

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Presentation of our Lord February 2, 2025

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Today's Readings—The Presentation of our Lord

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon

blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

For those in need of our prayers....			
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Glen	Terra
<i>Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table inside the</i>			

Welcome to Christ 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.

Our Thursday morning **Bible Study** continues at 9am in the Library. Prior attendance is not required; please join us.

Cover Image: *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (The Life of the Virgin)* c. 1505 by Albrecht Dürer

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

Intercessor: Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light. We pray for Fr Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and Epiphany, Clarks Summit. We also pray for those celebrating this week, Mary Arguelles, Matt Hoelscher, Carolyn Handy, and Thomas Bausher. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgment on the world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice. We pray for peace for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East and healing for the people of Los Angeles. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sake became poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. We pray for those on our prayer list in the bulletin and for those we name now... Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation, remembering Helen and Gerald Androne and Erling and Viola Peterson. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfillment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Christ Church (Episcopal)
Reading, PA
8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please stand

The congregation's candles are lit before the service begins;

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

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

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Dear people of God, forty days ago we celebrated the joyful feast of the incarnation of Jesus. Today we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. Led by the Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the temple, recognized the child as the Christ, and proclaimed him with joy. United by the same Spirit, we now enter the house of God, where we shall recognize Christ in the breaking of bread.

Let us pray.

O eternal God, who has created all things; on this day you fulfilled the petitions of the just Simeon: we humbly ask you to bless and sanctify these candles for our worship of you, the light of the world. Graciously hear our prayers and be merciful to us, whom you have redeemed by your Son, who is the light of the world, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84 (*the psalm is read responsively by whole verse*)

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob.

**Behold our defender, O God;
and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.

**O Lord of hosts,
happy are they who put their trust in you!**

The New Testament Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 (full text on page 2)

Before the reading

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

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 (page 9)

The Prayers of the People (page 4)

Intercessor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin (page 9)

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B, page 10)

The Sanctus (page 11 of this bulletin)

The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 11

The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread (page 12)

The Invitation to Communion and Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. 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.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Post-Communion Prayers

Celebrant: Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Then all pray together:

All **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

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

8AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Communion Assistant

Chris Spohn

Lector and Intercessor

Chris Spohn

Altar Guild

Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine
Keeler, Josephine Lawson and
Mary Jane Androne

Usher

Ellen Sunderman

The Nicene Creed

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.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(8AM spoken, sung on page 18 at 10AM)

All **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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in your Christ and make them new, and bring us to that heavenly country where,

with Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude *Nouvellette* Per Winge

Children's Anthem *Candle Glowing* Allen Schattschneider and Johann Hill

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Let us pray.

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Opening Hymn: 490 *I want to walk as a child of the light* (see page 14)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

a tempo

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The Collect of the Day

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People: **And also with you.**

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Please be seated

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 (full text on page 2)

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 278 *Sing we of the blessed mother*

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -

Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

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The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 (full text on page 2)

Before the reading:

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

After the reading

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

Please be seated

The Homily

The Nicene Creed (page 9)

The Prayers of the People (page 4)

Intercessor: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Confession of Sin (page 9)

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem

Be Not Afraid

Bob Dufford

Presentation Hymn 127 *Earth has many a noble city* (vss 1 and 5)

Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
Out of thee the Lord from heaven
Came to rule his Israel

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
At thy glad epiphany,
Unto thee, with God the Father
And the Spirit, glory be.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B page 10)

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 10

The Sanctus

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 11

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

The Fraction Anthem

James E. Moore, Jr.

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**

Agnus Dei

David Thorne

mp Lamb of God, you
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 Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to receive. 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.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.

The Communion Hymn 653 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*

1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O

1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

If Eucharistic visitors 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.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Then all pray together:

All **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 Closing Hymn 444 *Blessed be the God of Israel* (see page 22)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia. Go in the light and peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

ALICE Training

(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)

The Security Task Force will be holding another ALICE training session at the Church at 1:00 PM on Saturday February 15. All congregants are welcome and encouraged to attend. The training session, which will be conducted by Chris Spohn and Ellen Sunderman, our own trained ALICE instructors, will last for approximately 4 hours and will include classroom instruction as well as various mock exercises involving the types of threats we might possibly encounter in the event that an intruder entered the Church. Please use the following link if you wish to register for this training: <https://forms.gle/eDnMcVZmRdnuvjfR8>

Participation in the mock exercises is strictly voluntary. (You may come and simply observe if you wish!) We also have a number of seat licenses available if anyone would like to take the ALICE on-line training. Please email Chuck Brantman (brantman@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking this on-line training. It only takes about an hour to complete and provides some extremely important guidance on what to do in the event of a security incident at the Church.



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.____
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Verger
Linda Jones

Gospel Book Bearer
Milah Smith

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Kathleen Brantman

Ushers
Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, and
Linda Jones

Communion Assistants
Andrea Griffith and Milah Smith

Crucifer
Andrea Griffith

Acolytes
Cadence Carvalho and Dalia Carvalho

Altar Guild
Charlotte Hoare (Captain), Christine
Keeler, Josephine Lawson and
Mary Jane Androne

Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.

Altar Candle Memorials for February are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare ; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

Altar flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory the deceased loved ones of Helen and Gerald Androne and Erling and Viola Peterson by Richard and Mary Jane Androne



On March 4th, we will be having our annual **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** at 5:30PM to get ready for the season of Lent. This supper will also be the first opportunity

for our Youth to raise funds for their summer mission trip.

