

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
'Septuagesima'

1 FEBRUARY 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.

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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℟. **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 – “Præambulum in F”

Vincent Lübeck (1656-

1740)

HYMN - “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Vinyard

Haven

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2. With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe. Ho -
glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
san - na, ho - san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

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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.

COLLECT

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

LESSON *Micah 6, 1-8*

PSALM *37, 1-6*



FRET not thyself because of • the ungodly; * neither be thou envious against the • evil doers.
2. For they shall soon be cut • down like the grass, * and be withered even • as the green herb.
3. Put thou thy trust in the • Lord and be doing good; * dwell in the land and verily • thou shalt be fed.
4. De • light thou in the Lord, * and he shall give • thee thy heart's desire.
5. Commit thy way unto the Lord and • put thy trust in him, * and he shall • bring it to pass.
6. He shall make thy righteousness as • clear as the light, * and thy just dealing • as the noon-day.

EPISTLE *I Corinthians 1, 26-31*

§ The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and Gospel.

HYMN 414 – “O for a Heart”

Kilmarnock

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5, 1-12*

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OFFERTORY – “O Sing Joyfully”

Adrian Batten (1591-

1637)

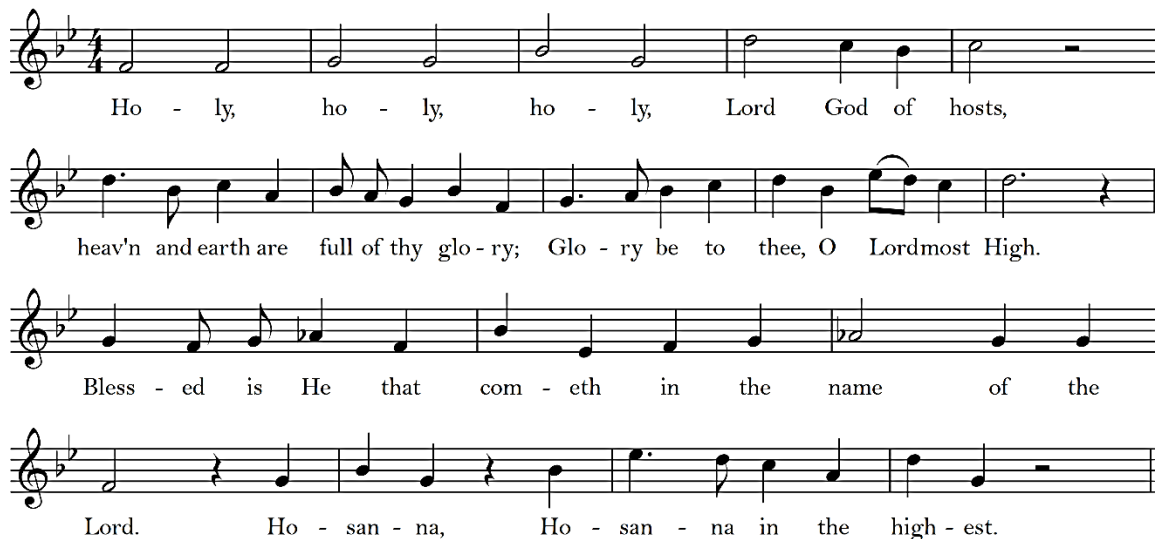
OSING joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up, blow up the trumpet in the new moon: ev’n in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feastday. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law of the God of Jacob.

Herren

SURSUM CORDA *Hymnal 734*

PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

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.

