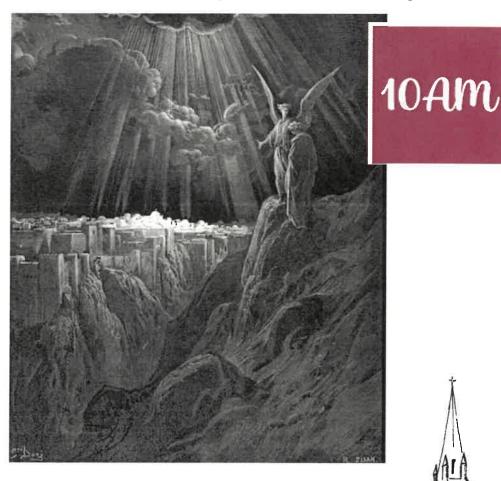
Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King November 23, 2025 10:00AM

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 please ask for a visitor's information card. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restrooms are near the elevator (ladies) and through the north doors (men). 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.

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

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

Altar flowers are given today to the greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of George and Barabara Houghton Meyers, the most wonderful parents in the world, and their loyal son Branford from Robert and Ruth Meyers.

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10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude Consolation No. 2

Franz Liszt

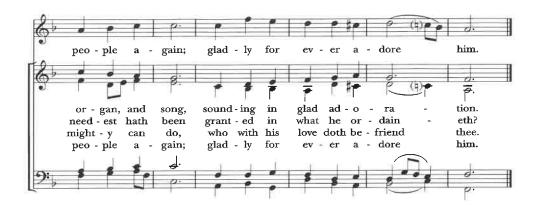
We are Marching in the Light of God Sunday S

Sunday School Children

Please stand



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The Liturgy of the Word

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

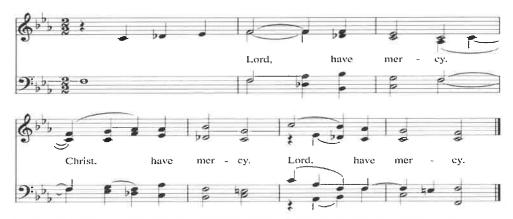
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Collect for Purity

All: 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.

Kyrie Kevin R. Hackett



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you: People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

At the end of the reading

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

Gospel Hymn

Teach me, my God and King



Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: Carlisle, Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)

The Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

Before the reading

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying,

"Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

The Homily

Rabbi Brian Michelson

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, All 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people. We pray for those living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. We also pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, for The Church of Nigeria and Church of the Redeemer, Sayre. May your kingdom come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism. We also pray for people of all faiths, especially for the Reform Congregation of Oheb Sholom, Wyomissing. May your dominion come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure. May your rule come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth. We pray for those celebrating this week, Randall Fegley, Pam Young, Charlotte Fultz, Richard Ehst, Linda Day and Richard and Mary Jane Androne. We also pray for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for any that we name now.... Finally, we remember those whom we love but see no longer, especially George and Barabara Houghton Meyers and

Branford Meyers. May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, you have taught us that the power of the heart is greater than the power of wealth and might. Hear us as we pray for the fulfilment of your reign. We ask this through Jesus Christ our King; to him be glory and power for ever. **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 Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements and Children's Message

The Offertory Anthem O Taste and see

Presentation Hymn By all your saints still striving (Hymn 231, v1)

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest, your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.

You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.

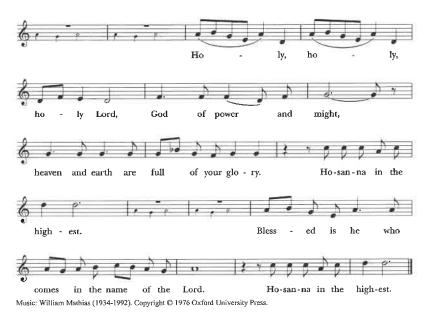
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B)

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.... 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.

