

# CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*Second Mass in the Morning*

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25 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.

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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.

# LOW MASS W. CAROLS

10.00 am

*The page numbers refer to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1940.*

*Both may be found in your pew.*

ORGAN – “Nöel sur les flûtes”  
1772)

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-*

HYMN 12 – “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (Omit v. 4 & 5)  
*Fideles*

*Adeste*

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KYRIE

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*§ The Congregation may be seated for the Lesson.*

THE LESSON *Isaiah 9, 2-4 & 6-7*

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

HYMN 30 – “The First Nowell” (v. 1,2, & 6)  
*Nowell*

*The First*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2, 1-20*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

*§ The Congregation stands for the Creed.*

NICENE CREED

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*§ The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and Confession.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEACE *The Congregation may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

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INTENSIONS 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.

*§ The Congregation stands for the Offertory Hymn.*

HYMN 42 – “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Gloria*

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SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

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*§ The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.*

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*All those baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and who discern the substantial Presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who, instead, wish to receive a blessing, may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Priest will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest.*

HYMN 21 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (Omit v. 4)	<i>Saint Louis</i>
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*§ The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn.*

THE LAST GOSPEL *John 1, 1-14*

℣. The Lord be with you.   ℟. **And with thy spirit.**

℣. ✠ The beginning of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

℟. **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**I**N THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

*(Here Genuflect)*

AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH,

*(Arise)*

and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

℟. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 27 – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
ORGAN – “Nöel Suisse”	<i>Daquin</i>

## 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.*



*The **Fritz-Weitzel Sacramental Candle** in the Lady Chapel is given in loving memory of Thomas Fisher II.*

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

***the sick:*** Grayson Porter, Robert J. Law, 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; Nickolas George, USMC; Kevin Preston, USAR.

***celebrating a birthday this week:*** Lawrence Nosari, Riley Fleming, Robert Bauer, Thomas Feuerstein, Riley Woodrick, and Dennis Brown.

***celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials:*** Joseph and Gayle Carson.

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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.*

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Dec 28 – 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

Jan 6 – 6pm: Sung Mass for the Epiphany

Jan 11 – 12pm: Luncheon for Donna Kirk

Jan 18 – 8.45am: HomeFront Meal Prep

Jan 25 – 11.30am: Parish Annual Meeting



**Make your Offering** online using this QR Code:

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### **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, *Parish Administrator*

Mrs. SueAnne Jones, *Treasurer*

Mr. Charles Reeder, *Sexton*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH...

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**Thursday, 25 December** – *Christmas Day*

{Church Office Closed}

✕ Low Mass w. Carols – 10.00 am

**Friday, 26 December** – *S. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr*

{Church Office Closed}

**Saturday, 27 December** – *S. John the Apostle & Evangelist*

✕ Vigil Mass – 5.30 pm

**Sunday, 28 December** – *The First Sunday After Christmas Day (Holy Innocents)*

✕ Low Mass – 8.00 am

✕ Sung Mass – 10.00 am

✕ Coffee Hour – 11.00 am

✕ Christmas Lessons & Carols – 7.00 pm

✕ A.A. Meeting – 7.00 pm

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*A Blessed Christmastide to you and yours.  
From the Clergy, Vestry, and Staff of Christ Church Parish.  
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