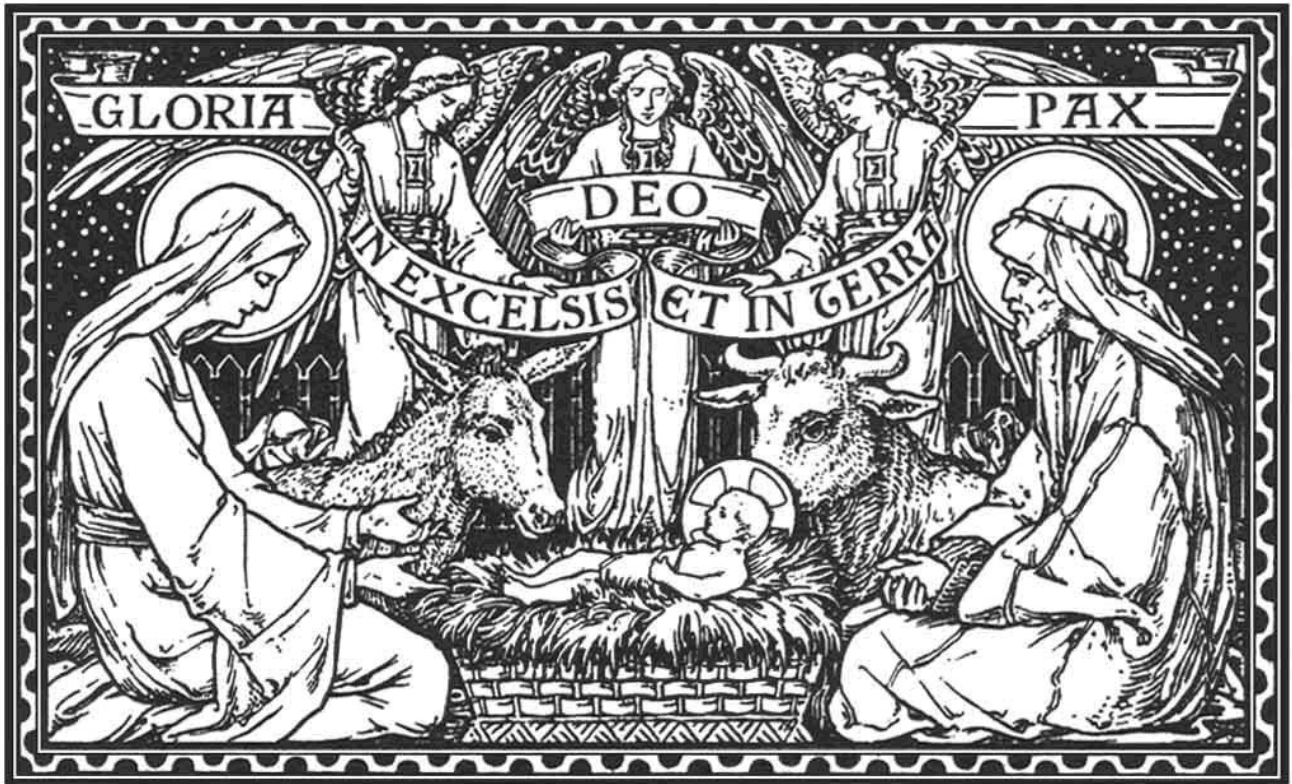


CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

24 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.



Vigil Mass w. Carols 6pm

Children who wish to process to the Creche carrying a figure are asked to gather in the Parish House Lobby by no later than 5:55pm.

The liturgy of the Mass can be found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), which is the red book in your pew. Hymns can be found in the Hymnal, which is the blue book.

ORGAN *Nöel sur les flûtes*

Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

The Congregation rises at the ringing of the Bell.

HYMN 236 *Once in royal David's city (omit vs. 3-5)*

Irby

THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Congregation **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Congregation **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who as on this night didst cause thine only-begotten Son to be born of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary for our salvation: vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to hallow ✠ and bless ✠ this Crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of that sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of this holy incarnation, may be filled with thy benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 12 *O come all ye faithful (omit vs. 4 & 5)*

Adeste Fidelis

OPENING SALUTATION

BCP 323

COLLECT FOR PURITY & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 323

KYRIE ELEISON

BCP 323

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BCP 323

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 161

READING *Isaiah 9:2-4,6-7*

The Congregation stands for the Hymn and the Holy Gospel.

HYMN 30 *The First Nowell (vs. 1, 2, & 6)*

The First Nowell

THE HOLY GOSPEL *S. Luke 2:1-20*

SERMON Father Matthew Tucker

The Congregation stands for the Creed.

NICENE CREED

BCP 327

The Congregation kneels for the Prayers and Confession.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 331

COMFORTABLE WORDS

BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

The Celebrant declares to the Congregation the Intentions of the Mass, and then continues:

Celebrant Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

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

Celebrant ☩ May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in the peace. **Amen.**

The Congregation stands for the Hymn, the Sursum Corda and Sanctus & Benedictus.

HYMN 42 *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE

BCP 333

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

BCP 334

The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

CANON OF THE MASS

BCP 334

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

AGNUS DEI

BCP 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party, the members of the Congregation should approach the altar rail. All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost 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 Celebrant 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)*

Saint Louis

The Congregation kneels for the Collect and the Hymn.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Grant to us, we beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we who in these mysteries draw near with gladness unto the Nativity of Jesus Christ our Lord; may by godly conversation be found worthy to attain unto his fellowship: Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

HYMN 33 *Silent Night*

Holy Night

THE STORY OF ST. NICHOLAS & THE CANDY CANE

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel and Hymn

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 27 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

POSTLUDE *Nöel Suisse*

Louis Claude D'Aquin

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers and greens which decorate the church in celebration of the Nativity are given in memory of the many loved ones listed in the Christmas Memorials brochure, copies of which may be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

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, 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 USAR.

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 at 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.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of travel-sized items such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors and shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, 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.

MAKE YOUR OFFERING online using the code below:



SOME UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 24, 6pm: Family Mass
December 24, 11am: Sung Mass of the Nativity
December 25, 10am: Low Mass w. Carols
December 28, 7pm: Christmas Lessons & Carols

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A Parish of the Episcopal Church



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Schedule for the Week following 24 December

Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

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

Thursday, 26 December

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Church office closed.

10:00 a.m. Low Mass w. Anointing for Healing

Friday, 27 December

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

No Services

Saturday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
7:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

Sunday, 29 December

The First Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:00 a.m. Sung Mass