

CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:
DECEMBER 4, 2022

Welcome to Christ Church! We're glad you're worshipping 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

In the Bleak Midwinter, 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 68, Rejoice! Rejoice believers
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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: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (*Please stand*)

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

**That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

**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 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 81, *Lo, how a rose*
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THE GOSPEL (*Please stand*)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Noel Nouvelet, Arr. David Lanz

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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

Come, Emmanuel, 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 74, *Blest be the King whose coming*

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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

Comfort, Comfort Now My People, Genevan Psalter, Arr. Larry Shackley

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### VESTRY

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Joel Shannon, Donna Rowlands, Peter Grenney, Cari Kuhlman, Jay Webster, Tracy Murtagh



### 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.  | Phyllis Townsend |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Warren Klug      |
| <b>Reader</b>        | 8:00 a.m.  | Neala Young      |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Alison Ford      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Katrina Gallant  |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Donna Rowlands   |
| <b>Greeter/Usher</b> | 8:00 a.m.  | Joy Stryker      |
|                      | 10:00 a.m. | Bob D'Alessio    |

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In-Person Service at 8:00 am & 10:00 am  
Broadcasting Live at 10:00 am  
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# **The Sunday News Page**

December 4, 2022, The Second Sunday of Advent

## **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!**

12/8 Madeleine Larson

## **MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING This Tuesday, December 6 at 5 p.m.**

A Ministry Council has been formed to help build Christ Church programs. Meets in Rowland Davis Hall. All are welcome to participate! For more information, contact Peter: [petergrenney@gmail.com](mailto:petergrenney@gmail.com) or Katrina: [katrinagallant@gmail.com](mailto:katrinagallant@gmail.com).

## **ADVENT STUDY Thursdays, December 8, and 15 in Rowland Davis Hall**

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 can be ordered online. For more information, contact Jan at 970-925-7545.

## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Next Sunday, December 11 at 10 A.M.**

*December 11 at 10 A.M.*

**Celebrate** the story of the birth of Jesus on Sunday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Told by the children.

All children are welcome to participate!

**Rehearsal will take place today, Sunday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m.** at the children's hour downstairs. If your children or grandchildren will be here for December 11 only, tell Kathy Klug their age and approximate size, and she will assign them a part that requires no rehearsal. Contact Kathy at [kathyklug@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS December 16 at 7 P.M.**

A Holiday Service of Music and Liturgy. Service is approximately 1 hour.

## **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.



## **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 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!

## **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](mailto:warrenklug1@gmail.com), for details.