



CHRIST CHURCH

ON CAPITOL SQUARE



WELCOME

Christ Church is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard and lived, and which provides a welcoming place of worship for all people, ministers to the needs and aspirations of its congregation, and extends Christian outreach to the community and the world.

ENTER, REST, AND PRAY

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We're glad you're here. Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card and placing it in the offering plate.

To learn more about Christ Church and getting involved, please contact Cooper Bratton, our Parish Life Coordinator - cbratton@ccral.org.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for worship. There are canvas bags with activities and coloring pages, and red sensory bags are available for worshipers with sensory sensitivities. Nursery care is also available for kids from birth through age 4. Greeters at the Church entrances can assist you with an activity bag and/or direct you to our nursery.

PRAYER CONCERNS & PASTORAL CARE

During regular office hours, please contact Sarah Hardesty - shardesty@ccral.org or (919) 834-6259 ext. 106 - for pastoral care needs. During non-business hours, emergency contact numbers for clergy are available at the number above.

ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP, the red book in your pew) contains our prayers and services for our life as a church. We call these our liturgies. Our liturgies for Holy Eucharist, Baptism, Marriages and Burials, daily prayers, and for prayers and worship over almost any human experience live deep within the words of the BCP.

For a more in-depth look at the Episcopal Church and our beliefs, we invite you to look at page 845 of the BCP.

IN YOUR PEW

“BCP” *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book)

Hymn *The Hymnal* 1982 (blue book)

Service Music (S) references are found in the front of *The Hymnal* 1982.

Large print versions of *The Book of Common Prayer* are available from any member of the usher team.

LITURGY GUIDE FOR THIS BULLETIN

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Bold Text - Spoken by congregation

Text - Spoken by leader

Italic Text - Service rubrics

CLERGY

The Rev. James P. Adams
Rector

The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown
Senior Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Davila
Assistant Rector

The Rev. Daniel J. Reeves
Associate Rector

The Rev. Melanie Mudge
Interim Assistant Priest

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dolly Bruce Pelletier and Samuel Foscue Starling, and Maria and Bronislaw Belecki.

THE ADVENT WREATH in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte Blundon and Valvin Morris Jett, Pauline McIntosh and Jacob Charles Russler, Mary Payne Jett Cole, and Jacob Charles Russler Jr.

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II (9 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

PROCESSION *Please stand.*

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY *Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to come forward and sit in the crossing (on the carpet).
Today's Children's Homily is given by Jack Little & Gracie Parrish.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Baruch 5:1-9

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GOSPEL HYMN *Please stand.*

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymn 75

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:1-6

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Mary Davila

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE *Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.* BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, Lord Jesus

Michael Bedford
Sung by the Cherub Choir

DOXOLOGY *Please stand.*

**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 367

SANCTUS

S 124

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *Please be seated.*

*If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart. For a
gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down. Ushers will direct those
seated in the balconies to receive communion first, followed by those seated
on the floor of the nave. Please notify an usher if you would like to receive
Holy Communion at your seat.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Child Will Come

Mark Patterson
Sung by the Cherub Choir

EUCCHARIST HYMNS

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymn 56

Creator of the stars of night

Hymn 60

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Hymn 314

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please stand or kneel.*

BCP 365

BLESSING

BCP 366

PROCESSION *Please stand.*

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymn 72

DISMISSAL

BCP 366

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

BARUCH 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God’s command.
For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

CANTICLE 16 | Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE I (11 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

PROCESSION *Please stand.*

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymn 65

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 323

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 324

CANTICLE: SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

Hymn 679

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Baruch 5:1-9

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THE RESPONSE *Anglican Chant, Sung by the Choir*

Canticle 16

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11

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GOSPEL HYMN *Please stand.*

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymn 75

GOSPEL READING

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SERMON *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Mary Davila

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BCP 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

BCP 330

THE PEACE *Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.* BCP 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How lovely are the messengers

Felix 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.

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

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of Peace.

