



Holy Eucharist Rite Two
The 3rd Sunday after the
Epiphany
January 26, 2025 · 9:00 AM

*Notes referencing posture – stand, sit, kneel – should be assumed to be optional.
Assistive hearing devices are available in Surface Hall, outside the double doors.*

Prelude

Adagio (Sonata II)

Felix Mendelssohn

Tolling of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Standing

Opening Hymn

How Wondrous and Great Thy Works

H 533

Celebrant

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

BCP 355

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

The Gloria

H S278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson*Seated***Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 **The statutes of the Lord are just**
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold,**
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends? ***
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Standing

Sequence Hymn

Sing Praise to Our Creator

H 295

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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

Prayers of the People Form III *Remain Standing.*

BCP 387

A list of those for whom we pray is available in the back of the bulletin.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling.*

BCP 360

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

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

Communion Instructions *Seated*

Offertory Anthem How Lovely Are the Messengers (St. Paul) Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

A Hymn of Thanksgiving *Standing*

H 380

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth ... *here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface...* 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:

The Sanctus

H S128

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing or kneel.

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.”

Memorial Acclamation

H S138

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 364

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

H S155

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion is available to all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination. We serve communion at two stations: up at the altar rail and in front of the lectern, and you may go to either station. We have gluten-free wafers available; one arm across your chest will indicate that need to the clergy. To receive the wine, you can dip into or drink from any of the large chalices, or if you would like to dip into a chalice that no one has drunk from, that will be available at the station in front of the lectern on the pedestal. You can request a blessing instead of communion, whether baptized or unbaptized, by crossing both arms across your chest.

Communion Hymns

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

H 513

O Spirit of the Living God

H 531

Sending Forth the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling

BCP 365

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Standing

Closing Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

H 632

The Dismissal

All Respond

Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

Allegro Assai Vivace (Sonata I)

Felix Mendelssohn

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Julia, Reece, Nash, Patrick and Graham by Sarah Hightower.

10 AM Ministers of the Service

Celebrant/Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Steven J. Pankey
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lectors	Jan Funk, Helen Siewers, David Kem
Intercessor	Leeann Morrison
Altar Party	Kevin Brown, TBD, John Parker
Eucharistic Visitor	Julie Adams
Organist/Choir Director	C. Kenneth Stein
Audio/Visual Team	Rick and Linda Mitchell
Bell Ringer	TBD
Oblationer	TBD
Altar Guild	Melanie Butler, Carol DuBose
Ushers	Harold & Gail McGuffey Mark & Ann Esterle
Shepherd	Shane Ellison
Nursery Volunteer	TBD

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday After Epiphany

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:15 AM Parish Annual Meeting

12:00 PM Weekly submission deadline for *The Lancet*, and the Sunday bulletin

Monday, January 27

9:00 AM Education for Ministry

5:00 PM Education for Ministry

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

Tuesday, January 28

12:00 PM Centering Prayer – Chapel

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, January 29

7:30 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room

11:00 AM Wednesday Community Lunch

12:00 PM Healing Eucharist

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM Episcopal Campus Ministry

Thursday, January 30

Friday, January 31

Church office is closed

Saturday, February 1

8:00 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew – Conference Room

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

*Streamed services can be found at [facebook.com/cecbg](https://www.facebook.com/cecbg) or

<https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG>

TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

1/26 Clyde Joyce

1/27 Charlotte Garvin

1/29 Debra Frost

Worship

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP will continue at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

Learn and Grow

CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE meets on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in the All Saints Room. On November 10 we will begin a journey through The Book of Common Prayer, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith. Our guide will be “Walk in Love” by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe. Copies are available in the All Saints Room. All are welcome to participate in this ongoing open discussion, or maybe just listen in.

BREAD OF ANGELS is a group of adults of all ages who gather to explore what it is to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. We begin our new year reading *Falling Upward, A Spirituality for Two Halves of Life* by Franciscan Priest Richard Rohr. Rohr, author of 36 books, is widely respected for supporting interfaith

relationships and somewhat unorthodox views of God, speaking more to action and less to dogma. Join us at 9:00 in the Conference Room.

CENTERING PRAYER is Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. We are meeting in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Any questions, please contact Kathy Wise-Leonard at 270-779-5595 or email billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email kassta@jadegrel.net.

Radiate

ROOM IN THE INN A new year of one of our outreach ministries- Room in the Inn is starting soon. At CEC many hands make programs run smoothly and we are asking for help. During the cold winter nights our church is open for approximately 8 evenings, late November through early March. Please consider helping with this important ministry by donating your time as an overnight Innkeeper, preparing and serving dinner for our overnight guests, sending a breakfast, or packing a sack lunch for them as they leave. We are also in need of drivers to pick up our guests, and church members to set up or take down our cots. If you would rather make a donation (please mark your donation RITI) as we are in need of women's hygiene products, deodorant, laundry detergent dryer sheets, and other items as needed. There are many ways to make RITI successful on these evenings so if you have questions reach out to Brenda Willoughby or Paula Maier.

