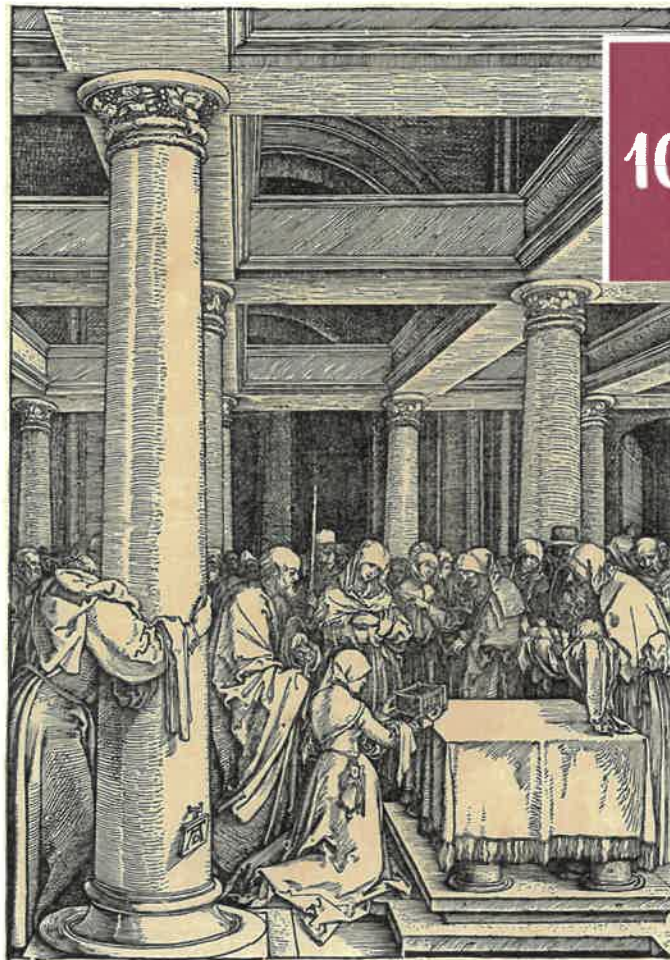


Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.



10AM



The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

February 1, 2026

10:00AM



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

Prelude

Contrapunctus

J.S. Bach

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Word

The congregation's candles are lit before the service begins; the children gather at the back of the church with candles.

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.**

Processional Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light



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

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
night and the day are both a - like. *rit.* The
Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant : 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.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First 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. "After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me."

At the end of the reading

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him

The Gospel Hymn

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.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

Before the reading

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

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

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.

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: 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 Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, The Church of England and North Parish, St. Clair & Ashland; Christ Church, Berwick and St. Andrew's, York. We also pray for those celebrating this week, Mary Arguelles, Matt Hoelscher, Carolyn Handy, Ryan Lawes 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 all people living in places of war and violence; may they know the peace that you desire for our world. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes 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 Lt. Erin Crider, Charles Randazzo, 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.**

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

Presentation Hymn

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia!

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... 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,

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

in the_ high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name_ of the_

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."

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.

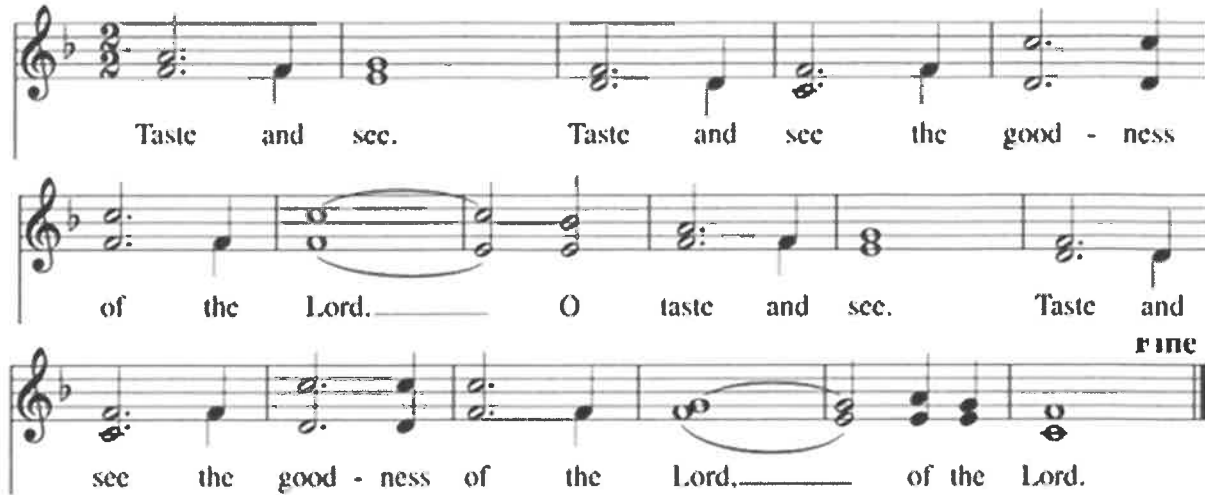
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile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

