

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22 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.

5:30 P.M. VIGIL MASS

The Vigil Mass follows the form found in the Chapel Booklet

8:00 A.M. LOW MASS

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INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

℟. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

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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.**

10:00 A.M. SUNG MASS

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 *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

INROIT

RORATE cœli, desuper, et nubes
pluant justum: aperiatur terra, et
germinet Salvatorem. Cœli enarrant
gloriam Dei: et opera manuum ejus
annuntiat firmamentum. Gloria
Patri...Rorate cœli...

DROP down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness: let the earth open,
and bring forth the Saviour. The heavens
declare the glory of God: and the firmament
sheweth his handy-work. Glory be to the
Father...Drop down, ye heavens...

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KYRIE *Hymnal 747*

Sowerby

PROPER COLLECT

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The Congregation is seated for the Lesson and Psalm.

LESSON *Micah 5:2-4*

PSALM 80:1-7



HEAR O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph · like
a flock; * show thyself also, thou that sittest · upon the Cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim Benjamin · and Manasseh, * stir up thy strength
· and come and help us.

3 Turn us a·gain O God; * show the light of thy countenance ·
and we shall be whole.

4 O LORD · God of hosts, * how long wilt thou be angry with
thy · people that prayeth?

5 Thou feedest them with the · bread of tears, * and givest them
plen·teousness of tears to drink.

6 Thou hast made us a very strife un·to our neighbours, * and our
ene·mies laugh us to scorn.

7 Turn us again thou · God of hosts; * show the light of thy
countenance · and we shall be whole.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 10:5-10*

The Congregation stands for Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

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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THE PEACE *The people may greet one another in the Name of the Lord with a bow or wave.*

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OFFERTORY – Magnificat ‘*in A-minor*’

Richard Farrant (c. 1525-1580)

(The text may be found on p. 65 of the Book of Common Prayer)

HYMN 484 – Lift Up Your Heads

Truro

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS *Hymnal 748/799*

Sowerby

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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THE LORD’S PRAYER *Hymnal 722*

AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 749*
PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS
COMMUNION

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ECCE, Virgo concipiet et pariet filium: et
vocabitur nomen ejus Emmanuel.

BEHOLD, a Virgin shall conceive, and
bear a son: and his name shall be called
Emmanuel.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN – The Lord Whom Earth

Puer nobis nascitur



1. The Lord whom earth and sea and sky A - dore and
2. And he whose will is ev - er done By moon and
3. How blest that Moth - er, in whose shrine The ver - y
4. Blest in the mes - sage Gab - riel brought, Blest in the
5. O Je - su, Vir - gin - born to thee E - ter - nal



praise_ and mag - ni - fy, Who o'er their three - fold
seas, by stars and sun, Is borne up - on a
Word of God di - vine, The mak - er of the
work the Spi - rit wrought Blest ev - er - more, who
praise_ and glo - ry be, Whom with the Fath - er



fab - ric reigns, The Vir - gin's spot - less womb con - tains.
Maid - en's breast, Whom God's fore - see - ing grace pos - sess'd.
earth and sky, Was pleas'd in flesh - ly form to lie.
brought to birth The long - de - sired of all the earth.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er - more.

The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel.

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 5 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

ORGAN *Prelude & Fugue in G Major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

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, Richard Mueller, 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 USA.

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 on 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.

COME CELEBRATE the manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles on the weekend of **January 5**. All Masses that weekend will include the Blessing of Chalk, and the Blessing of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

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!

