

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

## BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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4 JANUARY 2026

# 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.

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## **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 – “Prelude & Fugue in G”  
1750)

J.S. Bach (1685-

## INTROIT

**I**N nomine Jesu omne genu flectatur,  
coelestium, terrestrium et infernorum: et  
omnis lingua confiteatur, quia Dominus  
Jesus Christus in gloria est Dei Patris. *Ps.*  
*8, 2.* Domine, Dominus noster, quam  
admirabile est nomen tuum in universa terra!  
Gloria Patri...In nomine...

**A**T the name of Jesus every knew  
shall bow, of things in heaven, and  
things in earth, and things under the  
earth: and every tongue shall confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father. *Ps. 8, 1.* O Lord our Governor, how  
excellent is thy Name in all the world! Glory  
be to the Father... At the name...

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## KYRIE – “Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena”

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

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

## 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, 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

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

LESSON *Jeremiah 31, 7-14*

PSALM 84



1 O How amiable · are thy dwellings, \* · thou LORD of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the · courts of the LORD; \* my heart and my flesh rejoice · in the living God.

3 Yea the sparrow hath found her an house, † and the swallow a nest where · she may lay her young; \* even thy altars O LORD of hosts, my · King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that · dwell in thy house; \* they will be · alway praising thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose · strength is in thee; \* in whose · heart are thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery · use it for a well; \* and the pools are fill·ed with water.

7 They will · go from strength to strength, \* and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of · them in Sion.

8<sup>1</sup> O LORD God of hosts · hear my prayer; \* hearken O · God of Jacob.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1, 3-6 & 15-19*

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

HYMN 36 – “What Child Is This?”

*Greensleeves*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 2, 13-15 & 19-23*

SERMON

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**OFFERTORY** – “Lullay my Liking”

*Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

**L**ULLAY my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting; Lullay my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling. I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing: She lulled a little child, A sweete Lording. *Lullay my liking...*

That Eternal Lord is He that made alle thing; Of alle Lordes He is Lord, Of every King he's King. *Lullay my liking...* There was mickle melody At that childes birth: Though the songsters were heavenly They made mickle mirth. *Lullay my liking...* Angels bright they sang that night And saiden to that Child “Blessed be Thou and so be she That is so meek and mild.” *Lullay my liking...* Pray we now to that Child, As to His Mother dear, God grant them all His blessing That now maken cheer. *Lullay my liking...*

**HYMN 19** – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

*Noel*

**SURSUM CORDA** *Hymnal 734*

**PREFACE OF THE INCARNATION**

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - - ly,

Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full \_\_\_\_\_ of thy

glo - ry: Glo - - - ry be to thee, O Lord most High.

Bles - sed \_\_\_\_\_ 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 - 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

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## COMMUNION

**O**MNES gentes, quascumque fecisti,  
venient et adorabunt coram te, Domine,  
et glorificabunt nomen tuum: quoniam  
mgnanus es tu et faciens mirabilia: tu es Deus  
solus, alleluia.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 20 – “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”  
*mysterium*

*Divinum*

**A**LL nations whom thou hast made shall  
come and worship thee, O Lord, and  
shall glorify thy name: for thou art great,  
and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone,  
alleluia.

§ *The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

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## BLESSING & 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 – “Joy to the World”**

*Antioch*

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her  
2. Joy to the earth! the Sa - viour reigns: Let men their songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the  
4. He rules the world! with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and  
ground; He comes to make his bles - sings  
prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room, And heav'n and na - ture sing. And heav'n and na - ture  
plains, Re - peat the sound - ing joy. Re - peat the sound - ing  
flow Far as the curse is found. Far as the curse is  
ness, And won - ders of his love. And won - ders of his

sing. And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy. Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found. Far as, far as the curse is found.  
love. And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**ORGAN – “Improvisation on *Noel*”**

## PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

*The flowers and greens that decorate the church this Christmastide are given to the glory of God  
And in loving memory of those listed in the Christmas Memorial Flowers.*

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

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

**the sick:** Grayson Porter, Bob Iero, Cindy Nahill, Alannah Aldea, Suzette Mansell, Amelia Sciortino, Fran Sutter, Christine Fritz, Bruce Kwietnieski-Casais, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Sharon Kedzierski, Daryl Albury, and Alexander Ounjian.