<https://volunteersignup.org/9JYDD>

CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST HELP MINISTRY is one of the oldest outreach ministries of Christ Church. In partnership with two other downtown Christian churches, we attempt to assist families with their utility bill, emergency prescriptions, gasoline for an out of town doctor appointment, etc. For a long time, the NEED has far exceeded our resources to help. In order to effectively sustain this ministry, we need for members to step up with a pledge of \$10 or more per week. The Help Ministry at Christ Church currently distributes well over \$1,000 per month to those in need. We only help an individual once every 12 months. Please include a gift to the Help Ministry in your gifts to Christ Church! God Bless!

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH is now serving sack lunches. We are in need of monetary donations to further our program. Your donations are appreciated and can be put in the offering plate with a designation to WCL or may be made online at <https://www.cecbg.com/secure-giving>. We are also encouraging folks to join our team of volunteers to assemble and serve! Contact Mary Cash (marycash@gmail.com), or Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.net) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. You can make your donations through the church website.

General Announcements

Parish Prayer List

**indicates new*

Parishioners of Christ Church

Judy Adams	Bob Harrison	Patsy Sloan
Aldis Brunson	Nick Heil	Carroll Smith
Vickie Cole	Jennifer Lindsey	Crystal Stiles
Pitt Derryberry	David McKillip	Josh Stiles
Dolores Dodd	Paula Morgan	Teddi Taylor
Pipes Gaines	Gretchen Niva	Carroll Travelsted
Dean Gilbert	Leigh Constans Pierce	Sam Tuggle
Suzanne Hanratty	Karen Robeson	

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa

Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

*Kenneth Smith, *father of Tony Smith*

Phil Greer, *son of Richard Greer*

In Thanksgiving

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Anastasia Arnold, *daughter of Deb Stein*
Martha Burch, *mother of David Burch*
Nancy Cook, *cousin of Sue Edwards*
Dixie Daniel, *sister of Portia Wimp*
Walter Derryberry, *father of Pitt Derryberry*
Allen Dodd and family, *son of Dolores Dodd*
Spencer & Abby Goidel, *grandson & wife of Don
& Lou Goidel*
Joan Harper, *mother of Mike Harper*
*Kim Hart, *daughter of Tom Hart*
Jessie Hurst and family
Jerry McKenzie, *brother-in-law of George Anna
McKenzie*
Debbie Morrison, *sister-in-law of Brian Morrison*
Daniel Ohrmundt, *brother-in-law of Laurie Joyce*

Ken Parks, *nephew of John Grider*
Robert Paul, *husband of Shanna Paul*
Joyce Pedigo, *mother of Jenny Morehead*
*Doyle Pendleton, *brother of Sue Wilson*
Becky Scott, *sister of Ken Stein*
Kathryn Smith, *mother of Tony Smith*
Betty Spraker, *mother of John Spraker*
Mark Spraker, *brother of John Spraker*
Debbie Stiles Wurth, *aunt of Josh Stiles*
James Swick, *son of Cathie Huston*
Kelly Taylor, *daughter-in-law of Teddi Taylor*
Dwight & Judy Trew, *cousin of George Anna
McKenzie*
Jack and Helen Tyson, *parents of Helen Siewers*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Dick Anderson, *requested by Father Steve*
Braylen Bell, *requested by Vonda Garringer &
Lilah*
Keith and Jan Cassada and family, *requested by
Laurie Joyce*
Earl & Kaleb Denney, *requested by Bonnie
Schlicht*
Chris & Amy Engelhoven, *requested by Jenny
Morehead*
Sharon Harvey, *requested by Doug Lawhorn*
Danny Horn, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
Ann King, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*

Morgan King, *requested by George Anna
McKenzie*
Debra Lanham, *requested by Brian Morrison*
The Rev. Sandra Mayer, *requested by Father Steve*
Jeanne Marie Patterson, *requested by Barbie
Tatman*
Peggy Robinson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*
The Rev. Michael Vollman, *requested by the
Clergy*
Sally Watson, *requested by Belinda Palmer*
Kristen Wheeler, *requested by Deacon Kellie*

Christ Episcopal Church Vestry Members

Class of 2025

John Carter
Jim Dale
David Lee
Brenda Willoughby

Class of 2026

Tommy Adams
Jamie Chaffin
Carol DuBose
Sharon Valk

Class of 2027

Margie Dotson
David Kem
Cary McAllister
Brian Morrison



Clergy & Staff

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM | Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Closed Friday