# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

25 DECEMBER 2024

## 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.

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### CHRISTMAS DAY 10am Low Mass

The page numbers refer to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer found in your pew. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

ORGAN Noël sur les flûtes Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772) The Congregation stands at the ringing of the bell. HYMN 12 O come, all ye faithful (omit vs. 4 & 5) Adeste Fidelis **OPENING SALUTATION AND RESPONSE** p. 323 COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW p. 323-24 KYRIE ELEISON p. 324 **GLORIA** p. 324 PROPER COLLECT p. 161 The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons. LESSON Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel. The First Nowell HYMN 30 The first Nowell (vs. 1,2 & 6) THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 SERMON Fr. Tucker The Congregation stands for the Creed. NICENE CREED p. 326-27 The Congregation kneels for the Prayers. PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE p. 328-30 p. 330-32 CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION THE PEACE The people may greet one another in the Name of the Lord with a bow or wave p. 332 INTENTIONS OF THE MASS 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, rest in the peace. Amen.

#### OFFERTORY

The Congregation stands for the Hymn. HYMN 42 Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

#### THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE	-

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party, 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. After receiving the Blessed Sacrament or a blessing, return to your pew and kneel or sit, as you are able.

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The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel. THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 27 Hark! The herald angels sing	Mendelssohn
ORGAN Nöel Suisse	Louis Claude D'Aquin

The Clergy, Vestry, and People of Christ Church wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

### **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:*, Mary Beth Carver Tallman, 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: 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 USAR.

*celebrating a birthday this week:* Lawrence Nosari, Riley Fleming, Robert Bauer, Thomas Feuerstein, Riley Woodrick, Dennis Brown, Robin Nosari, Evan Cartwright, Darrell Vigh, and David Tennett

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 Saturday, January 6, at 5:30pm. Choral Mass w. Procession, the Blessing of Chalk, and the Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2025** are available for pick-up at 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.

**THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PACKET AND FINANCIAL INTENTION CARD** for our support of Christ Church in 2025 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 2025 in the next few weeks. Extra pledge cards are located on the table at the back entrance of the church.

**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 <u>office@ccbtown.com</u> with any questions.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING online using the code below:



#### SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 25, 10am: Low Mass w. Carols December 30, 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

# **CHRIST CHURCH PARISH**

A Parish of the Episcopal Church

**Clergy and Staff** 

The Rev. Fr. J. Matthew Tucker, Rector

Mr. Stephen C. Bearse, Organist and Choirmaster Mrs. Donna Kirk, Parish Administrator Mrs. SueAnne Jones, Treasurer Mr. Charles Reeder, Sexton

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# **Schedule following 25 December**

#### Wednesday, 25 December **Christmas Day**

Church office closed 10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Carols 6:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 26 December Stephen, Deacon & Martyr 10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing

Friday, 27 December Saint John Apostle and Evangelist

#### Saturday, 28 December The Holy Innocents

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass Christmas Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m. w. Vox Fidelis

#### Sunday, 29 December

#### The First Sunday after Christmas Day

8:00 a.m. Low Mass 10:00 a.m. Sung Mass 7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting



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