DOXOLOGY *Please stand.*

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

SANCTUS

S 113

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 337

FRACTION ANTHEM

S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *Please be seated.*

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EUCCHARIST ANTHEM

O Emmanuel

Erik Esenvalds

*O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

EUCCHARIST HYMNS

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymn 56

Creator of the stars of night

Hymn 60

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen

Hymn 314

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS

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to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body
and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one
cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please stand or kneel.*

BCP 339

BLESSING

BCP 339

PROCESSION *Please stand.*

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymn 72

DISMISSAL

BCP 339

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

VOLUNTARY

Priest: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Leader: For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Sam and Anne our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers: for our families, friends, and neighbors, that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, for *Fred Wood, Robert McDowell, Melissa Benton, Joan Soper, Burks Crumpler, Barbara Chaffee, Chuck Poe, Diane Pergerson, Caryl Jeffrey, Mike Taylor, Kitty Hunter, Lee Bondurant, Roxanne Grattan, James Simpson, Tom Krisulewicz, Nick Smith, Cathy Kennison, Bob Pope, Hunter Wyche, Deborah Campbell, Brian Howell, Douglas Bagley, Betsy Hicks, Marianne Ford, Bette Cobb, Jim Connell*; we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and those of others: we pray especially for those expecting the birth of a child, *Hampton & Nicholas Hofer*; for the refugee family that is mentored by this congregation; and for those who serve in the armed forces, especially *Haywood Foard*, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the blessings of this life, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially *Robert John Wertis*, father of Julie Fox, and *William Blair Lucas*, father of Guy Lucas, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, especially *Dolly Bruce Pelletier and Samuel Foscue Starling, and Maria and Bronislaw Belecki*, in whose memory the altar flowers have been given, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. We pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Silence

The Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Christ Church PARISH WEEKLY

SUNDAY, DEC. 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Vestry Person of the Week

Gloria Becker

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Morning Prayer Leader

Al Conyers

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD

Group III - Marti Medford & Christine Gornto

VERGERS

Harry McKinney, Steven Hill

ACOLYTE LEADERS

Stacy Arch, Amy Brinley, Brad Fowler, John Kelly, David Stahl, Bill Allen, John Livesay

GREETERS

Anna Ball & Joe Hodge
Libbie & David Ward
Katie & Shep McKenzie
Megan & Tucker Adkins

USHERS

Tom Holder Team
Don Finkbeiner Team
Bob Grabarek Team

LECTORS

Tim Nicholls, Valerie Cozart, Emily Childress-Campbell, Kristin Edrington

CHALICE BEARERS

Stannie Brewer, Lou Cansler, Susie Small, Will Kibbe, Martha Cole, Jane Forde, John Adams, Sandra Griffin

FLOWER GUILD

Blanche Williamson & Rhonda Stahl

Next Sunday: Dec. 16

Third Sunday of Advent

Preaching: The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Chapel
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist II - Church
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Church
5 p.m. Children's Pageant - Church

Adult Christian Formation

Adult Christian Formation - Kinship: We are ONE

Today, Dec. 9 - 10:10 a.m. - Parish Hall

The Rev. Jenny Brown, "Telling Tales" - One of the best ways to care about people is to care for their stories. Each of us carries our own stories deep within us, "unread" as it were — until we are asked or invited to "read" them to each other. This morning we will talk about sharing our stories — and making them "thicker" — so that we might glean their wisdom and enrich each other's lives.

**Please note, Dec. 9, will be the final Sunday of Adult Christian Formation programming for 2018. We will resume classes at 10:10 a.m. on Sundays, on Jan. 6.

Bible Study Offerings

Bible Works - Tools For Living

Jim's study of the Book of Exodus meets on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall at 7 a.m. and noon. The same lecture is given twice for the convenience of participants in the Parish Hall. You can also listen to recordings of previous classes at ccral.org/grow/bible-works. This group will meet for the last time in 2018 on Dec. 18, and will resume on Jan. 8.

Wednesday Bible Study with Mary

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices by Melody Shobe and Scott Gunn is the book the women's group, led by The Rev. Mary Davila, will read this year. We meet on Wednesdays in Room 128 from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The group will meet for the last time in 2018 on Dec. 19, and will resume on Jan. 9.

