

Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



10AM

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
January 11, 2025
10:00AM**



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 Reading, PA
 10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

God's love surrounds us

Suzanne Areudt

Please stand

Processional Hymn

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Em-braced by
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav-ing death. Re-born we
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. The Spi - rit's
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows as Christ's new

death he broke its fear-ful hold; and our de - spair he turned to
 share with him an Eas-ter life as liv - ing mem-bers of a
 pow - er shakes the Church of God. Bap-tized we live with God the
 bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. The u - ni - verse re - stored and

blaz - ing joy. _____
 liv - ing Christ. _____
 Three in One. _____ Al - - le - lu - - ia!
 whole will sing: _____

1-3

Final Ending

Al - - le - lu - - ia! A - - men.

This music in G, 420; this music with descant, 477.

Words: John Brownlow Geyer (b. 1932), alt.

Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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10 10 10 with Alleluia

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: Alleluia, this is my Son, the Beloved;
People: **with whom I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

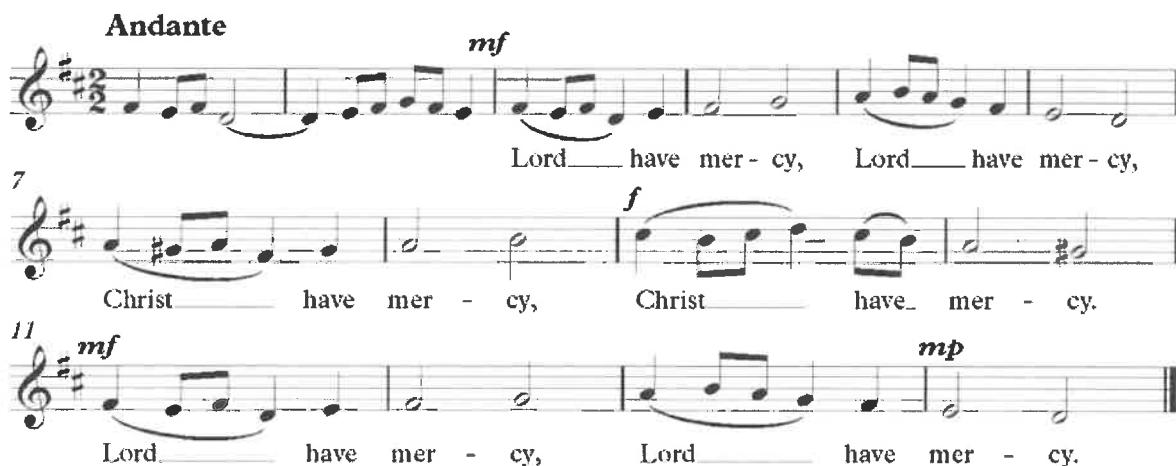
The Collect for Purity

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

David Thorne

Andante



Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy,
7 Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.
11 Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

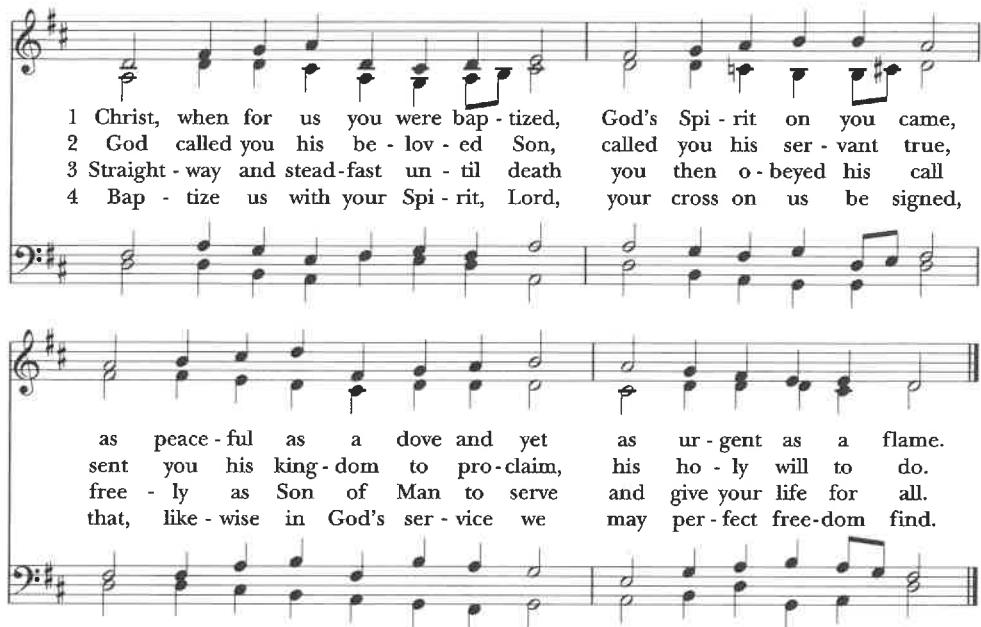
At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Hymn

Christ when for us you were baptized



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Before the reading

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

Intercessor: You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ be strengthened by your grace. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, Epiphany, Glenburn and All Saints, Williamsport. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

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

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. Bring the light of your peace to those who need it most, especially everyone living in places of war and violence; may they know the peace that you desire for this world. May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those in distress, especially those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and any that we name now... Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever. We remember today Frank C. Brady. Jesus, Lord of the Church, **in your mercy hear us.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. **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

Here is the Little Door

Herbert Howells

Presentation Hymn

People look East

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.

The Holy Communion

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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.

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 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 and People:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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

Taste and sec. 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 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.

