

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7 DECEMBER 2025

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us to-day. 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 in English and Latin. The Rood shows our Saviour, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet, restful place, where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share in its benefit. Come in, rest, and 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, and 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 the main doors and entering the Parish House by way of the side office door. A **Baby Changing Station** is located in the accessible bathroom in the Parish House. 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. Tucker – 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner. Please do not hesitate to call. The **AED** is located to the left of the parish office door.

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 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.

VIGIL MASS 5.30 PM

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

LOW MASS 8.00 AM

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SUNG MASS

10.00 AM

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

Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.

ORGAN “Ciacona in f-minor”

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

HYMN 3 – “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

Wachet Auf

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KYRIE – “Missa Brevis”

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

§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons and Psalm.

LESSON *Isaiah 11, 1-10*

PSALM 72, 1-8



**GIVE the King thy judgments · O God, * and thy righteousness
un·to the King's son.**

2 Then shall he judge thy people according un-to right, * . and defend the poor.

3 The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills
righteousness un-to the people.

4 He shall keep the simple folk by · their right, * defend the children of the poor, and punish · the wrong doer.

5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon · endureth, *
from one generation · to another.

6 He shall come down like the rain upon the · mown grass, * even
as the drops · that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the right·eous flourish; * yea and abundance
of peace, so long as the · moon endureth.

8 His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other, *
and from the River un·to the world's end.

EPISTLE *Romans 15, 4-13*

§ The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.

HYMN – “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

Ascension



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a__ call from the ways un-trod: Pre-
 2. O__ Zi-on, that bring-est good tid-ings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Pro-
 3. but the word of our God__ en-dur-eth, the__ arm of the Lord is strong; he__



pare in the des-ert a high-way, a high-way for__ our God! The__
 claim to a des-o-late peo-ple the com-ing of__ thier King. Like the
 stands in the midst of na-tions, and he will right__ the wrong. He shall



val-leys shall be ex-alt-ed, the lof-ty__ hills brought low; make
 flow'rs of the field they__ per-ish, like grass our__ works de-cay, the
 feed his__ flock like a shep-herd, the lambs he'll gent-ly hold; to



straight all the crook-ed pla-ces where the Lord our__ God__ may go!
 pow'r and__ pomp of na-tions shall__ pass like a dream a-way;
 pas-tures of peace he'll lead__ them, and__ bring them safe to his fold.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3, 1-12*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

NICENE CREED



I be-lieve in one__ God * the Fa-ther Al-migh-ty, Ma-ker of heav-en and earth,



And of all things vi-si-ble and in-vi-si-ble: And in one Lord Je-sus Christ,



the on-ly-be-got-ten Son of God; Be-got-ten of his Fa-ther be-fore__ all worlds,



God of God, Light of Light, Ver-y God of Ver-y God; Be-got-ten, not made;

Be - ing of one sub-stance with the Fa - ther; By whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our sal - va - tion came down from heav - en,

And was in-car-nate by the Ho-ly Ghost of the Vir-gin Ma - ry, And was made man:

And was cru - ci - fi - ed al - so for us un - der Pon-tius Pi - late:

He suf - fer - ed and was bu - ri - ed: And the third day he rose a - gain

ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures: And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en,

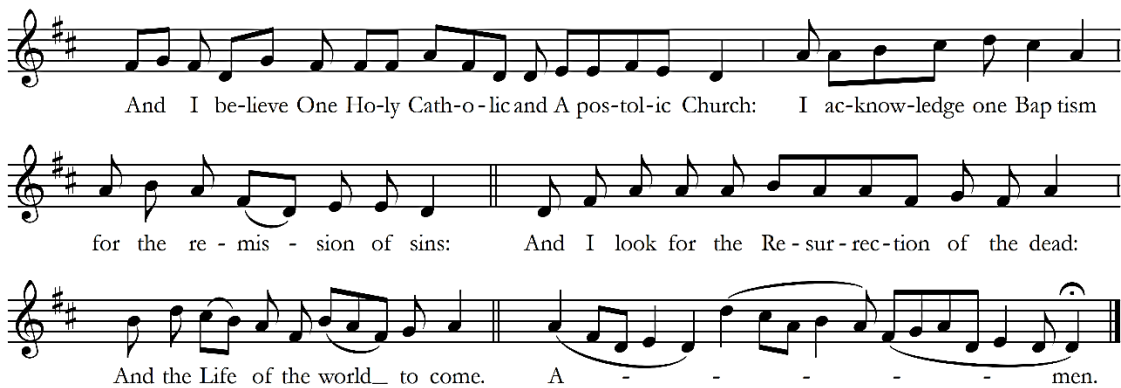
And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther: And he shall come a - gain, with glo - ry,

to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose king-dom shall have no end.