Weekly Young Adults Discussion

Each Sunday, all Young Adults (ages 20s to 40 ish) are invited to a weekly discussion hour at 4 p.m. in the Library. We'll generally mold our conversation around the lectionary texts for that week and how they challenge, shed light on, and interact with our lives and the world. This group will meet on Dec. 9, and Dec. 16, before taking a break until the beginning of the new year.

"Episcopally Speaking"

A closer look at the language and movements of the Episcopal Liturgy.

Lessons & Carols - Lessons and Carols illuminates the prophecy and birth of Christ through scripture and song. The purpose of the service is not to celebrate Christmas, but to expect it. The progression of the choir, starting in darkness at the back of the church and ending in brilliant light at the High Altar, symbolizes the movement from the prophetic expectation of Messiah to the very brink of messianic fulfillment, both in the birth of the Son of God and his second coming. Not knowing the hour or day we are invited to awake and to watch, to prepare and to expect.

Christmas Music and Poinsettias

Christmas Music Memorials/Tribute

Christmas music contributions help with the expenses of additional musicians for the Christmas services. These contributions may be designated as memorials or tributes. Visit <http://bit.ly/2019christasmusic> to submit your memorial/tribute online. In order to have names included in the Christmas bulletin, information should be received by Dec. 17.

Christmas Poinsettias

Give a poinsettia at Christmas to remember someone while helping decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please submit your memorial/tribute online - <http://bit.ly/2019poinsettias> - by Dec. 17, to have names included in the Christmas bulletin. Each plant costs \$17.

Environmental Stewardship Tip of the Week

When shopping, make all of your purchases intentional. Keep a running list going at home; it'll help you plan your shopping so you'll need fewer trips to the store, and you'll be able to resist impulse purchases while you're there. Purchasing only what's really needed produces benefits on several fronts - you'll consume less, create less waste, reduce auto emissions AND save money! -from *Chartered Committee on Environmental Ministry*

Advent at Christ Church

Savor the Season



Advent Gatherings

Each week of Advent we invite all ages to come taste and see as we prepare our hearts for the Christmastide. Join us for weekly dinner, fellowship, and formation at Christ Church.

December 12 Broken loaf & spilled wine
The Rev. Jenny Brown

December 19 Let it begin with me
The Rev. Jim Adams

Children's gatherings led by Sloane Brooks and The Rev. Mary Davila.
Youth are invited to join the Parish Hall or Commons gatherings.

5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Dinner Served (\$6 donation/\$30 family cap)

6:15 - 6:20 p.m. Lighting of the Advent Wreath

6:20 - 6:35 p.m. Parish Hall Gathering
Children's Gathering in the Commons

TO RSVP FOR DEC. 12, VISIT <http://bit.ly/Dec12advent> OR CALL LIN BOYLE AT 919.834.6259

Advent at Home

This year we have several wonderful ways for you to practice Advent at home. Look for our table in the Commons area that provides take-home materials, such as prayer cards, daily practices, devotional books, journals, Advent wreath materials, and even children's devotionals. There is something for all ages and we invite you to pick up materials for you/your family today.

Prayer Wall at Christ Church

This year during the season of Advent we will have a community prayer wall located in the Commons area hallway. Prayer is an important part of our spiritual life and we invite you to write prayers and clip them to our prayer wall whenever you are at Christ Church.

Giving Tree - A great outreach project for the whole family!

Christ Church will again sponsor families from The Growing Together Preschool (GTP), Project CATCH, and Step Up Ministries. GTP is a preschool program housed here at Christ Church that serves three and four year olds living in public housing. Step-Up Ministries is a yearlong life skills program housed at Christ Church and White Memorial. Project CATCH is Community Action Targeting Children who are Homeless. There will be a table in the Commons area with tags that have clothing and gift ideas for a child. We will also have donations cards available for various amounts. Funds collected will be used by our youth to purchase Christmas gifts for the children from Step-Up Ministry. Please return your gifts to the church by Dec. 12. This is an easy and wonderful way to help out if you cannot shop for a child. Join us this year as we share Christmas cheer with our neighbors.