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



The Communion Hymn

Sing we of the blessed mother



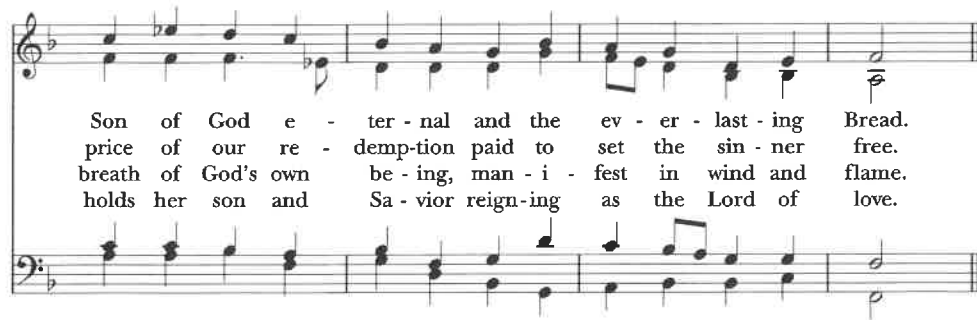
1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

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 -

Hymn continued on page 14



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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

Immortal, invisible

(See page 15)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt. Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

The Dismissal

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

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

10AM Service Participants

<i>Celebrant</i> The Reverend Bryce Wandrey	<i>Ushers</i> Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda Jones and Sherry Faust
<i>Homilist</i> Rick Wolf	<i>Acolytes</i> Elliot Brantman and Alex Brantman
<i>Organist and Choir Director</i> John Painter	<i>Crucifer</i> Andrea Griffith
<i>Lector</i> James Wilson	<i>Verger</i> Kat Brantman
<i>Intercessor</i> Charlotte Hoare	<i>Altar Guild</i> Victoria Wilson (Captain), Doris Schilpp and Helen Peemoeller
<i>Communion Assistants</i> Kate Fanning and Victoria Wilson	<i>Gospel Book</i> Joshua West

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.

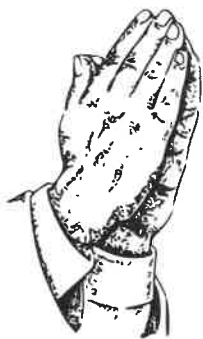
Regular Christ Church Office hours:

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.



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
Connie

Kristin
Randall

Wyatt
Matt

Beverly
Joe

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

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 and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.

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

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Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

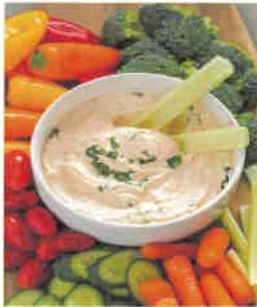
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FOOD PANTRY FOR CHRIST CHURCH MEMBERS

The Order of the Daughters of the King and the youth of the parish are collaborating to create a food pantry for the members of the congregation who may be in need. The young people of the congregation have constructed the shelving unit for the pantry. This will be located in the hallway near the library. The gathering of requested donations will take place on the last Sunday of the month.

A wagon will be placed in the foyer where you can place your donations. This wagon will then be presented by the youth during the Offertory. Requested items are listed on a large notice in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Super Bowl Sunday “Dippin for the Mission” snack dips sale. EYC will be selling different appetizer, main course and dessert dips that are ready to go for the game! For example: spinach and artichoke dip, queso, taco dip, cookie dough dip, etc. If you would like to donate a pan of dip, our youth will be separating it into pint size containers to sell on Sunday, February 8th. All donations should be dropped off by Friday, February 6. All proceeds will support our Youth Mission Trip to West Virginia this summer.

Sunday, February 22nd

11AM-1PM

Pizza and fun at the church



Check back for future events

We are collecting for



Bring any large electrical item (microwave, vacuum, TV, etc.) to Christ Church and it will be collected and taken to ReStore!

Small electrical items (ones that can be easily carried home) can still be donated to our Rummage.



Church Open Days

Many churches have regular open/visiting hours during the week and we would like to start planning for this to happen at Christ Church so that our beautiful space can be available for everyone to appreciate. Our planning team will meet to designate a day and times for our 5th Street doors to be open to the public on a weekly basis after our renovations are completed. If you would like to be part of this planning team please contact Fr Bryce today!



Help us kick off Christ Church's Bicentennial year! To celebrate our 200+ year history, we are putting your Christ Church trivia knowledge to the test. Join us for an evening of trivia, bingo, board games, and fellowship. Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner will start at 6:00pm. Use the QR code to register

Children - \$12
Adults - \$30
Includes buffet dinner and non-alcoholic beverages.



