

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

24 DECEMBER 2022

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.

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 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.

SUNG MASS AND PROCESSION

11PM

The liturgy of the Mass can be found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which is the red book in your pew. Hymns can be found in the Hymnal, which is the blue book.

PRELUDE

*Gésu Bambino - Pietro Yon
I Wonder as I Wonder – John Jacob Niles
Timothy Smith, tenor*

*O Holy Night
Alexandra Batsios, soprano*

The Congregation stands at the entrance of the altar party.

Celebrant Let us proceed in peace.
Congregation **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

HYMN 12 *O Come all Ye Faithful* (v.1 & 2)

Adeste Fidelis

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Congregation **Who hath made heaven and earth.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
Congregation **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow ✠ and bless ✠ this Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of this holy incarnation, may be filled with thy benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 12 *O Come all Ye Faithful* (v. 3-6)

Adeste Fidelis

AT THE MASS OF THE CATECHUMENS

INTROIT *Dominus dixit*

The Lord said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. Psalm 2. Why do the heathen so furiously rage together, and why do the people imagine a vain thing? V. Glory be... The Lord saith...

KYRIE ELEISON *Hymnal 710*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Hymnal 713*

Willan

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 161

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.

HYMN 30 *The First Nowell* (v. 1,2 & 6)

The First Nowell

THE HOLY GOSPEL *S. Luke 2:1-20*
SERMON Father Matthew Tucker

The Congregation stands for the Creed

NICENE CREED

BCP 327

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 331

COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The Celebrant declares to the Congregation the Intentions of the Mass, and then continues.

V. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

V. ✠May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in the peace.

Amen.

AT THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING *Adam Lay Ybounden*

Boris Ord (1837-1961)

*Adam lay ybounden, And all was for an apple,
Bounden in a bond; An apple that he took,
Four thousand winter As clerkēs finden written
Thought he not too long. In their book.*

*Nor had one apple taken been, Blessed be the time
The apple taken been, That apple taken was.
Then had never Our Lady Therefore we may singen
A-been heaven's queen. Deo gratias!*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn, Sursum Corda and Sanctus & Benedictus

HYMN 40 *God rest you merry gentleman*

God rest you merry

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

BCP 333

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Hymnal 711 /797*

Willan

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass through the Communion Antiphon

CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 712*

Willan

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

COMMUNION - *In splendóribus*

In splendóribus sanctorum, ex útero ante lucíferum génui te.

With an holy worship, the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party and choir, the members of the Congregation should approach the altar rail.

All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who instead wish to receive a blessing may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.

The custom for receiving Holy Communion in this parish is to receive the host (bread) on the outstretched right palm of the hand (supported underneath by the left palm) or directly on the tongue; to receive the chalice, gently guide the base of the chalice with your hand to allow the rim to reach your lips. If you wish to receive by intinction, please offer the Host to the Chalice bearer, who will intinct for you. After receiving the Sacrament or a blessing, please return to your pew and kneel or sit.

CAROL *Christmas Lullaby*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*Clear in the darkness, a light shines in Bethlehem
Angels are singing, their sound fills the air
Wise men have journeyed to greet their Messiah
But only a mother and baby lie there.*

*Ave Maria, Ave Maria
Hear the soft lullaby the angel hosts sing.
Ave Maria, Ave Maria
Maiden and mother of Jesus our King.*

*Where are his courtiers and who are his people?
Why does he bear neither sceptre nor crown?
Shepherds his courtiers, the poor for his people
With peace as his sceptre and love for his crown.*

*What though your treasures are not gold or incense?
Lay them before him with hearts full of love.
Praise to the Christ child, and praise to his mother
Who bore us a Saviour by grace from above.*

The Congregation kneels for the Collect through the Blessing

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant to us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we who in these mysteries draw near with gladness unto the Nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord; may by godly conversation be found worthy to attain unto his fellowship: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN 33 *Silent Night*

Holy Night

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn.

