

Christ Episcopal Church

Reading, Pennsylvania



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

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Today's Readings

The Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Cover image: Christ Calls the Apostles Simon and Andrew by Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (c. 1653-54)

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: We pray for the coming of God's kingdom as we say, bring in your kingdom.

Intercessor: You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Michael, our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of South India (United) and Christ Church, Stroudsburg. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed. Bring your peace and freedom to the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. We pray especially for (...) Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief. We remember today the deceased loved ones of Garrett and Joann Hyneman. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people. We pray especially for those celebrating this week, Kelly Lengel, Jack Lacey, June Maier, Helen Peemoeller, Jane Walker Runyeon, Kaitlyn Weidel and Joann Hyneman. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Celebrant: Father, use us, unworthy as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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 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:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62: 6-14 (read responsively by whole verse)

For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in him.

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

**Put your trust in him always, O people,
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

**On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.**

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth
increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.**

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

The New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

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

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: Father, by your spirit,

People: **bring in your kingdom.**

Confession of Sin 360

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 367

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 368

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread 364

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

The Post-Communion Prayers

The Celebrant first prays the following:

Celebrant: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth: for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 Ellen Sunderman

Lector and Intercessor
Rick Wolf

Altar Guild
Victoria Wilson (captain), Doris
Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and Sally
Wilcox

Usher
Chris Spohn and Ellen Sunderman



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.

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Prelude

Cantabile

César Franck

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

Processional Hymn 550 *Jesus calls us o'er the tumult*

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 Kyrie

David Thorne

Andante *mf*

Lord_____ have mer - cy, Lord_____ have mer - cy,

7 Christ_____ have mer - cy, Christ_____ have mer - cy.

11 *mf* Lord_____ have mer - cy, Lord_____ have mer - cy. *mp*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 653 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Before the reading

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

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

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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: Father, by your spirit,

People: **bring in your kingdom.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Commission of Organist and Director of Music

Celebrant: I present to you this person to be admitted to the ministry of Organist and Choir Director in this congregation.

Celebrant: When the song was raised in the praise of the Lord.

People: **The glory of the Lord filled the house of God.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in Heaven, be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth, and grant them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: In the name of God and of this congregation, I commission you John Painter as Organist and Choir Director in this parish. **Amen.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem *A New Year Carol, Op. 7, No. 5* Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear, For to worship God with, this happy New Year. Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. Sing levy dew...

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
Sing levy dew...

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) S120

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 364

The Fraction Anthem

Taste and See

Musical score for 'Taste and See' in 3/8 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: 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. The score includes a 'Fine' marking at the end.

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

Musical score for 'The Agnus Dei' in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef. The lyrics are: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace. The score includes dynamic markings such as *mp* and *mf*.

The Communion Hymn *All who hunger gather gladly*

All who hunger gather gladly

Wonder Love and Praise, #761



1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see that God is good.
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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 657 *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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 *Toccatà in d minor ("Dorian"), BWV 538*

J. S. Bach

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Dan Farrell

Gospel Book Bearer
Andrea Griffith

Lector
Dale Goodyear

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Ushers

Wayne Fanning, Susan Doll, Dale
Goodyear and Larry Whalen

Communion Assistants

Wayne Fanning and Kate Fanning

Crucifer

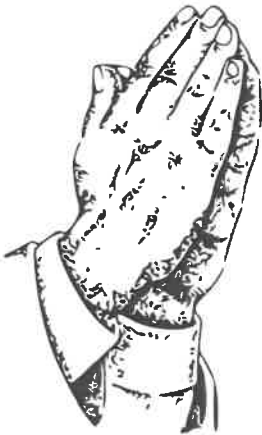
Milah Smith

Acolytes

Julieanna and Jae Marie Gonzalez

Altar Guild

Victoria Wilson (captain), Doris
Schilpp, Helen Peemoeller and Sally
Wilcox



Praying for those in need: Beginning in February we will be printing in our bulletin a monthly list of those who are in need of our prayers. This list will take the place of the handwritten list at the front of the church and will be in our weekly bulletins for a month. At the start of each month, a new list will be printed in our bulletins. To submit a name for the February prayer list please email Kim before January 30th with the name(s). Our Prayers of the People will reflect this change of practice as our intercessor will say, "We pray for those on our prayer list and, we take a moment for those you want to name now..."

Christ Church News is live! Christ Church News (CCN) is 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.

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 (brycepwandrey@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.

Did you know..? ECW collects Redner's sales receipts to earn money for our missions. To take part register for a loyalty card at the customer service desk Bring your entire receipt to church and place it in the container across from the water fountain. Redner's reimburses us 1% of the total. Thank you!

While the season of Lent gets us ready to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, what gets us ready for Lent? **Pancakes!** On Tuesday February 13th at 5.30pm we will be getting ready for Lent with our annual pancake supper. Join us in the Fellowship Hall and eat all the pancakes you can.

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. 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 **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of the Deceased Loved Ones of Garrett and Joann Hyneman.**

Our former Deacon, The Revd. Michael Molina, will be ordained to the priesthood next Saturday, January 27 at 11:00AM at Trinity Episcopal Church in Easton, PA. God Bless Father Michael!

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 **What happens when we pray?**

The stove in the kitchen is fixed!!! All of the burners and both ovens are fully functional. This valuable resource is available for all ministries.

Today, Sunday, January 21 is our new organist and choir directors' first Sunday, Please be with us at 10:00AM to welcome John Painter to Christ Church.

Join us on Wednesday January 24 at 5:30pm to worship with our musician David Cullen. We will be singing songs by Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, The Beatles, U2 and more.

This week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 21—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

9AM Citizenship class
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, January 24

12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Evening Eucharist with David Cullen
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:00PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Saturday, January 27

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

Sunday, January 28—4th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Upcoming Events:

January 21 John Painter's first Sunday

January 24 Evening Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

January 28 Annual Meeting after 10AM service

January 31 BCHC mobile unit at CCR

February 7, 10 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM to 1PM

February 11 "Souper" Bowl Sunday benefitting Helping Harvest

February 13 Pancake Supper 5:30PM

February 14 Ash Wednesday



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Christ is all and in all