

# Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania

**Christ is All and in All**



**Epiphany/Baptism of our Lord**

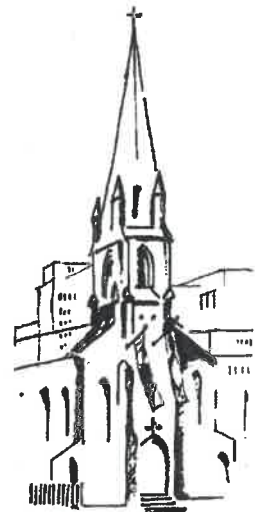
**January 7, 2024**

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## Today's Readings

### **The Epiphany Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1: 1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**The New Testament Reading: Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about

**The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**Cover image:** Adoration of the Magi, tondo by Fra Angelico and Filippo Lippi, c. 1450

## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church as we say, in your mercy hear us.

Intercessor: You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Scottish Episcopal Church and All Saints, Leighton. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. Give us clean hands and pure hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. We pray for all those celebrating this week, Susan Doll and Tim Keeler. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. Bring the light of your peace to those who need it most. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress, especially (...). Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever. We remember today Violet and John Braun, Margaret Johnson and Peter Braun. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant: Jesus, Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. **Amen.**

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**Reading, PA**

**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please Stand*

### **The Acclamation and Response**

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

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

Celebrant: I will give you as a light to the nations,

People: **that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

### **The Epiphany Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

*Before the reading*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

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

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star at its rising,

People: **and have come to pay him homage. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **The Collect for Purity (said together)**

**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.**

**The Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29** (read responsively by whole verse)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people;  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace

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

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Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

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*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People** (page 4 of this bulletin)

Intercessor: Jesus, Lord of the Church:

People: **in your mercy, hear us**

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

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

People: **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 367)

**The Sanctus**

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*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*



**The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread**

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**The Invitation to Communion and Communion**

**The Post-Communion Prayers**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

Celebrant: Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: With the light of the nations as your guide, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistants*

Rick Wolf and Chris Spohn

*Lector and Intercessor*

Beverly Flatt

*Altar Guild*

June Tull, (Captain), & Sophia,

Priscilla Hirschenhofer

Andrea Griffith and

Kim Alarcon

*Usher*

Chris Spohn

<b>Vestry</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Business</b>
Rick Wolf (Senior Warden)	Morning Prayer	Property Team
Wayne Fanning (Junior Warden)	Kristallnacht Service	Columbarium
Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)		Church Maintenance Days
June Tull (Guilds)	<b>Music</b>	Stewardship Team
Pam Wheat (Grants)	Parish Choir	Planned Giving
Carolyn Handy (Communications)	Bell Ringers	Communications
Michael West (Worship)		Capital Campaign
Connie Fegley (Outreach)	<b>Education</b>	Security Committee
Chris Spohn (Property)	Adult Forum	
Anita Powell (Hospitality)	Library	<b>Outreach</b>
Diane Morris (Stewardship)	Children's Ministries	Outreach Committee
Ashleigh Hoelscher (Ed & Youth)	Education for Ministry	Opportunity House
		Rummage
<b>Our Ministries</b>	<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Mary's Shelter
<b>Worship</b>	Cards and notes    Prayer Lists	Narcotics Anonymous
Acolytes	Eucharistic Visitors	Berks Literacy for Citizenship
Altar Guild	Flower Delivery	Daughters of the King
Eucharistic Ministers	Pastoral Visits	Episcopal Church Women
Lectors		Helping Harvest
Intercessors	<b>Fellowship</b>	Veterans Coalition
Verger	Sunday Coffee Hour    50+ Club	Angel Tree
Dave Cullen Services	Coffee House    Hospitality Comm.	Joyful Noise
Spirituality/Healing		Berks Community Health Center
Centering Prayer		Berks Youth Chorus

**Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church:** We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

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**10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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**Prelude**     *"Toccatina on Angels We Have Heard on High"*     Richard Elliott

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn** 128 *We three kings*

**The Acclamation and Response**

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

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**The Epiphany Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

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*After the reading*

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People:     **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star at its rising,

People:     **and have come to pay him homage. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**The Gloria** Hymn 124

*What star is this*

vss 1, 2 and 5

**The Collect of the Day**

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:1-5

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Hymn** 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 1: 4-11 (full text on page 3 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

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**Announcements and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem** *When Jesus went to Jordan's stream*  
(choir only, for text see Hymn 139)

**Presentation Hymn** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* (Hymn 380, vs 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer B page 367)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

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

*The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 367*

**The Sanctus**

*Mass of St. Thomas*

David Thorne

**Moderato** *mf*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,

6 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na

11 in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

16 Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**The Fraction Anthem** *Taste and See*

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.

**Fine**

### The Invitation to Communion

*Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).*

### The Agnus Dei

*Mass of St Thomas*

David Thorne

*mp*  
Lamb of God, you  
*mp*  
take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.  
*mp*  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world, grant us peace.