Sanctus William Mathias



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

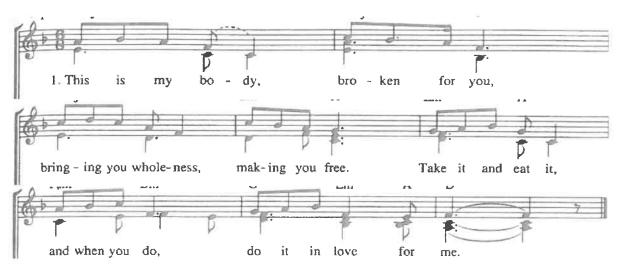
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Fraction Anthem

Jimmy Owen



 This is my blood, poured out for you, bringing forgiveness, making you free, Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me

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.

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 Agnus Dei

Kevin Mayhew





1. From heaven you came, helpless babe, Entered our world, your glory veiled; not to be served but to serve, and give your life that we might live.

Chorus:

This is our God, the Servant King, He calls us now to follow him, To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the Servant King.

- 2. There in the garden of tears, My heavy load He chose to bear; His heart with sorrow was torn, Yet not my will but Yours, He said. (Chorus)
- 4. So let us learn how to serve, And in our lives enthrone Him; Each other's needs to prefer, For it is Christ we're serving. (Chorus)
- 3. Come see His hands and His feet, The scars that speak of sacrifice; Hands that flung stars into space To cruel nails surrendered. (Chorus)

If Eucharist 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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

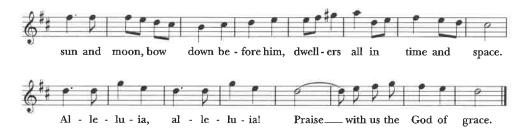
The Blessing

Celebrant ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Praise my soul the King of heaven





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The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

For those in need of our prayers									
Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly						
Connie	Randall	Brian	Bower Family						
Randy	Carol	Kate	Max						
Sebastian	Anna	Lillian	Barbara						
Jim	Jack	Sara and Tito	Reenie						
Betsy	Reichert Family	Diann	Angelica						
Scott	Stewart	Lola and Family	Sandy						
MJ	Lynn and Bruce	Dick	Jena and family						
Jaime	Karen	Glen	Terra						
David	Elizabeth	Lisa	Qunitana						
Gonzalez Family	Byron and Sherry	Bill D.	Randy						
Jackie	Pat	Diedra	Terra						
E & G									

Kindly submit any names you would like to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table.

10AM Service Participants

 $\begin{array}{c} \textit{Celebrant} \\ \text{The Reverend Bryce Wandrey} \end{array}$

Homilist Rabbi Brian Michelson

Organist and Choir Director
John Painter

Lector
Victoria Wilson

Intercessor
Mary Arguelles

Communion Assistants
Terry Rowles and Kate Schuler

Verger Jeff Morris

Ushers
David Emes, Joann Hyneman,
Garrett Hyneman and Jack Lacey

Acolytes
Ozi Abara and Alex Brantman

Crucifer
Andrea Griffith

Gospel Book Bearer Emily Wandrey

Altar Guild
June Tull (Captain),
Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea
Griffith, Kim Alarcon and Sally
Wilcox



Do you need prayers? All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.



PHONE:

2025 Christmas Memorial Flower Order and Mary's Shelter Benefit Form



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:

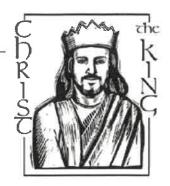
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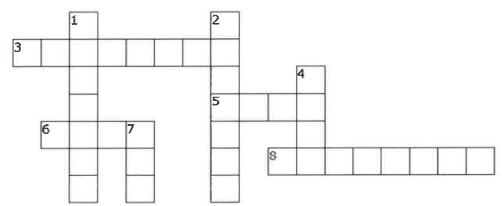
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I wish to donate # poinsettia(s) at \$11.00 ea. for a total of \$
I wish to donate \$ for the greening of the church.
I wish to donate \$ to Mary's Shelter.
TOTAL DONATION \$
Make checks payable to "Christ Church" writing either "Poinsettias" or "Mary's Shelter" in the Memo line. Place your check with this form in the offering plate or mail to Christ Church, P.O. Box 1094, Reading, PA 19603-1094 so that it arrives no later than Wednesday December 17th
Please print names in the spaces below for listing in the Christmas Bulletins. My gift is given In Memory of (if deceased)
In Honor of (if living)
In Thanksgiving for
I wish to pick up my poinsettia(s) after the 10:00am service on Sunday December 28 I will deliver my poinsettia(s) to a homebound member.
Please make checks payable to "Christ Church" and
NAME:e-mail

