

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



10AM

The First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 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 his mother and grandfather, Nancy Wilson and D. Irvin Fulton from James and Victoria Wilson.

Lectern flowers are given today to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of her mother Regina Powell from Anita Powell.

Cover image: "The Hymn in Adoration of the Lamb" by Albrecht Durer (1471-1528)

Christ Church (Episcopal)
Reading, PA
10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude
Please stand

God's love surrounds

arr. D. Kane

Processional Hymn

Lo! He comes with clouds ascending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*; melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

People: **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: As we begin this season of Advent, we remember and give thanks for all of those who have heard God's word of promise throughout the ages and we rejoice that they had the faith and trust to believe those promises and to walk in the ways of righteousness. May we continue to hear God's promises today and may we be granted the same faith and trust to listen and follow in the paths that God has destined for us. We light this first candle as a symbol of our desire to hear and trust God's great promises to this world.

The first candle is lit on the Advent Wreath

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God, as we rejoice in your Son's first advent, so we await with eager expectation the fulfillment of his promise that he will come among us again. Strengthen us in our faith, that we may know his presence with us now, as we wait, and fashion our souls to be places where his coming grace and mercy will find a home, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

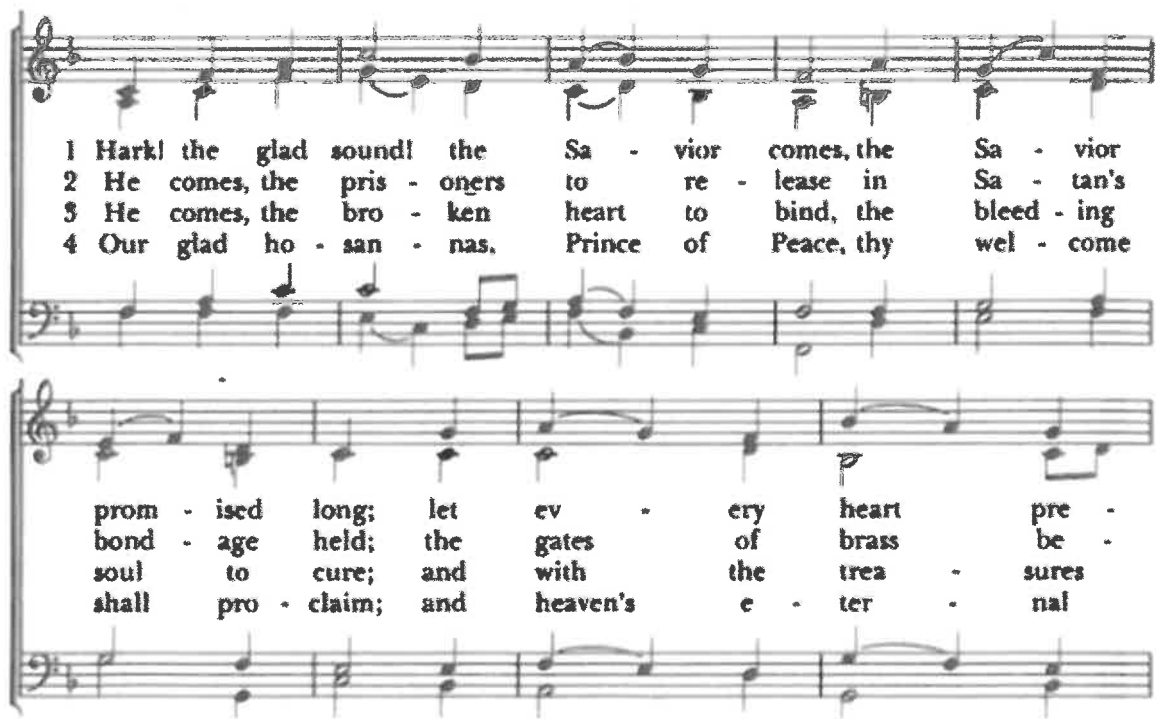
At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Hark the glad sound



The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: 1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior; 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's; 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing; 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come. The second system also has four vocal staves and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are: prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -; bond - age held; the gates of brass be -; soul to cure; and with the trea - sures; shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal.

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The hymn continues on the next page



Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);
harm. *Memoriam* Ancient and Modern Revised 1040; Alter *Contra Altus Tenor* (1801-1871)

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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

All 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Almighty God, as we rejoice in your Son's first coming, so we await with eager expectation the fulfilment of his promise that he will come amongst us again, as we say, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor: Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, and Calvary, Tamaqua. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for those who live in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine. Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. Please pray for those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now either silently or aloud....Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember Nancy Wilson, D. Irvin Fulton and Regina Powell. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Blessed Mary and all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation. We pray for those celebrating this week: Nicole Lundy. Maranatha: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[Maranatha is an Aramaic word meaning "O Lord, come"]

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

Wachet auf. Ruft uns die Stimme

J.S. Bach

Presentation Hymn Hymn 54 *Savior of the nations come (vs 1)*

Savior of the nations, come!
Virgin's Son, make here your home.
Marvel now, both heaven and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

Frantz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828), arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Copyright © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

People: **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

The musical score for 'The Fraction Anthem' is written in 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the lyrics 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness'. The second system contains 'of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and'. The third system contains 'see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord.' and ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

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

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

Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

7 world, have mer - cy up - on us.