### The Communion Hymn 119 *As with gladness men of old*

*If Eucharistic ministers are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:*

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

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*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn** 381 *Thy strong word*

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: With the light of the nations as your guide, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *"Let Earth Receive Her King"*

Richard Elliott



## 10AM Service Participants

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Guest Organist*  
Preston Ziegenfuss

*Verger*  
Jeff Morris

*Gospel Book Bearer*  
Milah Smith

*Lector*  
Runette Gabrielle

*Intercessor*  
Mary Arguelles

*Ushers*  
Larry Whalen, David Thun, Christine  
Keeler and Walt Frankowski

*Communion Assistants*  
Victoria Wilson and Andrea Griffith

*Crucifer*  
Caroline Wandrey

*Acolytes*  
Lillian Arguelles and Zoe Morris

*Altar Guild*  
June Tull, (Captain) & Sophia,  
Priscilla Hirschenhofer  
Andrea Griffith and  
Kim Alarcon

Please stay after the 10am service today to help Un-Green the church. Once again, this is one of those times when many hands make for light work! Thank you.



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

**Christ Church News** is live! These are weekly video updates about what is happening at Christ Church. Christ Church News (CCN) will be a weekly video event on our YouTube page, typically uploaded on Tuesday evenings. These are videos that can be easily shared with friends which will feature different messages and parts of our building each week. And it's easy to know when they are uploaded; just hit the subscribe button on our YouTube page and you will be notified when the next episode airs.

The cleanout of the undercroft is underway! All of the items stored on the south side (hallway) of the undercroft were moved into the hallway to the choir room. Ministry leaders are asked to review the items and tag those things that are still required to complete their ministry. Please place the name of your ministry on masking tape to tag your items by January 15. Any items not claimed will be disposed of.

This year, during Lent, we are organizing **Lenten House Eucharists**. This is a new opportunity for us to gather, pray, receive the Eucharist and enter more deeply into the Lenten Season. These meals will be pot luck dinners which will begin with a Eucharistic service led by Fr Bryce. We are looking for at least one host for each week of Lent, beginning the week of February 18th and running through the week of March 24th. In order to register as a host and receive more information about these meals please email Fr Bryce ([brycepwandrev@gmail.com](mailto:brycepwandrev@gmail.com)). If you are unable to host but want to be on the guest list for one of the Lenten House Eucharists please email Fr Bryce.

Our **annual meeting** is on January 28 after the 10:00AM service. Annual reports will be available on January 14.

**Sunday School:** 9:00 - 9:50; Catechesis (pre-school - first grade): room A1  
Joyful Path (second grade - sixth grade): room A2; Live and Learn- a weekly class for middle and high school students. Room A3 Nursery: 9:00 - 11:30—Infant to pre-school across from Parish Hall. The nursery is available from Sunday school to Coffee Hour for ages infant to age 5 . Children are free to learn, play, and explore in a safe, child-friendly environment.

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**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-news and newsletters.

**Altar Candle Memorials for January** are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Mary Hoare; **Lois Feick** by David and Judy Feick.

**Altar Flowers for today** are to the **Greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Violet and John W. Braun and Margaret Johnson and Peter Braun**, by their family.

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a Sunday service in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event, please call Nancy Shelley at 610-375-7925.

**Adult Forum:** What is prayer? How do we pray? Why pray in the first place? What happens when you pray? There is never a bad time to think about prayer which is what we will be doing in **Adult Forum** this Sunday. Join us at 9:05am in the Parlor as we explore **Prayer**.

We are hosting the next **ESL conversation dinner** on Tuesday January 16 at 6PM. We had a wonderful event earlier this year with nearly 60 people in attendance. This is a vital way for us to support those in our community who are looking to practice English in a conversational setting. Please email Kim at [officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org](mailto:officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org) or use the sign-up sheet to let us know if you are able to provide a main, dessert or drinks (6 serving size) and/or be in attendance for conversation.

A very, Special Christmas "Thank You" to all Christ Church members and the Ladies of ECW. Your thoughtful gifts during this wonderful season was a true blessing to our holiday. God Bless you all, Donna, Samuel and the boys, (The Phillips Family)

## **This week at Christ Church**

### **Sunday, January 7 —Epiphany/Baptism of our Lord**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
3-6PM BYC practice  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

### **Monday, January 8**

12PM—1PM NA meeting  
6PM—Vestry Meeting  
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

### **Tuesday, January 9**

9AM Citizenship class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

### **Wednesday, January 10**

10AM ECW Rummage Sale  
12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

### **Thursday, January 11**

9AM—Citizenship Class  
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Friday, January 12**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

### **Saturday, January 13**

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

### **Sunday, January 14—2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9AM Sunday School  
9:05AM Adult Forum  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
11:30AM Worship Committee Meeting  
3-6PM BYC practice  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## **Upcoming Events:**

**January 8** Vestry Meeting 6PM

**January 9** Citizenship classes resume

**January 10** ECW Rummage Sale 10-1PM

**January 14** Worship Committee Meeting 11:30AM

**January 16** ESL Dinner 6PM

**January 24** Evening Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

**January 28** Annual Meeting after 10AM service

**January 31** BCHC mobile unit at CCR



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