

CHRIST CHURCH
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
NOVEMBER 27, 2022

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshiping with us today.

Hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Text of prayers and lessons are included here.

Please join us for refreshments following the service, outside the front steps or in the Rowland Davis Hall (weather depending).

10:00 AM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
The Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-366

PRELUDE

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 66, *Come thou long expected Jesus*
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THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA

Hymnal S-280, *Glory to God*
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**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Priest says: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*
(Please be seated.)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 (*Please stand*)

I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

**To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

**For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not

in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 324, *Let All mortal flesh keep silence*
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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:36-44
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

A period of silence will be kept.

THE NICENE CREED, p. 358 (*Please stand*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; we ask your prayers for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, and Bill, our Priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We ask your prayers for members of our Christ Church Family, especially for the family and friends of Mickey Spalding, for Judy Boyd, Charlie Flanders, for Lexi, and for Betsy Warren. We pray for Robert, for Mindy, Chris, and Jim, for Philip, Marilyn, and for Jan. We pray for the continued development of little Otto.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE CONFESSION

The Deacon or Celebrant says: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest, stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE *All stand.*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS / TRAVEL PRAYERS

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 vs. 4, *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(The people remain standing)*

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds:

Book of Common Prayer, p. 361

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...etc. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Tune: Land of Rest

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

(The people stand or kneel.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...etc. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father...etc. ...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please stand)*

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then the following is said:

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All people who hunger for God are invited to receive communion. Please form a single file line down the center aisle and receive the consecrated bread and wine. The priest will place the bread in your hands and you can dip the bread into the wine and consume them together then.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER, p. 365 (*Please stand*)

Presider and People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 493, *O for a thousand tongues to sing*, Verses 1, 2, 3, 6
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DISMISSAL

Presider: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Presider: The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

Director of Music: Molly Noel

Piano and Organ: Molly Noel

<i>Acolyte</i>	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Townsend
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
<i>Reader</i>	8:00 a.m.	Phyllis Townsend
	10:00 a.m.	Peter Grenney
<i>Altar Guild</i>	8:00 a.m.	Katrina Gallant
	10:00 a.m.	Donna Rowlands
<i>Greeter/Usher</i>	8:00 a.m.	Neala Young
	10:00 a.m.	Bob D'Alessio
<i>Fellowship Host</i>		Donna Rowlands

VESTRY

Warren Klug (Sr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer), Lindsay Gorman (Jr. Warden), Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Joel Shannon, Donna Rowlands, Peter Grenney, Cari Kuhlman, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh



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Broadcasting Live at 10:00 am
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The Sunday News Page

November 27, 2022, The First Sunday of Advent

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
and in grateful remembrance of Hubert Montgomery Hayter. ~Phyllis Townsend

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please sign in at the front table.
We would love to get to know you better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/2 Collie Lowrance III

ADVENT STUDY Thursdays, December 1, 8, and 15

One of the themes for Advent is GOOD NEWS. The good news for CEC is that we'll be reconvening our traditional Advent study after a multiyear hiatus. Fr. Bill will lead the discussion of the book "Names for the Messiah" by Walter Brueggemann for three Thursdays, starting Dec. 1st from 5-6:30 p.m. "Surprise" snacks will be served.

Brueggemann is considered the outstanding scholar of our times on the Old Testament and is a prolific author of a range of theology subjects. The book we'll be reading and discussing will be available in the narthex (donations accepted). You can also order it online on your own. We'll discuss pages 1-30 for our first session on Dec. 1st. For more information, contact Jan at 970-925-7545.

FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST December 4 at 9 A.M.



Join us between Services at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 4.

Donations are appreciated and everyone is welcome!

Some say it's the best breakfast in Aspen...come along and decide for yourself.

2023 STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship gives us the opportunity to pledge to give back to God a portion of our financial resources through the mission and ministry of Christ Church. Packets containing information and pledge cards for your financial gifts for 2023 are available now. Packets have been mailed out, or you may pick one up on the front table in the Narthex. For more information, contact Kathy at kathyklug@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC FUND DONATIONS

You are invited to make a contribution to the Christmas Flowers or Music Fund in Thanksgiving or in Memory of loved ones. Donor names and memorials will be listed in the Christmas Eve Bulletins. Suggested donations are \$50 for the flower fund and \$50 for the music fund. Forms can be found on the table in the Narthex. The deadline is December 11.

HOLIDAY SAVE THE DATES:

Lesson & Carols - Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY BASKETS 2022 Deadline December 8

The Holiday Baskets Program has been a true community volunteer effort for 40 years. Our mission is to provide new gifts and food gift cards for people in need in our valley. The recipients are referred to the program by local social service agencies. The need is especially great this year. We are hoping to help 300 families, approximately 1,300 people. You can participate in this totally volunteer effort in several meaningful ways. Visit the Christ Church Holiday Baskets table on Sunday's after the 8 and 10 a.m. liturgies. Thank You for Your Help!

FEED MY SHEEP NEEDS PRE-PAID GASOLINE CARDS Deadline December 4

Feed My Sheep is a local non-profit organization in Glenwood Springs catering to those less fortunate persons who are in need of temporary help to overcome their circumstances. Karen Peppers, the Executive Director of Feed My Sheep, who does a sterling job at FMS in helping to provide those needs to others, is in need of pre-paid gasoline cards to help cover the increased costs of commuting from her home in Rifle to Feed My Sheep in Glenwood Springs. Please consider gifting \$100 for a pre-paid gasoline card to help defray her costs. Fr. Bill will match \$600 in gifts. Make checks payable to Christ Episcopal Church, and write *FMS Gas Card* in the memo. For more information, contact Margaret Shannon at margaretshannon372@gmail.com.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 a.m.

Every Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug, warrenklug1@gmail.com, for details.