And I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Ghost, the Lord, and Giv - er of Life,

Who pro-ceed-eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; Who with the Fa-ther and the Son

to-gether is wor-ship-ped and glo - ri - fi - ed; Who spake by the pro - phets:



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OFFERTORY – “Pray that Jerusalem”

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

PRAY that Jerusalem may have peace and felicity: Let them that love thee and thy peace have still prosperity. Therefore I wish that peace may still within thy walls remain, and ever may thy palaces prosperity retain. Now for my friends’ and brethren’s sakes, peace be in thee, I’ll say. And for the house of God our Lord, I’ll seek thy good alway.

HYMN 10 – “On Jordan’s Bank”

Winchester New

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

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COMMUNION

JERUSALEM, surge et sta in excelso, et vide
Jucunditatem, quæ veniet tibi a Deo tuo.

ARISE, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and
Abehold the joy that cometh unto thee from
thy God.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN – “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Genevan 42



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

§ *The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

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HYMN 11 – “The King Shall Come”

S. Stephen

ORGAN “Improvisation on *S. Stephen*”

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of Geraldine Walls Spady, Judy Collom, Nancy Walls, and Richard Collom Jr.



*The **Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle** in the Lady Chapel is given in memory of Ed Ackerman.*

Of your charity, please remember in your prayers...

the sick: Grayson Porter, Robert J. Law, Bob Iero, Ed Ackerman, Cindy Nahill, Vicky Barbos, Alannah Aldea, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Suzette Mansell, Susan Preston, Angelo Cipriano, Ryan Wiese, Amelia Sciortino, Mark Goldstein, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, 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, Daryl Albury, and Alexander Ounjian.

and those who have long term illnesses: Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Marlene Barnhart, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Mary Pullen, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, 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, Kathy Gabel, Sean Higgins, and Kelly Zsenak.

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

celebrating a birthday this week: Donna Manion and Grace Peterson.

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Kate Williamson & Susan Preston and James & Loris Johnson.

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 remember a loved one 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: Join us this morning at 9am in the Parish Hall to hear as we cover the books of James, Peter, John, and Jude. The session on How to Re-read the Bible scheduled for next week has been postponed, but look for the replacement subject soon.

Advent Pageant: Come see our Church School children tell the story of the birth of Jesus on Saturday, December 20th, at 5:30pm. Vigil Mass and Pizza Party to follow – bring a dessert to share!

Steering Committee: The Capital Campaign Steering Committee will meet on Saturday, December 13, at 4pm.

Christmas Lessons & Carols: Come celebrate Christmas with Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 28, at 7pm.

Donations Needed for Blessing Box: Donations such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors, shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, socks 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 or monetary donations.

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!

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, 24 December – *Christmas Eve*

- ✠ Family Mass – 6.00 pm
- ✠ Sung Mass of the Nativity – 11.00 pm

Thursday, 25 December – *Christmas Day*

- ✠ Low Mass w. Carols – 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Dec 7 – 9am: Adult Ed.: “The Books of James, Peter, John, and Jude”

Dec 14 – 9am: Adult Ed.: Subject To Be Determined

Dec 20 – 5.30pm: Advent Pageant & Pizza Party

Dec 21 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep

Dec 24 – 6pm: Christmas Eve Family Mass

Dec 24 – 11pm: Sung Mass of the Nativity

Dec 25 – 10am: Christmas Day Mass w. Carols

Dec 28 – 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols



Make your Offering online using this QR Code:

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Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

Sunday, 7 December – *The Second Sunday of Advent (Ambrose of Milan, Bishop & Theologian, 397)*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Church School – 8.45 am
- ✠ Adult Education – 9.00 am
- ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✠ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 8 December – *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637*

{Church Office Closed}

Tuesday, 9 December – *Feria*

- ✠ Low Mass – 12.10pm

Wednesday, 10 December – *Feria*

- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm
- ✠ Rosary & Low Mass – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 11 December – *Fredrick Howden, Jr., Priest & Chaplain of the Armed Forces, 1941*

- ✠ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 12 December – *Francis de Sales, Bishop; Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1662 & 1641*

- ✠ No Services (offsite funeral)

Saturday, 13 December – *Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304*

- ✠ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

Sunday, 14 December – *The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Church School – 8.45 am
- ✠ Adult Education – 9.00 am
- ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✠ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
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