Agnus Dei

David Thorne

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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 Communion Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - themes be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 an - themes be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

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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.**

The Closing Hymn

Jesus calls o'er the tumult (See page 15)

Save the Date for our Bicentennial Events!



- February 10th at 6:00pm: CCR Game Night at Saucony Creek Brewing Company
- May 9th-10th - Consecration weekend events Saturday afternoon and Sunday church-hours
- July 18th - Neighborhood Block Party on Court St.

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - - mult
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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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.**

10AM Service Participants

<i>Celebrant and Homilist</i> The Reverend Bryce Wandrey	<i>Gospel Book</i> Zoe Morris
<i>Organist and Choir Director</i> John Painter	<i>Ushers</i> Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda Jones and Sherry Faust
<i>Lector</i> Joann Hyneman	<i>Acolytes</i> Lauren Hoelscher and Ozi Abara
<i>Intercessor</i> Ashleigh Hoelscher	<i>Crucifer</i> Ian Hoelscher
<i>Communion Assistants</i> Victoria Wilson and Terry Rowles	<i>Altar Guild</i> Charlotte Hoare (Captain) Christine Keeler, Fran Graeff, Josephine Lawson and Mary Jane Androne
<i>Verger</i> Matt Hoelscher	

Welcome to Christ Church

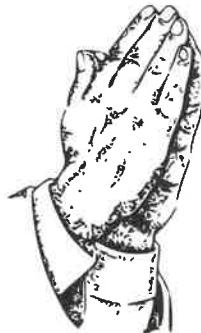
We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are somethings that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us please ask for a visitor's information card. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship 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. 16



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.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Peggy	Joe
Matt	Scott	Stewart	Jaime
Kevin and Pam	Elizabeth	David	Lisa
Jakob	Joseph	Fernando	Max
Kate	Cindy	Evelyn	Doc Moyer
Judy	Bryon and Sherry	Phyllis	Tammy
Cliff	Sharon		

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



CCR Directory
Questionnaire

Yes; I am happy with my phone number, email address and mailing address being included in a directory for internal use only.

No; please do not include my personal information in a directory.

Please note: we will never share your personal information externally (outside of the Christ Church community.)

Altar Candle Memorials for January 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 for the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Frank C. Brady from Kyle Brady.

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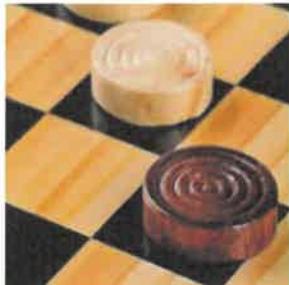


ADULT AND YOUTH FORUM—JANUARY 11th

Join us in the Parlor at 9AM to here about our planned Mission Trip this summer on June 14th-20th. Youth ages 11 and up who finished 6th grade are welcome to bring friends along to learn about this exciting and important opportunity.

O B E I N G

Our Adult Forum on January 18th focuses on a podcast episode from "On Being". We will listen to Krista Tippett and Kate Bowler discuss the importance of people meeting us where we need them (especially God) and where we find hope. Please join us at 9:05am in the Parlor.



CCR Midweek Fellowship Hour
Join us on the 2nd floor in the Library for a time of midweek fellowship every Wednesday at 12:30PM. We will have card and board games available if you'd like to play. Bring a snack or bag lunch. This is chance for us to gather and enjoy each other's company.



Sunday, January 25th

11AM-1PM

Board games and pizza at
the church



Coming up!

Date: TBD

A roller skating evening at
Skateaway



Join Dr. Kristin Johnson at Christ Church on February 21, 2026 from 9:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M. for a focused, hands on Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED certification designed to build confidence and practical skills for real life emergencies. This single session is limited to 12 participants, allowing for meaningful practice, discussion, and realistic scenario based learning.

Participants will earn Red Cross certification in Adult First Aid, CPR, and AED (ages 12+), valid for two years, and receive a personal CPR mask to keep. The training covers cardiac emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes, asthma and breathing emergencies, severe bleeding and Stop the Bleed techniques, sudden illness and injury, and the proper use of an AED—empowering participants to act quickly, calmly, and compassionately until emergency services arrive.

There is no cost for attending this course but limited space is available so sign up early on the list on the wall near the CHAPEL.

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 11—The First Sunday after the Epiphany (The Baptism of our Lord)

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9AM Parish Choir rehearsal, choir room
9:05AM Adult and Youth Forum on Parish Mission Trip
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, January 12

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

9AM Staff meeting
10AM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM Noon Eucharist
12:30PM Fellowship
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, January 15

9AM Literacy Class
9:30AM Bible Study
11AM Morning Prayer
12PM—1PM NA Meeting
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, January 16

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, January 17

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, January 18—The Confession of St.

Peter the Apostle

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

Upcoming Events

January 11 Adult and Youth Forum on the Summer Mission Trip at 9:05AM

January 14 ECW Rummage Sale

10AM-1PM

January 18 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle 8AM and 10AM

January 21 Sts Agnes and Cecilia Eucharist 12noon

January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle 8AM and 10AM

Annual meeting at 9AM

EYC 11AM to 1PM at the church

January 28 Christ Church Service at the Highlands 2PM

February 17 Shrove Tuesday dinner 5:30PM

February 18 Ash Wednesday Service at 12 noon and 7PM

February 21 First Aid and CPR Class 9AM-12PM

March 11 Jesus Christ Superstar Guitar Eucharist with David Cullen 5:30PM

March 21 Berks Jazz Fest Soulful Jazz and Uplifting Gospel Music with David Cullen and Cliff Starkey 3PM