

# CHRIST CHURCH

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ASPEN



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 10, 2023

*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

*Away in a Manger, arr. Victor Labenkse*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider:* Blessed be the God: Father, son and Holy Spirit

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Hymnal 56, O come, o come Emmanuel, verses 1-3**  
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THE 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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

### PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.**

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**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.**

### A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER 3:8-15A

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

## GOSPEL HYMN

**Hymnal 72, Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes**  
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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!

## THE 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 this day for Charla, Chip Howe, Lexi, and Betsy Warren. We pray for Jan, Robert, Diana, Brian, and Lynn Murtagh. 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

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*, arr. Victor Labenske  
*Giving QR code located on the back page of the bulletin*

## DOXOLOGY

**Hymnal 380 vs. 3**, *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)*

*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:*

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 great AMEN is said as a loud acclamation*].

## 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!**

## THE INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*After the Invitation, members of the congregation will be invited to come pick up the blessed elements, one per person, at the altar rail. Please come up the center aisle and return to your seat via the outside aisle. After everyone has returned to their seats we will all receive communion together.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*, arr. Victor Labenske

## THE 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 76**, *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry, verses 1-3*  
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## THE 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

Schubert: *Scherzo from Sonata in B-flat, D. 960*

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## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

***Presider:*** The Rev. Dr. Bill Lupfer

***Director of Music:*** Mandy Gessler

***Piano and Organ:*** Mandy Gessler

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| <b><i>Acolyte</i></b>         | 8:00 a.m.  |                     |
|                               | 10:00 a.m. | Warren Klug         |
| <b><i>Reader</i></b>          | 8:00 a.m.  | Katherine McMillian |
|                               | 10:00 a.m. | Neala Young         |
| <b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>     | 8:00 a.m.  | Katrina Gallant     |
|                               | 10:00 a.m. | Alison Ford         |
| <b><i>Greeter/Usher</i></b>   | 8:00 a.m.  | Stoney Davis        |
|                               | 10:00 a.m. | Neala Young         |
| <b><i>Fellowship Host</i></b> |            | Donna Rowlands      |

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## THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

In-Person Services are at 9:00A.M.

The Live Broadcast will at 9:00A.M. at [ChristChurchAspen.org](http://ChristChurchAspen.org)

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## VESTRY

Lindsay Gorman (Sr. Warden), Joel Shannon (Jr. Warden), Eric Pelander (Treasurer),  
Diana Rumsey (Clerk), Peter Grenney, Tracy Murtagh, Janice James, and  
Peter Harrigan.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Janice James, Neal Douthant, Wayne Stryker, Diana Rumsey, Tracy Murtagh and  
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# **The Sunday News Page**

December 10, 2023, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Altar Flowers are given to glory of God and in memory of her son Craig.  
~ Sue Helm~

## **WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH**

We are glad you are here. If you are a newcomer, or a visitor, please fill out the *Welcome Card* in the pew or in the Narthex, and give to an usher. We would love to get to know you better.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

12/11 Donna Rowlands, 12/14 Galileo Bontempo, and 12/14 Mary Jo Hitchens.

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

12/15 Lindsay and Tom Gorman

## **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 TODAY, Sunday, December 10.**

## **LESSONS & CAROLS**

The annual Lessons and Carols Service will be **Friday, December 15** at 7:00 P.M. A holiday service of music and liturgy, featuring Aspen's most beloved musicians. The service runs approximately 1 hour.

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

4th Sunday of Advent– Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m.

**Christmas Eve** - Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., and 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**– Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

## **ON-GOING AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School and the Nursery are available on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024**

We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us in making a financial pledge this year. In addition every new pledge will be matched. Your pledge can help us build toward an even brighter future. May you **“Let Your Light Shine through the Joy of Giving.”** If you did not receive a letter in the mail, there are additional pledge cards on the Narthex table.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 8 A.M. at the Mountain Chalet**

Wednesday mornings at 8:00 A.M. for breakfast and men's Bible Study. Email Warren Klug for details at warrenklug1@gmail.com.