

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30 NOVEMBER 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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℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

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 “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland”

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

AD te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te exspectant, non confundentur. *Ps. ibid., 4.* Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. Gloria Patri... Ad te levavi...

UNTO thee lift I up my soul: my God in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded: neither let mine enemies triumph over me: for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. *Ps. ibid., 4.* Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Glory be to the Father... Unto thee lift I up...

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KYRIE – “Communion Service in D”

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on__ us.

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

LESSON *Isaiah 2, 1-5*



I WAS glad when they said · unto me, * We will go into the house of the · LORD.

2 Our feet shall stand · in thy gates, * O Jeru·salem.

3 Jerusalem is built · as a city * that is at unity in it·self.

4 For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes · of the LORD, * to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the · LORD.

5 For there is the · seat of judgment, * even the seat of the house of Dav·id.

6 O pray for the peace · of Jerusalem; * they shall prosper that love · thee.

7 Peace be with·in thy walls, * and plenteousness within the pa·laces.

8 For my brethren · and companions' sakes, * I will wish thee prospe·rity.

9 Yea because of the house of the · LORD our God, * I will seek to do thee · good.

EPISTLE *Romans 13, 8-14*

§ *The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.*

HYMN 544 – “Thy Kingdom Come”

S. Cecilia

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 24, 37-44*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

NICENE CREED

(Priest) *(Choir & Congregation)*

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

And I be-lieve One Ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A pos-tol-ic Church: I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism

for the re-mis-sion of sins: And I look for the Re-sur-rec-tion of the dead:

And the Life of the world_ to come. A-men.

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OFFERTORY – “Rejoice, O Jerusalem”

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

THE night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him; and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!

HYMN 9 – “Hark! a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

Merton

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

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 Lord Most High. Bless-ed 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-kest a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy up-on us. O Lamb of God, that tak-kest 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.

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COMMUNION

DOMINUS dabit benignitatem: et terra
nostra dabit fructum suum.

THE Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and
our land shall give her increase.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 1 – “Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

§ *The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

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§ *The Congregation stands for The Last Gospel.*

THE LAST GOSPEL

℣. ✕ The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John. **℟. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣. ...full of grace and truth. **℟. Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 2 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

ORGAN “Improvisation on *Veni Emmanuel*”

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of
Barbara Virginia Million.*



*The **Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle** in the Lady Chapel is given
in celebration of the birthday of Kristen Fritz.*

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: 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: Patricia Ciacchio, Marlene Mohr, Anna McElmoyl, Abigail Bayzath, Dylan Marsh, Kevin Kintner, Emilee D'Angelo, and Emre Avunduk

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 more about Church Music with our Organist and Choirmaster, Stephen Bearse. Future sessions will cover the books of James, Peter, John, and Jude on December 7th and How to Re-read the Bible on December 14th.

A Day with St. Nick: Join us on Saturday, December 6th (the feast of St. Nicholas) for hot cocoa, candy canes, and pictures with St. Nick!

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!

Outreach News: Along with our partners in ministry, we prepared, packed, and delivered over 500 Thanksgiving meals to our deserving neighbors and to our troops on the Joint Base. Many thanks to all who helped make this happen!

Diocesan News: At the 242nd Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey last weekend, it was announced that our diocese has given a gift of one million dollars from the Jane O.P. Turner fund to the Diocese of Jerusalem. Also at convention, our own Abby Sander was elected to the Disciplinary Board and it was announced that Fr. Matt has been called to a part-time position as Canon for Pastoral Care.

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!

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 30 – 9am: Adult Ed. “More About Music...”

Dec. 6 – 2pm: A Day with St. Nick

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

Dec 14 – 9am: Adult Ed.: “How to Re-Read the Bible”

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, 30 November – *The First Sunday of Advent (S. Andrew the Apostle)*

- ✠ 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, 1 December – *Charles de Foucauld, Monastic & Martyr, 1916*
{Church Office Closed}

Tuesday, 2 December – *Channing Moore Williams, Bishop & Missionary, 1910*
✠ Low Mass – 12.10pm

Wednesday, 3 December – *Francis Xavier, Priest & Missionary, 1552*
✠ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm
✠ Rosary & Low Mass – 6.30 pm

Thursday, 4 December – *John of Damascus, Priest & Theologian, c. 760*
✠ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 5 December – *Clement of Alexandria, Priest & Theologian, c. 210*
✠ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

Saturday, 6 December – *Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342*
✠ A Day with St. Nick – 2.00 pm
✠ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

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

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