 116 – O Sion, Open Wide Thy Gates

*Bedford*

*At the conclusion of the Procession, the candles are extinguished.*

## AT THE MASS

### INTROIT

**S**USCEPIMUS, Deus, misericordiam  
tuam in medio temple tui: secundum  
nomen tuum, Deus, its et laus tua in  
fines terræ: justitia plena est dextera tua.  
Magnus Dominus, et laudabilis nimis: in  
civitate Dei nostril, in monte sancto ejus.  
Gloria Patri... Suscepimus...

**W**E wait for thy loving-kindness,  
O God, in the midst of thy  
temple: O God, according to thy  
name, so is thy praise unto the world's end:  
thy right hand is full of righteousness. Great  
is the Lord, and highly to be praised: in the  
city of our God, even upon his holy hill.  
Glory be to the Father... We wait...

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Ÿ. The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy majesty: that, as thy only-begotten  
Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh; so we may be presented  
unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Who liveth and  
reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

### LESSON *Malachi 3:1-4*

*The Congregation stands for the Hymn and Holy Gospel.*

HYMN 20 – Of the Father's Love (*vs.1, 2, & 5*)

*Divinum mysterium*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22-40*

*At the conclusion of the Holy Gospel, the candles are extinguished.*

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℟. Amen.

OFFERTORY – Alma Redemptoris Mater

ALMA Redemptoris Mater, quæ pervia  
Acæli porta manes et stella maris, succure  
cadenti, surgere qui curat populo: Tu quæ  
genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum  
genitorem: Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis  
ab ore sumens ilud ave, peccatorum miserere.

*G.P. da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)*

KIND mother of the Redeemer, the open  
gateway to heaven and star of the sea,  
help your fallen people who strive to rise  
again: we pray you, who bore your holy Son  
by a miracle of nature, a virgin first and last,  
who received God's greeting from the mouth  
of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.

HYMN

*Austria*

O Jerusalem beloved  
Joyful morn has dawn'd to thee,  
Sing with joy and exultation  
Sing a song of jubilee;  
For the Lord, whom thou art seeking,  
He for whom the nations pray,  
He, in human flesh appearing,  
To his temple comes to-day.

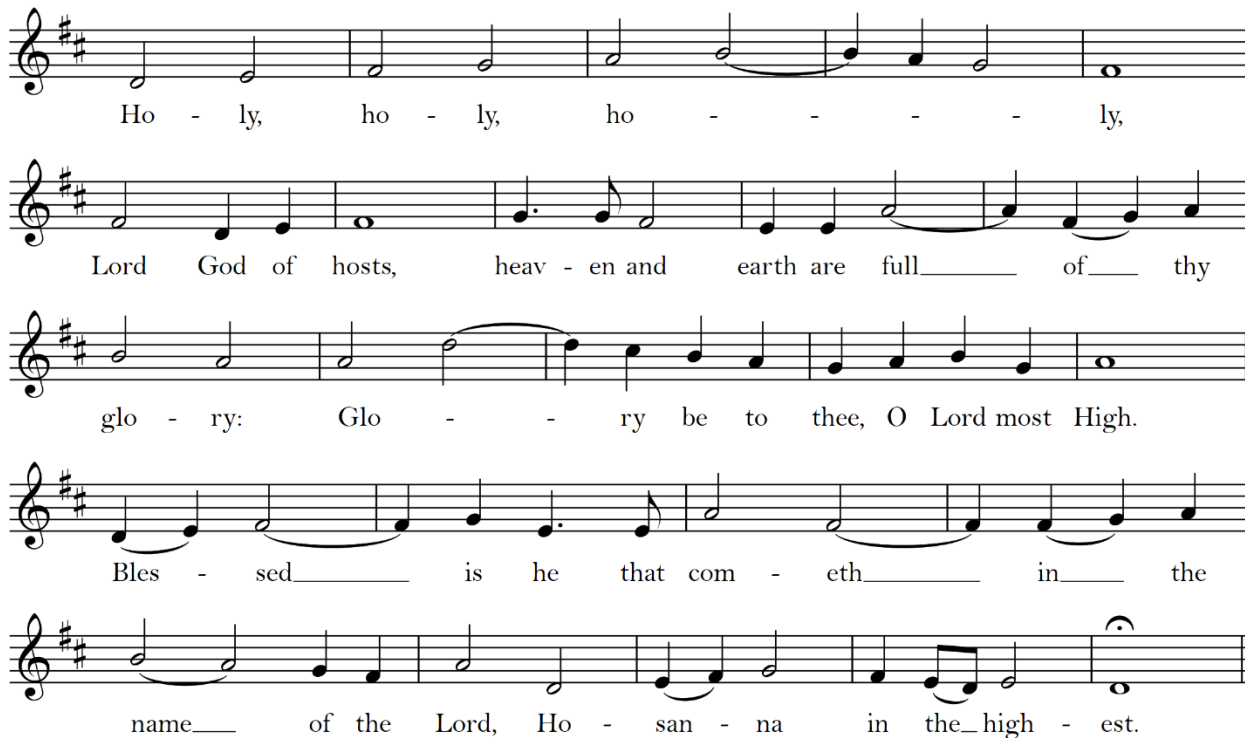
2 He the First-begotten, only  
Son of God, to-day is come,  
He the First-begotten, only  
Son of holy Mary's womb;  
All the faithful sons of Israel  
Are in him to God allied,  
And, presented in the temple  
Of the Lord, are sanctified.

3 Light the Gentile world to lighten,  
And thy glory, Israel,  
Beams on him the heavn'ly Day-spring,  
God with us, Emmanuel:  
How the aged world receives him  
In its arms with faith's embrace,  
And with Simeon rejoices  
In the sunshine of his grace.