13 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

18 world, grant us your peace.

The Communion Hymn

Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord)

Unison

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you have come to us,
 you are one with us, Ma - ry's Son. Cleans-ing our souls from
 all their sin, pour-ing your love and good-ness in, Je - sus, our love for
 you we sing, liv - ing Lord. Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ
 Now and every day
 Teach us how to pray,
 Son of God.
 You have commanded us to do
 This in remembrance, Lord, of you.
 Into our lives your power breaks
 through,
 Living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
 You have come to us,
 Born as one of us,
 Mary's Son.
 Led out to die on Calvary,
 Risen from death to set us free,
 Living Lord Jesus, help us see
 You are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,
 I would come to you,
 Live my life for you,
 Son of God.
 All your commands I know are true,
 Your many gifts will make me new,
 Into my life your power breaks
 through,
 Living Lord.

Words: Patrick Appleford; Tune:
 Living Lord by Patrick Appleford
 (1925-2018)

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.**

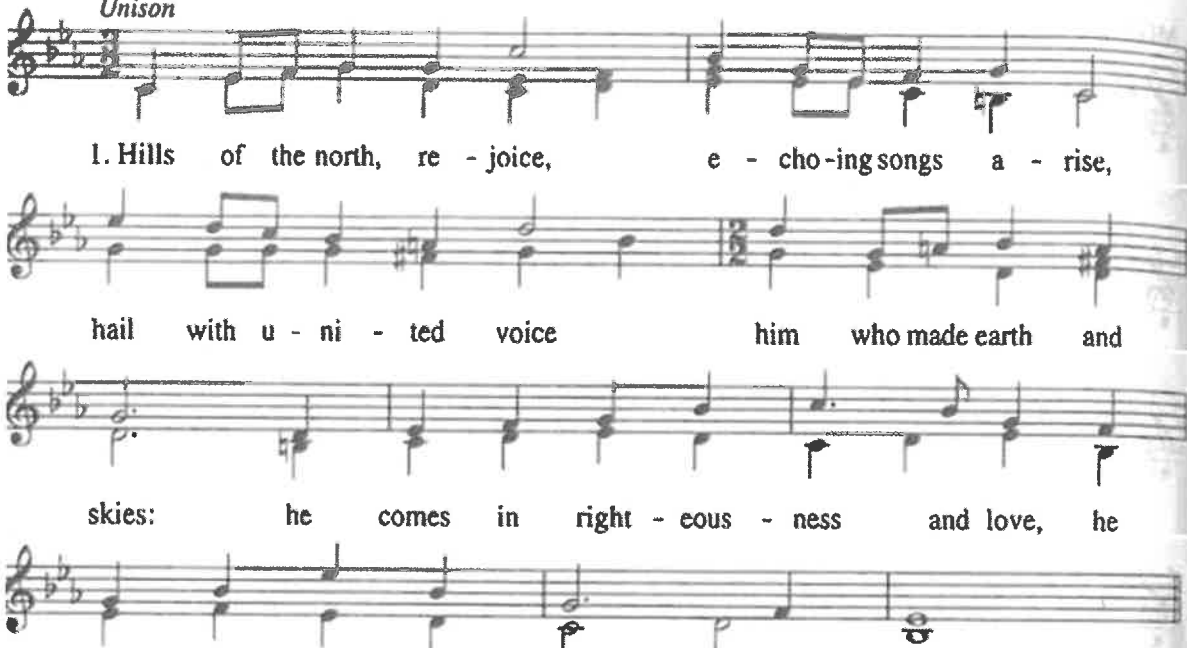
The Blessing

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

Closing Hymn

Hills of the North rejoice

Unison



1. Hills of the north, re - joice, e - cho-ing songs a - rise,
hail with u - ni - ted voice him who made earth and
skies: he comes in right - eous - ness and love, he
brings sal - va - tion from a - bove.

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2. Isles of the southern seas
sing to the list'ning earth,
carry on ev'ry breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3. Lands of the east, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
the God whom you have longed to
know

4. Shores of the utmost west,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heav'nly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout, as you journey on,
songs be in ev'ry mouth,
lo, from the north they come,
from east and west and south:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the longing earth be blest.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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	Joe	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	Aidan	Stephanie and Family	

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.

O
B E I N G

Our Adult Forum on November 30th will utilize a podcast episode from "On Being". We will listen to Krista Tippett and Walter Brueggemann discuss Scripture and faith in the 21st century, miracles, mercy and images of God. Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor.