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 27 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

POSTLUDE *Nöel Suisse*

Louis Claude D'Aquin

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers and greens which decorate the church and chapel in celebration of the Nativity are given in memory of the many loved ones listed in the Christmas Memorials brochure, copies of which may be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

The Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of Thomas A. Fisher II.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the sick Anna Sury, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Fran Sutter, Kevin Kintner, Reagon Condron, Jim Baker, Russell Childs, Jennifer Millar, Lisa Jones, Ryan Kochie, Patty MacAllister, Alma Poksay, Evelyn Montalvo, Nancy Walls, Benjamin Kniss, Delmar Fenton Jr., Edward Lavelle, Dawn Matthews, Korey Walton, Gene McHugh, Maureen Rees, Biase Collalilo, John Kochie, Stephen Turgyan, Elaine Moore, Lucy Janicelli, Claire Horyn, Anthony Petresilli, Scott O'Brien, Zachary Birnbaum, Karen Salva, Shelly Eberhart, John Miosz, Robert Geneski, Kathy Pietsch, JoAnn Scott, Karen Clifford, and Mary Koch.

and those who have long term illnesses: Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Arthur Jukes, Dixon Leavers, Robin Kintner, Gary Rutherford, Jane Humble, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Carla Douglas, Ryan Murray, William Sweeney, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, the Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Shawna Catarinicchia, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Roberta Cash, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Patricia Dixon, Jeanette Poole, Bob Bernard, Pat Temple, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Maria Stout, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, the Rev. Son Xuan Nguyen, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Helen Gardiner, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brian Nguyen, Rob Mendez, Christine Nicosia, Brianne Nicosia, Karen Schweppenheiser Lospinoso, Sister Pat, Carl Hasson, Susan Sizetz, Frank Clebock, and Ron Clebock.

those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Kevin Dunphy, USAR; Samuel Manion, USA.

celebrating a birthday this week: Thomas Feuerstein, Riley Woodrick, Dennis Brown, Robin Nosari, Evan Cartwright, Darrell Vigh, Rylee Collins, Derek Fiabane, Mark Casais, Devon Vlahovic, Piper Hensley, and Marianne Jackson.

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Joseph & Gayle Carson

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

COME CELEBRATE the manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles on **Friday, January 6, at 7pm**. A house blessing packet will be made available to everyone.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2023 are available for pickup on the front table outside 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.

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PACKET AND FINANCIAL INTENTION CARD for our support of Christ Church in 2023 was distributed to all households on our mailing list. Please return the card as soon as possible, as the Vestry is charged with creating and approving an operating budget for 2023. Extra pledge cards are located on the table at the back entrance of the church.

OUTREACH UPDATE: since the day before Thanksgiving, more than 1000 meals have been prepared and delivered to those in need. Our Christmas Outreach is wrapping up with all the families accounted for. Well done!

ACCESSIBILITY UPDATE: several pieces of our work to make the parish more accessible to those with differing abilities have been completed in the last week, including the creation of an accessible space in the Nave, motion-detector switches in the restrooms, and a baby-changing station in the accessible restroom. Our thanks to the diocesan Ministry with the Disabled committee for giving us a grant toward the work!

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 with any questions.

CHURCH OFFICE: Please note that the Church office will be closed from December 25 through January 6.

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

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

A Parish of the Episcopal Church



Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Fr. J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K. Salmon, *Honorary Associate*

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Schedule for the Week following 24 December

Saturday, 24 December

The Vigil of the Nativity

6:00 p.m. Family Mass

11:00 p.m. Sung Mass of the
Nativity

Sunday, 25 December

Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Low Mass of Christmas

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

8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Monday, 26 December

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Church office closed

Tuesday, 27 December

Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist

Church office closed

Wednesday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents

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

Thursday, 29 December

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

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

Friday, 30 December

Josephine Butler, 1906

Saturday, 31 December

Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, 1 January

The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

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