Dec. 16: Giving Tree Party Hosted by Christ Church Youth Ministry

Jr. EYC from 1:30 p.m. until 3:15 p.m.; Sr. EYC from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. This party is hosted by our Youth Ministry for Growing Together Preschool families Sunday, Dec. 16, from 2-3 p.m. Youth volunteers (grades 7-12) need to arrive at 1:30 p.m. to set up. Our 7th & 8th grade volunteers should be picked up by 3:15 p.m. High School students will help deliver gifts to the families' homes and will finish up around 4:30 p.m. To volunteer, please sign up outside the Youth/Children's suite door. High Schoolers who are willing to pack their cars/deliver gifts, please contact Martha Cox - mcox@cral.org. This can count for outreach for the ski trip.

Dec. 18: Christmas Cookie Decorating for Raleigh Rescue Mission

Join us Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for cookie decorating for Raleigh Rescue Mission. Each year, Raleigh Rescue Mission delivers hundreds of meals through Gobbles to Go for local families. We'll decorate festive cookies to be included with these meals. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend; however, spaces are limited, so please sign up early! This is a family outreach opportunity; students in grades 8 and under must attend with at least one parent. Contact Liz Stroff - lstroff@cral.org. Register - <http://bit.ly/christmascookies18>.

Parish Life

Dec. 12: Young Adults Christmas Party

Following the Advent Dinner on Dec. 12, the Young Adults (ages 22-40 ish) will gather for a cookie/dessert exchange. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookie or dessert and the church will provide snacks and beverages. We'll meet in Room 128.

Dec. 13: Lunch & Learn

Lunch & Learn will host the Cardinal Singers on Thursday, Dec. 13, at noon for lunch (\$6) and a festive Christmas concert. The Cardinal Singers is a volunteer women's chorus that performs to lift spirits, evoke happy memories, and celebrate life through music. Please RSVP to Lin Boyle by Dec. 10 - lboyle@ccral.org, or 919-834-6259. All are welcome!

Run for Young 5k Registration is Live

The 12th Annual Run for Young will take place on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at 2 p.m. This Sunday afternoon 5k run/walk is a family-friendly event that raises money for safe driving education programs in local high schools as well as the Christ Church Youth Ministry Endowment Fund. Planned and managed by the youth of Christ Church, the Run for Young was founded to honor the memory of Sadiki Young, a Christ Church member and acolyte, who was a senior at Wakefield High School when he died as the passenger in an alcohol-related car accident in 2007. For more information about the race, or to register, visit our website - www.runforyoung.org.

Register Now for the 2019 Women's Retreat & Renew

Christ Church Retreat & Renew (R&R) weekend for women will take place March 1-3, 2019, at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with other women to rest, renew and reflect. Our program leader this year is The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, who is Dean of St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, Fla. We will finalize registrations at the end of December. You can register online at <http://bit.ly/2019ccrr>.

Outreach

Christ Church Youth Ministry Thank You

Preparing 42 students to travel to Belize in June 2019 takes much dedication from the participants, their families, and their community. We are most grateful for our church family who attended, donated, or purchased auction items. Because of your generosity, we raised more than \$12,000. The youth and chaperones of Christ Church and the students of Holy Cross Anglican School in Ambergris Cay, Belize will greatly benefit from your support.

Thank you for supporting Hope for Jesus Children's Home

Mike and Kim Miller would like to express their overwhelming gratitude to Christ Church for 12 years of faithful support of the Hope of Jesus Children's Home. Our first Hope for Honduras benefit dinner, held on Nov. 14, raised more than \$65,000 in pledged support. We are in awe and words cannot express the depth of our gratefulness! Thank you so very much.

Dec. 15: Hurricane Relief Workday in Warsaw, N.C.

The Raleigh area Episcopal churches, in partnership with the Baptist on Mission are participating in a "mudding out" day in Warsaw, NC as a part of hurricane relief efforts. Youth in grades 7 and up may participate with a parent. An email with details about location, attire, and exact times will be sent a week out from the event, but we anticipate a full workday (estimated 6am-6pm including travel). Register here: <http://bit.ly/volunteershurricane>. Questions? Contact Andy Givens at acgivens@me.com

Pastoral Care

Divorce Care Group - Beginning Sunday, Jan. 13, for 10 weeks

We will gather as a small group for a brown bag lunch and support, from 12:30-2 p.m. in the church parlor. Our book and accompanying journal is entitled *Transcending Divorce*, by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. Whether you are going through a divorce/break-up now, or have been divorced for years, this group may be a healing resource for you. The group will be limited to five-12 persons. The group will meet on Sundays for 10 weeks, through March 31 (except for Feb. 17, and March 3). If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Jenny Brown at jbrown@ccral.org by Dec. 31, 2018.