4 May we, Lord, with holy Simeon,  
And with Anna, wait for thee  
In the visions of thy temple:  
May our hearts thy temples be,  
So, with Saints and holy Angels  
May we all for evermore,  
In Jerusalem the heavn'ly,  
Thee the Lord of all adore.

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,  
Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full of thy  
glo - ry: Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Bles - sed is he that com - eth in the  
name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.


*The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

## AGNUS DEI



O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

*At the conclusion of the Agnus Dei, the candles are extinguished.*

**PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**

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**COMMUNION**

**R**ESPONSUM accepit Simeon a Spiritu  
Sancto, non visurum se mortem, nisi  
viderent Christum Domini.

**I**T was revealed unto Simeon by the Holy  
Ghost, that he should not see death,  
before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

**THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN 190** – Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured

*Luise*

*The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**THE LAST GOSPEL**

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**Ŕ.** Glory be to thee, O Lord

**Ÿ.** ...full of grace and truth.

**Ŕ.** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN 545** – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Woodbird*

**POSTLUDE** 'Crown Imperial'

*William Walton (1902-1983)*



## PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of  
Reds Fuller and Elane Cooke.*

*The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in  
loving memory of Ruth Ormsbee.*



### **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

***the sick;*** Ed Ackerman, Cindy Nahill, Vicky Barbos, Betty Slaper, Donna Preston, Michael Tunney, Suzanne Previti, Alannah Aldea, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Suzette Mansell, Gail Petricek, Susan Preston, Angelo Cipriano, Ryan Wiese, Amelia Sciortino, Kimberlee McCafferty, Mark Goldstein, Roseann Walder, Dave Mohr, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Ellen Murphy, James Tucker, Joseph Carson III, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sava Nedic, Walter Easley, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Alexander Ounjian, Michele Hartpence, and Renee Formica.

***and those who have long term illnesses:*** Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty Richard Mueller, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Christine Nicosia, Kevin Kintner, Anna Sury, Earl Reading, Dixon Leavers, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Gary Rutherford, Alice Ward Carriger, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Sister Angela, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Irene Fithian, Brianne Nicosia, Jennifer Millar, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

***and for those in military service:*** Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Nickolas George USMC, Kevin Preston USA.

***celebrating a birthday this week:*** Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Cameron Foster, Donna Kirk, Abigail Scholer, Alexandra Gojdycz, Christiana Carty, and Dave Mohr

***celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials:*** Eric & Barbara Million

*Anyone may contact the office with names of those who are ill and/or hospitalized for inclusion in our prayers. Names will remain on the list for a maximum of four weeks unless we are notified that they should remain for a longer period.*

*If you would like to include loved ones in the Altar Flower or Sacramental Candle dedications, please contact the Church Office. The donation for flowers is \$50; the donation for the Sacramental candle is \$10.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Look for our next Christian Education series starting today at 9am! We will take a look at some of the highlights of our Book of Common Prayer Catechism, beginning with the Ten Commandments.

**MEATBALL SUB SALE** for the Super Bowl! Pre-order by **Monday Feb. 3rd**. Pickup 2pm - 3pm Superbowl Sunday, Feb. 9th! Contact the church office to order.

**VALENTINE'S DAY OUTREACH:** we're collecting granola bars, lip balm, hot cocoa, red candy, and Valentine's cards to bring to seniors, nurses, and our troops! Drop off any of the above at the church by February 11<sup>th</sup> to help bring some cheer this Valentine's Day.

**PARISH DINNER:** Join us at 6pm on February 22 for fun, fellowship, and lasagna! A free-will offering will be taken, and we will draw a 50/50 as well.

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** Join us each Friday in Lent for Stations of the Cross and a light supper of soup, salad, and bread. If you would like to volunteer to bring any of the dishes, please let Fr. Matt know.

**A LIMITED NUMBER OF ANNUAL MEETING BOOKLETS** can be found on the table in the Parish lobby for anyone who was unable to attend and desires a copy.

**ANGELUS:** Please let Fr. Matt know if you would like any announcements to be included in the weekly *Angelus*. If you know of any parishioners who are homebound or are not able to receive the Angelus through email and would like to have a hard copy mailed to their house, please contact the church office.

**2024 CONTRIBUTION REQUEST:** In an effort to go green, we will only print/email yearly contribution statements for 2024 to members who request one. Please contact Donna Kirk at the church office at 609-298-2348 or email at [office@ccbtown.com](mailto:office@ccbtown.com).

**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2025** are available for pick-up on the table in front of the church office. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like envelopes, please call the church office at 298-2348 or email [office@ccbtown.com](mailto:office@ccbtown.com).

**BLESSING BOX:** Donations of travel-sized items such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors and shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, and the like are always needed and can be placed in the basket in the back of the church. Please contact Donna Kirk at the Parish office 298-2348 or email [office@ccbtown.com](mailto:office@ccbtown.com) with any questions.

**SOLES4SOULS:** Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful amount of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your winter cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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## Schedule for the Week following 2 February

### Sunday, 2 February

*The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the Temple*

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:45 a.m. Church School

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Candlemas

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Thursday, 6 February

*Titus, Bishop and Confessor, 1<sup>st</sup> Century*

10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

### Friday, 7 February

*Feria*

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

### Saturday, 8 February

*Of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

### Sunday, 9 February

*The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

8:45 a.m. Church School

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

2:00 p.m. Meatball Sub Pickup

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

### Monday, 3 February

*Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to  
Denmark and Sweden*

*Church office closed.*

### Tuesday, 4 February

*Cornelius the Centurion*

12:10 p.m. Low Mass

### Wednesday, 5 February

*The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

6:30 p.m. Rosary & Low Mass