MAKE YOUR OFFERING online using the code below:



Saturday, Dec. 21, 5:30pm: Advent Pageant & Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS EVE

6 p.m. Family Mass

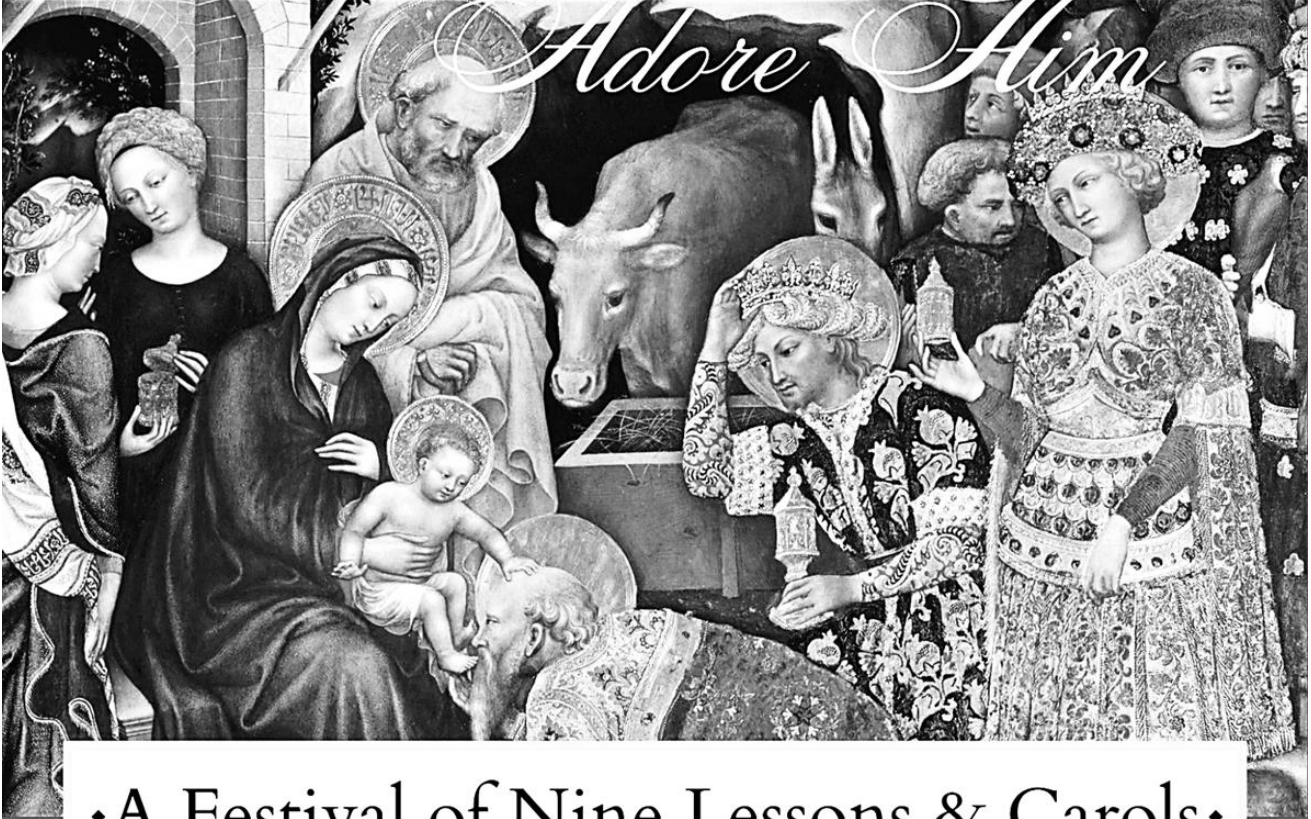
11 p.m. Sung Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 a.m. Said Mass w. Carols

*If you or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to frailty or illness,
please let Fr. Matt know so that he can offer the Blessed Sacrament this Christmas.*

*O Come, Let Us
Adore Him*



• A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols •

Saturday, December 28
7.00 pm



• 130 Prince Street Bordentown, NJ •

Christ Church Parish



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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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Schedule for the Week following 22 December

Sunday, 22 December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Low Mass

10:00 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

7:00 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

7:00 p.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols
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

Monday, 23 December

Advent FERIA

Church office closed.

Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

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

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