

**Christ Church Episcopal**  
*Reading, Pennsylvania*

*Christ Is All and In All*

**The 1st Sunday  
In Advent**

**November 27, 2022**



**The Holy Eucharist**

**Services at 8:00** (spoken) and **10:00 AM** (with music) following  
*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* - *the black book in the pew racks*  
*Service music (preceded by "S") is located at the FRONT of The (blue)*  
*Hymnal 1982*

**VESTRY**

**Senior Warden:** Rick Wolf, **Junior Warden:** Wayne Fanning, **Secretary:** Carolyn Handy. Connie Fegley, Ashleigh Hoelscher, Diane Morris, Anita Powell, Terry Rowles, Chris Spohn, June Tull, Michael West, and Pam Wheat

Prelude

**Come Now, Savior of the Gentiles**

*J.S. Bach*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional Hymn: 73**

*St. Stephen*

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP p. 355**

**Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 355**

**Holy God: S101**

*Trisagion*

### **Collect of the Day**

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.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

**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



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.

**Gospel Hymn: 59**

***Merton***

**Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

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."

**Homily**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p. 358**

**Prayers of the People - Advent 1 Year A**

**Leader:** As the day of the Lord draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful in prayer saying, Lord in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For the Church that in the face of distress and anxiety, it may steadfastly proclaim the sure and certain hope of God's promised redemption. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For the Diocese of Kajo Keji, the Diocese of Bethlehem and for this parish family, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**Response: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For those who live and work in places of danger, especially those in the military, and for the leaders of the nations, that with their swords made into plows, they may no more study war. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For those having birthdays this week, **Linda Day and Scott Williams** that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** For all those in any anguish of body, mind and spirit, remembering especially, and those we would remember in our hearts

or by name ... (pause)...., that they may be made strong in the new day of salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**LEADER:** For all those who have died, remembering especially **Mary P. McCauley Potter and H. Sturgis Potter** that they may find rest in God's holy place. Lord, in your mercy,

**RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.**

**Leader:**In the communion of blessed Mary, the God-bearer, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God.

**RESPONSE: To you, O Lord our God.**

***Celebrant:** O Rising Son, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, hear our prayers, and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you forever and ever. **AMEN.***

**Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

**Peace**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come** *Paul Manz*

**Hymn at the Presentation: 54 (vv. 1 & 4)**

*Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland*

**Holy Communion**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord S124 *Sanctus*

Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem: *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* BCP p. 364

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive.*

Communion Hymns Hymnal 454, 61

Post-communion Prayer BCP p. 366

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 57 *Helmsley*

Dismissal

Postlude Lord Christ, the Only Son of God *J.S. Bach*

### Liturgical Ministers

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Dolores Evans

**Organist/Choirmaster:** James K. Wilson

**Lectors/Prayers of the People:** Beverly Flatt (8:00AM)

Joann Hyneman/Charlotte Hoare(10:00AM)

**Ushers:** Terry Rowles/Chris Spohn (8:00AM)  
Andrea Griffith/Susan Doll/Wayne Fanning (10:00AM)

**Altar Guild Team:** Charlotte Hoare (*Captain*) Christine Keeler, Josephine Lawson, Mary Jane Androne

**Altar Candle Memorials for November** are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David & Judy Feick; and In **For Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski.

**Altar Flowers for today** are given to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of: Mary P. McCauley Potter and H. Sturgis Potter** from the Pamerla Potter Reeves, John Sturgis Potter and David Woodward Potter.

**Lectern Flowers** are given today to the **Glory of God and In Honor of Her Mother, Regina Powell for her 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday** from her daughter, Anita Powell.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Altar Flowers, Columbarium Flowers, Lectern Flowers, or Altar Candle dedications should please contact Nancy Shelly @ **610-375-7925**. Thank you!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Adult Forum** will be held on **November 27 at 9:00** in the parlor. Bill Urich is presenting "Berthold Imhoff: Church Art from Reading to Saskatchewan." Coffee and cookies will be served.

**ECW Rummage Sale** will be Wednesdays December 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

### **Weekday Worship Services**

**Zoom Bible Study**, Wednesday @ 8 am; **Zoom Centering Prayer sessions**, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 A.M.; **Morning Prayer**, Thursday @ **11:00 am** at Red Bridge Park (led by David Emes)

#### **Christ Church Office:**

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**It's easy to join our mailing list! Just send your email address by text message: Text BELLS to 42828 to get started. (*Message and data rates may apply.*)**

#### **Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM;  
Closed Friday

#### **The Christ Church Mission:**

##### **Sharing God's Love with All**

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-blasts and newsletters.



## 2022 Christmas Memorial Flower Order

Please use this form to place your order for poinsettias and or greens AND/OR contribute to Mary's Shelter. Please mark with an (X) to complete the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate #\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) at \$9.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate for the greening of the church \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate to Mary's Shelter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DONATION  
(Make checks payable to "Christ Church") \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please **print names** in the spaces below for listing in the Christmas Bulletins. My gift is given:

In Memory of (if deceased)

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In Honor of (if living)

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In Thanksgiving for

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\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to pick up my poinsettia(s) after the 10:00am service on Sunday January 1st.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will deliver my poinsettia(s) to a homebound member.

**Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" and mail to the post office box no later than Sun. Dec. 11, 2022 (or place in the collection plate.)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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