King Backward

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Luke 23:33

Based on Luke 23:33-43





ACROSS

- A place of peace and rest; sometimes used to describe heaven
- 5. To rescue someone from harm
- 6. A male ruler; opposite of queen
- 8. A person guilty of crime

DOWN

- 1. To kill by nailing to a cross
- 2. The promised Savior sent from God
- 4. To be afraid of something
- 7. The creator and ruler of the universe

CRUCIFY	PARADISE	GOD	CRIMINAL
SAVE	FEAR	KING	MESSIAH

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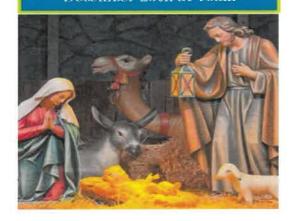


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SKULL	PARADISE	KING	CHOSEN	SOLDIERS
SAVE	LEFT	RIGHT	CRIMINAL	FORGIVE
REMEMBER	CRUCIFIED	WINE	VINEGAR	MESSIAH

Christmas Service Schedule

Blue Christmas—December 17th
at 5:30pm
Christmas Pageant—December
24th at 4pm
Festal Eucharist—December 24th
at 11pm (Music begins at
10:30pm)
Christmas Day Eucharist—
December 25th at 10am



Adult Forum—November 23rd at 9:05am

How do Jews use the Hebrew

Scriptures and which are more
authoritative than others?

What is the Talmud and Midrash?

Come hear Rabbi Brian Michelson
answer these questions and more



Christ Church Night out with the Reading Royals

Saturday December 6th at 7pm Scan the QR Code to buy your tickets today







Please donate to our special collection for the

Veterans Coalition of

Pennsylvania on

November 23

(non perishable food items please)

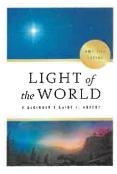
Join us at Adult Forum on November 30th at 9:05am to receive updates on our plaster work from

Ken Saul of Restoration Artisans



Join us for a wonderful
Thanksgiving Eve Service
Featuring musician David Cullen
Wednesday November 26 at 5:30pm





Our Thursday morning bible study continues at 9:30am every week. We are currently studying Paul's letter to the Galatians. Beginning on Thursday November 20th we are going to shift to a book study for the Advent season. We will be reading and discussing each week a chapter from Amy-Jill Levine's book "Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent." Free copies of this book are available to anyone who would like to join the study. Please contact Fr Bryce to obtain a copy.

Save the Dates for our Bicentennial Events!

February 10th, 2026, 6:00pm: CCR Game Night at Saucony Creek Brewing Company

May 9th-10th, 2026 Consecration weekend Events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours July 18th, 2026 Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.

This Week at Christ Church Sunday, November 23—The Last Sunday

after Pentecost: Christ the King
8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum with Rabbi Brian
Michelson
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, November 24 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, November 25 9AM Literacy Class 9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer 12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, November 26 9AM Staff Meeting 12PM—Noonday Eucharist 12PM—1PM NA Meeting 5:30PM Thanksgiving Eve service with David Cullen 5:30-7PM NA Meeting

5:30-7PM NA Meeting 6PM Ridam Dance 7PM Ridam Tone

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Office closed

Friday, November 28 12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, November 22 10AM Ridam Dance 11AM Ridam Tone 12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, November 30—The First Sunday of Advent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum with Ken Saul from
Restoration Artisans
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

November 23 Christ the King Sunday—Rabbi Brian Michelson (Guest Preacher)

November 23 Food Collection for the Veteran's Association

November 26 Thanksgiving Eve with Dave Cullen 5:30PM

November 30 Adult Forum with Ken Saul from Restoration Artisans 9:05AM

December 3, 6, and 10 ECW Rummage Sale 10AM-1PM

December 6 Christ Church night at the Reading Royals 7PM

December 7 ECW Cookie Sale

December 17 Blue Christmas 5:30PM

December 24 Christmas Pageant with Eucharist 4:00PM Festal Eucharist at 11:00PM (Music at 10:30PM

December 25 Christmas Day Eucharist at 10AM