On Sunday May 18th, Bishop Kevin will be with us at our 10am service. We are now planning our Youth and Adult **Confirmation classes** (these will also be our Reception into Membership of the Episcopal Church classes) in preparation for that Sunday. Please email or speak to Fr Bryce today if you want to be part of these classes or if you have any questions. *Classes will begin for our youth, 6th graders or older, on Sunday February 16th at 9AM with Chris Spohn. Planning for our Adult classes is underway. Check back here for more details over the coming weeks.*

Our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is meeting again in February. On February 7th at 6pm our Senior EYC meets (ages 13-18). On February 28th at 6pm our Junior EYC meets (age 7-12). These are always great times of fun, fellowship and food. Please invite your friends.

On February 23 we will have our **Ministries Fair** at both 9AM and 11AM. Join us in the parlor to learn about the many ministries at Christ Church. There will be representatives on hand to answer your questions and help you to join a ministry if you choose to do so.

The **ECW Rummage Sale** will be held on February 5, 8 and 12 from 10AM to 1PM. Come see out Valentines gifts and new inventory of household items. The **Monthly ECW meeting** will be held on Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 in the parlor.



Our Youth are selling **Chili** for your **Super Bowl Sunday** celebrations! On Sunday February 9 be ready to buy a quart of homemade chili for \$10 each. We are looking for your homemade chili donations. Scan the QR code to sign up. Please bring your donation to the church on Thursday February 6th from 8am to 12pm or set up a drop off time with Brenda (484-731-7231) any time before 6pm on Friday February 7th. We also will have a limited number of bowls to enjoy during Fellowship Hour for a donation of \$5.00. All money raised goes to our Youth and their Summer Mission Trip.

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GOD OF OUR FOUNDATIONS, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF THIS HOLY PLACE, WHICH HAS BEEN SET APART BY THE LOVE AND DEVOTION OF GENERATIONS TO BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE. BE AMONGST US AT THIS RESTORING TIME, THAT WE MAY KNOW THE DEEP LOVE THAT YOU HAVE FOR US AND MAY HEAR YOUR CALL TO BE PART OF A CREATION RENEWED BY YOUR GRACE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. AMEN.

Adult Forum

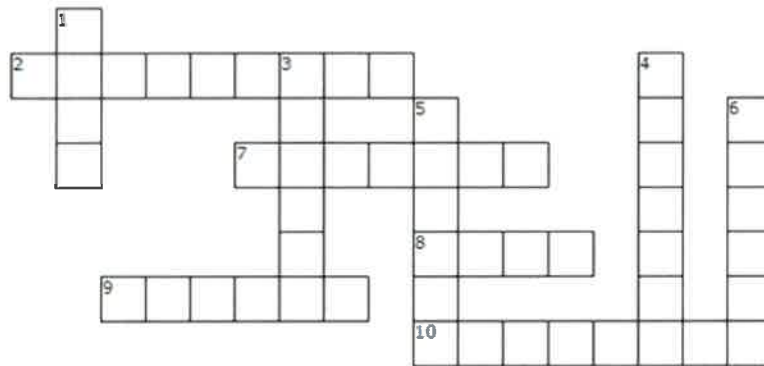
Who are the Christians? Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor as we explore the history of Christianity. Come with your questions, assumptions and personal stories to contribute to this study. **DISCLAIMER!** *This is not a “getting lost in the weeds” history of Christianity. This is a fun (hopefully) dash through our history by story, people and “Where did that church come from?” approach. Attention to getting every date correct and every term academically vetted isn’t the goal. So, let’s have as much fun as we can as we wander the many halls of Christianity.*



Simeon Recognizes Jesus

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Luke 2:25-26 (NVI)

Based on Luke 2:22-40 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Deliverance from the penalty of sin
7. Something you said that you would do
8. The organs for seeing in the faces of humans and animals
9. A building dedicated to religious ceremonies or worship
10. The town where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived

DOWN

1. The mother of Jesus
3. The homeland of the Jewish people
4. A person who is not Jewish
5. The man who was promised he would not die until he had seen the Messiah
6. The earthly father of Jesus

TEMPLE	SALVATION	MARY	NAZARETH	ISRAEL
SIMEON	JOSEPH	GENTILE	PROMISE	EYES

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SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 2—The Presentation of our Lord

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship hour
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30 BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Monday, February 3

12PM-1PM Centering Prayer Chapel
12PM—1PM NA meeting
5:30-7PM NA meeting

Tuesday, February 4

12PM—1PM NA meeting
9AM Citizenship Class

Wednesday, February 5

8:30AM Staff Meeting
10AM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Holy Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
5:30PM Guitar Eucharist
7PM-8:30PM Parish Choir Practice

Thursday, February 6

9AM Bible Study
9AM Citizenship Class
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, February 7

12PM—1PM NA Meeting
6PM Senior EYC

Saturday, February 8

10AM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, February 9 —The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult Forum
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11AM Fellowship hour with Chili Sale
11:15 Children's Choir Practice
3-5:30 BYC Practice
4-5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

February 5, 8, 12 ECW Rummage Sale
10AM-1PM

February 5 Guitar Eucharist featuring the music of Bob Marley with Guitarist David Cullen at 5:30PM

February 7 Senior EYC at 6PM

February 16 Youth Confirmation Classes begin at 9AM

February 23 Ministries Fair at 9AM and 11AM

February 28 Junior EYC at 6PM

March 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5:30PM

March 5 Ash Wednesday Services at 12 noon and 7PM



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