10AM Service Participants

Celebrant and Homilist

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

Organist and Choir Director

John Painter

Lector and Intercessor

Kate Schuler

Communion Assistants

Victoria Wilson and Richard Laedlein

Verger

Linda Jones

Ushers

Larry Whalen, Christine Keeler, Kate Schuler and Zoe Morris

Acolytes

Cadence and Dahlia Carvalho

Crucifer

Benjamin Frymoyer

Altar Guild

Victoria Wilson (Captain),
Doris Schilpp and Helen
Peemoeller

Advent Candle Readers

Obi, Chi, Ozi and Ola Abara



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.



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



Mary's Shelter

Please use this form to place your order for poinsettias and/or greens AND/OR contribute to Mary's Shelter.

Please mark with an (X) to complete the following:

_____ I wish to donate #___ poinsettia(s) at \$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

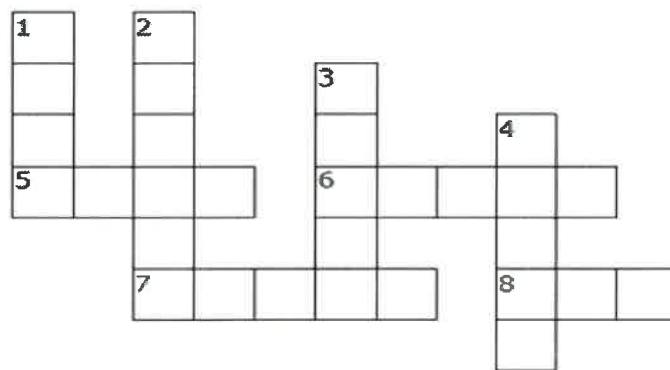
NAME: _____ e-mail _____

PHONE: _____

Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:36-44



ACROSS

5. A period of time sixty minutes long
6. One who steals something
7. The time period from sunset until sunrise
8. The period from sunrise until sunset

DOWN

1. Man in the Bible who built an ark
2. To come back
3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
4. To be prepared or available for service or action

HOUR	NIGHT	WATCH	READY
DAY	NOAH	RETURN	THIEF

Ready for His Return

So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 24:44 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 24:36-44 (NIV).



U Q Q Y G R I N D I N G X I O
H E A V E N C Y S F I C J W Q
H E X P E C T O O J I U J C B
M A R R Y I N G N R E A D Y I
C D G Z R H Y M T H I E F P Y
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A O H O K A Y P I M T P A O H
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WATCH	FATHER	PEOPLE	HEAVEN	READY
NOAH	DAY	DRINKING	COME	MARRYING
GRINDING	WOMEN	ANGELS	MEN	THIEF
FLOOD	EXPECT	SON	EATING	HOUR

**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



**Christ Church Night out with the
Reading Royals**
Saturday December 6th at 7pm
**Scan the QR Code to buy your tickets
today**



Sunday School Happenings: 11/30, all Sunday school classes will be making Advent Wreaths.

Our next EYC will be Friday, 12/12 from 5:30-7:30pm where we will be preparing items for Opportunity House dinner. We will then be serving on Saturday, 12/13.

The EYC will attend the movie “David” at the Reading Imax theatre on December 19.

ECW Events: The December Rummage Sale will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd and 10th and Saturday, December 6th from 10Am to 1PM.

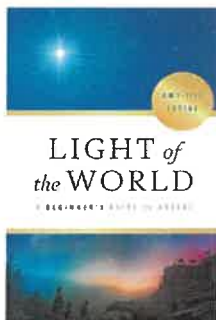
The Cookie sale will be held next Sunday after both services. Many varieties to choose from and at a cost of \$5.00/half pound.

The next **Opportunity House dinner** will be December 13.

Join us at Adult Forum on December 7th at 9:05am to receive updates on our plaster work from Ken Saul of Restoration Artisans



Please consider making a child's Christmas a bit brighter! Our Angel tree program is back starting today. Take a tag from our Angel tree and bring the gift back to Christ Church. Thank you for your support!



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 30—The First Sunday of Advent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult Forum "On Being"
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, December 1

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, December 2

9AM Literacy Class
12:00PM Zoom Centering Prayer Chapel
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, December 3

9AM Staff Meeting
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noonday Eucharist
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
2PM Eucharist at the Highlands
5:30-7PM NA Meeting
6PM Ridam Dance
7PM Ridam Tone

Thursday, December 4

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
9:30AM Zoom Centering Prayer
11AM Morning Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting
7PM Parish Choir rehearsal

Friday, December 5

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, December 6

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
10AM Ridam Dance

11AM Ridam Tone

12PM-2PM NA meeting

7PM Christ Church night at the Reading Royals

Sunday, December 7—The Second Sunday of Advent

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM ECW Cookie Sale
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

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

December 12 EYC 5:30PM-7:30PM

Opportunity house dinner prep

December 13 Opportunity House Dinner

December 17 Blue Christmas 5:30PM

December 19 Movie "David" at Imax theatre

December 24 Christmas Pageant with Eucharist 4:00PM

Festal Eucharist at 11:00PM (Music at 10:30PM)

December 25 Christmas Day Eucharist at 10AM