**and those who have long term illnesses:** Richard Hebron, Anna McDuff, James Ferrell, Kevin Nelson, Marlene Barnhart, Vicky Barbos, The Rev. Donald Muller, Wendy Goldstein, Mark Goldstein Ryan Wiese Theresa Abitz, Robert Abitz, Walt Fell, Lisa Jones, Kathy Buckland, Ellen Murphy, Kimberlee McCafferty, Joseph Carson III, Sava Nedic Marlene Barnhart, Scott Evans, Tess Santos, Beatrix Kwiatkowski, Elaine Morrissey, Rick Sibley, Dennis Russell, Jeffrey McCafferty, Christiana Carty, Dawn Applegate, Barbara Sury, Paul Sootkoos, James Tucker, Caroline Tucker, Donna Fritz, 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; Capt. Rachel George, RN; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

**celebrating a birthday this week:** Mary Kelly, Franklin Engler Jr., Eric Liberman, Chelsey Walls, Quinn Militch, Neil Sander, Jack Kintner, Samira Hobson, The Rev. Tinh Huynh, Darsea Markell

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*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

**Luncheon For Donna Kirk:** Come celebrate Donna Kirk's decades of service to the Parish at a luncheon in her honor on Sunday, January 11, at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

**The Epiphany:** Celebrate the Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with a Sung Mass with Procession and the Blessing of Chalk, Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

**Parish Annual Meeting:** Our parish Annual Meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am in the Parish Hall. Please join us to lend your voice to our plans for the next year and elect members to the Vestry and delegates to Convention and the Convocation.

**Bishop's Visitation for Confirmation & Reception:** Bishop French will visit Christ Church on **Sunday, March 8, 2026**, for her official visitation, which includes Confirmation & Reception.

### Upcoming Events:

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| Jan 6 – 6pm: Sung Mass for the Epiphany | Feb 18: Ash Wednesday                                   |
| Jan 11 – 9am: Confirmation Class        | Feb 20 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper     |
| Jan 11 – 12pm: Luncheon for Donna Kirk  | Feb 22 – 9am: Confirmation Class                        |
| Jan 18 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep    | Feb 27 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper     |
| Jan 25 – 9am: Confirmation Class        | Mar 1 – 9am: Confirmation Practice                      |
| Jan 25 – 11.30am: Parish Annual Meeting | Mar 6 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper      |
| Feb 1 & 8 – 9am: Confirmation Class     | Mar 8–10am: The Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Sally French |
| Feb 15 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep    |   |

### Vestry

Ms. Kate Williamson, *Warden* (856.577.1334) ~ Miss Mary Ellen Carty, *Warden* (609.298.4337)

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### Clergy & Staff

**The Rev. Canon J. Matthew Tucker, *Rector***

The Rev. David Snyder, *Pastoral Associate*

Mr. Greg Geehern, *Seminarian*

Mr. Stephen C. Bearse, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Mrs. Donna Kirk & Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrators*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

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**Sunday, 28 December** – *The First Sunday After Christmas (Feast of the Holy Innocents)*

- ⌘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ⌘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ⌘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
- ⌘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

**Monday, 29 December** – *Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury & Martyr, 1170*

**Tuesday, 30 December** – *Josaphine Butler, 1906*

*No Mass to-day*

**Wednesday, 31 December** – *Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 335*

- ⌘ A.A. Meeting – 6.00 pm

*No Mass to-day*

**Thursday, 1 January** – *Feast of the Circumcision (Most Holy Name)*

- ⌘ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

**Friday, 2 January** – *Christmas Feria*

*No Mass to-day*

**Saturday, 3 January** – *Christmas Feria*

- ⌘ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

**Sunday, 4 January** – *The Second Sunday After Christmas*

- ⌘ Low Mass – 8.00 am
  - ⌘ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
  - ⌘ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
  - ⌘ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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