

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

24 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.



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.

11:00 P.M. PROCESSION & SUNG MASS

The page numbers refer to pages in the red 1979 Book of Common Prayer found in your pew.

ORGAN *'Noël sur les flûtes'*

Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

AT THE PROCESSION

☩. Let us proceed in peace.
✠. In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN – O Come All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fidelis

The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. The first staff is the main melody, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff is labeled 'REFRAIN' and begins with the lyrics 'O come, let us a -'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!'.

1. O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:
Refrain

2. God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:
Refrain

3. See how the shepherds, Summoned to his cradle.
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear:
We too will thither Bend our joyful footsteps:
Refrain

4. Child, for us sinners Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love:
Who would not love thee, Loving us so dearly?
Refrain

5. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God In the highest:
Refrain

6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

☩. Our help is in the Name of the Lord. ✠. **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

☩. The Lord be with you. ✠. **And with thy spirit.**

☩. 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.

AT THE MASS

INTROIT

DOMINUS dixit ad me: Filius meus
es tu, ego hodie genui te. Quare
fremuerunt gentes: et populi
meditate sunt inania? Gloria
Patri...Dominus dixit...

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

KYRIE *Communion Service in E-flat*

L.J. White

Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri-e e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

And on earth peace, good-will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we
wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al -
migh - ty. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. Thou that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re- ceive_ our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther have mer-cy up-on us. For Thou___ on - ly art Ho - ly; thou on - ly art the___ Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most high___ in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.

HYMN – The First Nowell

The First Nowell

REFRAIN
No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well, Born is the King_ of Is - ra - el!

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Refrain

2. They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:

Refrain

3. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:

Refrain

THE HOLY GOSPEL S. Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

The Congregation stands for the Creed

NICENE CREED

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The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEACE

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INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

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

☩. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

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

R. Amen.

OFFERTORY – See Amid the Winter’s Snow

John Goss (1800-1880)

SEE amid the winter’s snow, Born for us on earth below; See the tender Lamb appears,
S Promis’d from eternal years: *Hail, thou ever-blessed morn; Hail, redemption’s happy dawn! Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.* Lo, within a manger lies He who built the starry skies; He who, thron’d in height sublime, Sits amid the cherubim: *Hail, thou ever...* Sacred infant, all divine, What a tender love was thine. Thus to come from highest bliss Down to such a world as this: *Hail, thou ever...*

HYMN – God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry



O — ti - dings of com - fort and



joy, com-fort and joy, O — ti - dings of com - fort and joy.

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan’s pow’r
When we were gone astray:

Refrain

2. From God our heav’nly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:

Refrain

3. Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface:

Refrain

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,
 heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Glo - ry be to thee, O Lordmost High.
 Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

CANON OF THE MASS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

COMMUNION

IN splendoribus Sanctorum, ex utero ante
 luciferum genui te.

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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

MOTET – O magnum mysterium

O MAGNUM mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum iacentem in præsepio: O beata Virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Jesum Christum. Alleluia.

Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1548-1611)

O GREAT mystery and wondrous sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger. Blessed is that Virgin whose womb was made worthy to bear Jesus Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

The Congregation kneels for the Collect through the Blessing

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

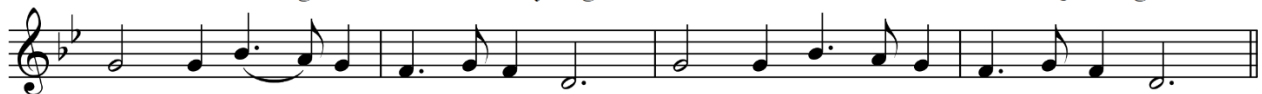
GRANT to us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we who in these mysteries draw near with gladness unto the Nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord; may by godly conversation be found worthy to attain unto his fellowship: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN – Silent Night

Stille Nacht



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep - herds quake at the sight,
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light



Round 'yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
Glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far, Heav'n - ly hosts_ sing al - le - lu - a;
Ra - dian beams_ from thy ho - ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace, _____ Sleep_ in hea - ven - ly peace.
Christ, the Sa - viour is born! _____ Christ, the Sa - viour is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, _____ Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn.

THE LAST GOSPEL

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

R. **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

∇. ...full of grace and truth.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn



1. Hark! the he - rald an - gels sing— Glo - ry to the new - born King:
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored,— Christ the e - ver - last - ing Lord,
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!— Hail the Sun of Right-eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,— God and sin - ners re - con - cil'd:
Late in time be - hold him come— Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb:
Light and life to all he brings,— Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings:



Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,— Join the tri - umph of the skies,—
Veiled in flesh the God - head see,— Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty!—
Mild he lays his glo - ry by,— Born that man no more may die,—



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, Christ is— born in Beth - le - hem.
Pleased as man with man to dwell, Je - sus,— our Em - ma - nu - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to— give them se - cond birth.



Hark! the he - rald an - gles sing Glo - ry— to the new - born King.

ORGAN 'Noël Suisse'

Daquin

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.

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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.

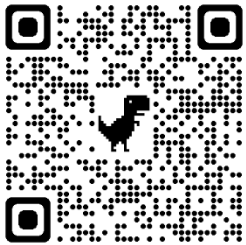
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 office@ccbtown.com with any questions.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING online using the code below:



SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 25, 10am: Low Mass w. Carols
- December 28, 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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Schedule following 24 December

Tuesday, 24 December

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Church office closed

6:00 p.m. Family Mass

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

Wednesday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Church office closed.

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

Thursday, 26 December

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

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

Friday, 27 December

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

No Services

Saturday, 28 December

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

Sunday, 29 December

The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

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