

# CHRIST CHURCH

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
DECEMBER 11, 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

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*, Arr. Heather Sorenson  
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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 102**, *Once in royal David's city*, Verses 1,2,4,6  
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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:* Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen. (Please be seated.)*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler,  
not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 146:4-9 (*Please stand*)

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;**

**\* who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;**

**the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \***

**the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**

**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 JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### SEQUENCE HYMN

**Hymnal 56, O come, o come Emmanuel, Verses 1,6,7,8**  
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### THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PAGEANT

The different parts of the pageant each begin with a song. You may remain seated to sing them all except for *Joy to the world* (see insert for lyrics). Taking pictures is encouraged.

### 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 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 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.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The First Noel*, Arr. Mary McDonald

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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

*Once in Bethlehem*, Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

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## 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 96**, *Angels we have heard on high*

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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

*And the Glory of the Lord*, G. F. Handel

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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

**Cantor:** Scott MacCracken

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|------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>         | 8:00 a.m.  | Maurine Fitzpatrick |
|                        | 10:00 a.m. | Warren Klug         |
| <b>Reader</b>          | 8:00 a.m.  | Phyllis Townsend    |
|                        | 10:00 a.m. | Warren Klug         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>     | 8:00 a.m.  | Katrina Gallant     |
|                        | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands      |
| <b>Greeter/Usher</b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Lynn Russell        |
|                        | 10:00 a.m. | Peter Grenney       |
| <b>Fellowship Host</b> |            | Peter Grenney       |

## 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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[ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)



# **The Sunday News Page**

December 11, 2022, The Third Sunday of Advent

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving thanks to my Christ Church Family.  
~Donna Rowlands*

## **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!**

12/11 Donna Rowlands, 12/14 Galileo Bontempo,  
12/14 Mary Jo Hitchens, 12/17 Lester Crain, 12/17 Liz Flannigan

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

12/15 Lindsay and Tom Gorman

## **ADVENT STUDY Meeting Time Change!**

**Thursdays, December 8, 15 at 4 P.M.**

The meeting time for Thursday this week and Thursday next week will be from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. On December 8, we will gather at the church in the downstairs community room. On December 15, we will gather at the home of Alison Ford at 311 W. North St. in Aspen.

The discussion, led by Fr. Bill, will be on the second chapter of the book by Walter Bruggeman, "Names for the Messiah". Come even if you do not have the book. You'll be able to participate in the discussion because Fr. Bill will be giving a summary of the reading so that everyone can be involved. This is a great opportunity to dig deeper into the meaning of Christmas...a few hours put aside from the holiday busyness and commercialism to reaffirm what Christmas means to our Christian faith. For more information, contact Jan at 970-925-7545.

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS This Friday, December 16 at 7 P.M.!**

A holiday service of music and liturgy, featuring Aspen's most beloved musicians. The service runs approximately 1 hour.

## **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.**

## **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](mailto:kathyklug@gmail.com).

## **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.

## **WORSHIP MINISTRY HELP NEEDED**

*Worship Ministry help needed for the following:*

**Christmas Eve**, Saturday, December 24 at 8 p.m. - Altar Guild

**Christmas Eve**, Saturday, December 24 at 11 p.m. - Altar Guild

**Christmas Day**, Sunday, December 25 at 10 a.m. - Altar Guild and Greeter/Usher

If you are available to serve, please contact Marisa at [marisa@christchurchaspen.org](mailto:marisa@christchurchaspen.org).

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at the Mountain Chalet**

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