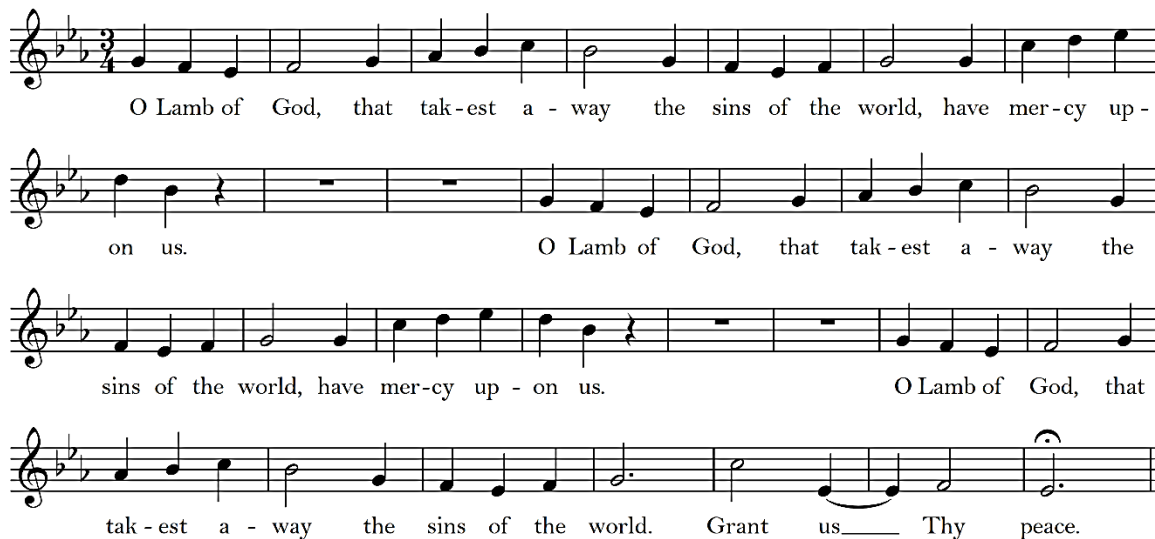
§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

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

ILLUMINA faciem tuam super servum
tuum, et salvum me fac in tua misericordia:
Domine, non confundar, quoniam
invocavi te.

SHEW thy servant the light of thy
countenance, and save me for thy mercy's
sake: let me not be confounded, O Lord,
for I have called upon thee.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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HYMN 418 – “Blest are the Pure in Heart”

Franconia

§ *The Congregation kneels through the Dismissal.*

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§ *The Congregation stands for The Last Gospel.*

THE LAST GOSPEL

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HYMN 349 – “O Saviour, Precious Saviour”

Watermouth

ORGAN – “Improvisation on *Richmond*”
1968)

Healey Willan (1880-

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers that decorate the church this week are given in loving memory of Reds Fuller & Elane Cooke.



*The **Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle** in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of Ruth Ormsbee.*

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

the sick: Wendy Goldstein, 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, Siles Bosner, 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, 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; Rachel George, USA; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

those celebrating a birthday this week: Lindsay Marion, Beatrix Kwaitkowski, Cameron Foster, Donna Kirk, Abigail Scholer, Alexandra Gojdyecz.

those celebrating an anniversary this week: Eric & Barbara Million.

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

The Parish Annual Meeting is TODAY at 11.30. Please do plan on joining us in the Parish Hall for lunch and the meeting.

Superbowl Subs Fundraiser: Orders are due no later than tomorrow, 2/2! Please email or call the church office, or contact Debbie Mallard directly on Facebook. Pick-up is on Superbowl Sunday (2/8) between 2-3pm at the church. Please tell your friends & family, and order your subs today!!

Lenten Soup Supper: A sign-up sheet for Lenten Soup Suppers is available on the bulletin board in the Parish House Lobby. Lenten suppers are every Friday in Lent following Stations of the Cross at 6pm. If you would like to provide food for this important weekly devotion, please sign up to provide a soup, salad, dessert, or all three!

S. Valentine's Day Outreach: Share a bit of Bordentown love with Valentines & Treats for Seniors, Troops, Nurses, and Care Packages for the Homeless. Items needed: Granola Bars, Hot Cocoa, Lip Balm, Candy, Travel-size Hand Lotion, and Valentine Cards. Please **drop off** by **February 8** on the front porch of the Rectory. **Assemble care packages February 10 & 11 (3.30-5pm) in the Parish Hall.**

Bishop's Visitation for Confirmation & Reception: Bishop French will visit Christ Church on **Sunday, March 8 – 10.00am**, for her official visitation, which includes Confirmation & Reception.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation classes will be held on the following dates:

- February 1, 8, 22

All classes are at 9.00am in the Parish Hall.