Cash bar will be available.

****We want everyone who wishes to be able to attend this event. If funds are tight, please indicate that when you register and pay what you can****

**"I WILL,
WITH GOD'S
HELP."**

The Baptismal Covenant

Lenten Sermon Series: I Will With God's Help

Every Sunday in Lent our Sermons will focus on one of the questions from our Baptismal Covenant

1) Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?; 2) Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?; 3) Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?; 4) Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?; 5) Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Join us as we live into our Baptism during this Holy Season.

The ECW rummage sale is happening in February, the dates are 4, 7 and 11 from 10AM to 1PM. Come beat the winter doldrums and check out the bargains!



ADULT FORUM—February 1st—"The Five Wishes" with Chaplain David White
David White's 30-year lay ministry as a hospice, nursing home, and hospital chaplain continues today through the Spiritual Care Department at Reading Hospital. A cradle Episcopalian and long term Vestry member in Middlebury, Vermont, David enjoys speaking about the intersection of faith and medical science, and how it plays out daily in the hospital. David is a Board Certified Chaplain, specializing in oncology and end-of-life care, and encourages us to discuss our goals, concerns, and beliefs as we contemplate our aging, and inevitable mortality. David's talk will focus on the importance of documenting these essential discussions through a Living Will, also known as an Advance Directive."



"And a Voice Cries Out: What do the Prophets Have to Say to Us Today?"

Our Adult Forums in Lent focus on the Prophets of the Old Testament and their messages for us today. These sessions will be led by Rick Wolf, Chris Spohn, Kate Schuler and Fr Bryce on Sundays February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd. Please join us in the Parlor at 9:05am.



Ashes and Joe- to-Go

Wednesday February 18th
on the corner of 5th and
Court Streets

Hours: 8AM to 11AM

Receive your Ash Wednesday
Ashes and a cup of coffee to
get Lent off to a great start!



3, and political and regional identity.



News from the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Sacred Ground

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith

Sacred Ground is a film and readings based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class and political and regional identity. This is an online event on **February 12 at 6:30PM to 830PM.**

The facilitators of this event are The Rev. Michael Nailor and Lissa Olson
mail Fr Bryce for more details (brycepwandrey@gmail.com)

Creation Care Lunch & Learns

February 13, 20, & 27 @ 12pm-1pm on Zoom

Register at: <https://diosusquehanna.org/event/creation-care-lunch-learn/>

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.

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)

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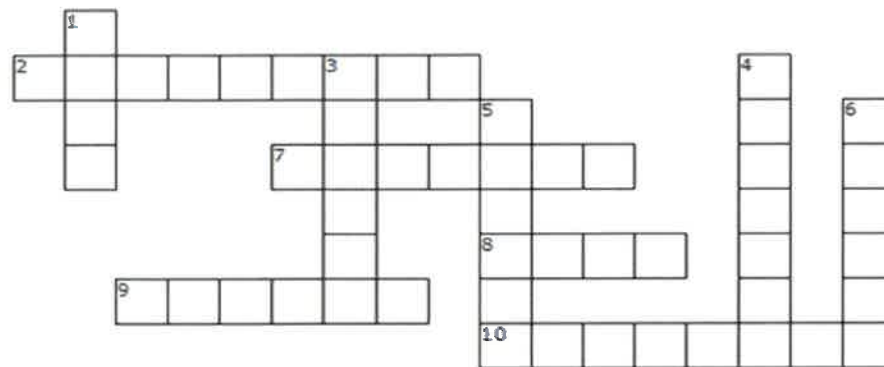
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SPIRIT	RIGHTEOUS	PRAISED	COURTS	TEMPLE
CHILD	DEVOUT	LIGHT	JOSEPH	JESUS
PARENTS	SALVATION	ISRAEL	REVEALED	PIGEONS
SIMEON	PROMISED	DOVES	SACRIFICE	MARY

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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

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, February 1—The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM Sunday School
9:05AM Adult forum The Five Wishes by Chaplain David White
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
11:15 Annual Meeting
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, February 2

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, February 3

12PM Centering Prayer in the Chapel
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

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

Friday, February 6

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, February 7

9AM-11AM EYC Mission Trip training
10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, February 8—The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)
9AM and 11:15AM Dippin' for the Mission dip sale
9AM Sunday School Adult Forum On Being with Kate Bowler
9:05AM
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

February 4, 7 and 11 ECW Rummage Sale

10AM-1PM

February 7 9-11AM EYC Mission Trip training session

February 8 EYC "Dippin' for the Mission" dip sale after both services

February 10 Christ Church Game night at Saucony 6PM

February 17 Shrove Tuesday dinner 5:30PM

February 18 Ashes and Joe-to-Go from 8AM-11AM

Ash Wednesday Service at 12 noon and 7PM

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

February 22 EYC Pizza and fun 11AM-1PM

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