Confirmation Rehearsal: Rehearsal for confirmation will be **Sunday, March 1 – 9.00am** in the church. All Confirmands and those being received should plan to attend this rehearsal.

The Gesimas: This Sunday, we enter what the traditional Church calendar calls Gesimatide. Gesimatide is a transitional period between the joyful seasons of Christmastide and Epiphanytide to the penitential season of Lent. There are three Sundays in Gesimatide: Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. The words are just Latin for 70, 60, and 50; Septuagesima is 70 days before Easter, and so on. Traditionally, the gesimas were used to get people ready for Lent. Violet vestments and altar hangings were used, the Gloria was suppressed, and there was a general tamping down of joyful hymns and musical offerings. This preparation helps to make Ash Wednesday feel less like an unwanted surprise coming out of the blue. The gesimas themselves were suppressed in the liturgical changes of the Roman Catholic Church in the mid-20th Century, and the Episcopal Church followed their lead. Here at Christ Church and at many other parishes, we mark the gesimas in our calendar so that we are mindful of the approach of Lent, but do not follow the other customs. Perhaps we should!

Upcoming Events:

Feb 1 – 9am: Confirmation Class
Feb 1 – 11.30am: Parish Annual Meeting
Feb 8 – 9am: Confirmation Class
Feb 15 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep
Feb 18: Ash Wednesday
Feb 20 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Feb 22 – 9am: Confirmation Class
Feb 27 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Mar 1 – 9am: Confirmation Rehearsal
Mar 6 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Mar 8 – 10am: The Visitation of the Rt. Rev. Sally French
Mar 13 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Mar 19 – 6pm: Mass & Reception for the Feast of S. Joseph
Mar 20 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Mar 21 – 9am: Altar Guild Prep Day & Outdoor Cleanup
Mar 27 – 6pm: Stations of the Cross & Lenten Supper
Mar 29: Palm Sunday
Apr 1 – 6pm: Sung Stations of the Cross
Apr 2 – 6pm: Maundy Thursday Solemnities

Vestry

Ms. Kate Williamson, *Warden* (856.577.1334) ~ Miss Mary Ellen Carty, *Warden* (609.298.4337)
Mrs. Loris Johnson (609.291.5610) Mrs. Anne Lyon (609.291.8077)
Mrs. Debbie Mallard (609.802.8929) Mr. Dean Perry (609.758.3115)
Mr. Glenn Perry (609.758.3115) Mr. Paul Smith (215.806.6687)
Ms. Colleen Suozzo (609.947.1304)

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*

Mr. Timothy Smith, *Parish Administrator*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*



Beati mites quoniam ipsi possidebunt terram

Beati pauperes spiritu quoniam ipsorum est regnum celorum

quoniam ipsi saturabuntur

Beati qui lugent quoniam ipsi consolabuntur
Beati qui esurierunt et sitierunt iustitiam

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

Sunday, 1 February – *Septuagesima*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
- ✠ Confirmation Class – 9.00 am
- ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
- ✠ Parish Annual Meeting – 11.30 am
- ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

Monday, 2 February – *Feast of the Purification (Candlemas)*

{No Mass to-day}

Tuesday, 3 February – *Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark & Sweden, 865*

- ✠ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

Wednesday, 4 February – *Cornelius the Centurion*

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

Thursday, 5 February – *The Martyrs of Japan, 1597*

- ✠ Low Mass w. Anointing – 10.00 am

Friday, 6 February – *Titus, Bishop & Confessor, 1st c.*

- ✠ Low Mass – 12.10 pm

Saturday, 7 February – *Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday*

- ✠ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

Sunday, 8 February – *Sexagesima*

- ✠ Low Mass – 8.00 am
 - ✠ Confirmation Class – 9.00 am
 - ✠ Sung Mass – 10.00 am
 - ✠ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am
 - ✠ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm
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