Grief Support Group - Beginning Jan. 30

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, either recent or not-so-recent, is invited to attend the Christ Church Grief Support Group. Facilitated by parishioners Bethany Pergerson and Nell Joslin, the group will meet in the Parlor on eight Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., Jan. 30 - March 20, 2019. Each session stands on its own, so you may attend as many or as few as suits your needs. Please email The Rev. Jenny Brown - jbrown@ccral.org - if you'd like to register, or have questions.

Worship

Midweek Holy Eucharist This Tuesday

Join us each Tuesday at 8:05 a.m. for a service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. This short, spoken service includes Eucharist and a homily and is a great way to start your day! There will be no 8:05 a.m. service on Tuesdays, Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

Worship

Chalice Bearer and Lector Training on Dec. 11

The Rev. Daniel Reeves will lead the final round of Lector and Chalice Bearer trainings for the year on Dec. 11, in the church. Lector training will be from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., and Chalice Bearer training will run from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions and/or to RSVP for this training, please contact Daniel - dreeves@ccral.org.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School Registration

Is your child is between the age of eight weeks and fifth grade? If so, please take a few minutes to register them for nursery care / Sunday School classes for the current year. Visit <http://bit.ly/CCSSReg> to register. Thank you for your help!

We are on our way to another special Christmas Pageant

The 4th and 5th graders have their roles and will practice each week until the pageant on Sunday, Dec. 16. Please have the lead cast report to the Parish Hall each Sunday morning from 11 a.m. until noon. If you're in the 4th or 5th grade and were not given a role, please contact Sloane Brooks for more information - sbrooks@ccral.org. We would love for everyone to participate. All others from ages 3 through 3rd grade who would like to participate, please sign up outside your Sunday School classroom during the month of November. 3 and 4-year-olds are cast as angels. Kindergarten children are stable animals. First graders will play Heavenly Hosts, and second graders are shepherds. Third graders are townspeople and Roman soldiers. Costumes are provided. This year's pageant will be Sunday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. and it is a true Christmas gift to our parish from the children.

Calling all 4th and 5th Grade Artists

We are looking for artists to help us with the cover of the Christmas Pageant bulletin. Please submit your drawing on a standard sheet of white paper using dark marker/ink or dark pencil (bulletins are printed in black and white). Make sure to leave a clean margin around the picture and sign your drawing on the front. Submit all artwork to Sloane Brooks by dropping it off at the church, or by mailing it to 120 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601 (do not fold) by Monday, Dec. 10.

Save the Dates - First Grade Communion Classes

Beginning January 27, the First Grade Sunday School class will spend 12 weeks with a curriculum all about Holy Communion. The series will culminate with a celebration for students and their families Sunday April 28, at the 9 a.m. service.

Register for the Winter Session of Kids with Purpose!

Kids with purpose, our outreach ministry for children in K-5th grades, will gather on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m at Christ Church from Jan. 29, through March 5. We'll partner with groups such as our local police department, Rise Against Hunger, and our Environmental Stewardship Committee at Christ Church. For more information, please email us at kwp@ccral.org. Register online at <http://bit.ly/kwpwinter19>.

Youth Ministry

Youth News

- Join us for the final Sunday School of 2018 this morning! After today, we will be on a break until Sunday, Jan. 6. Special guests this morning in high school - The Rev. Daniel Reeves - and 8th grade - Saul Schiffman, who will discuss Judaism.
- EYC tonight! Pre-EYC will join Jr. EYC 5:30-6:30 p.m., dinner for all at 6:30 p.m.; Sr. EYC from 7-8 p.m.
- High School Bible Study meets at the church on Dec. 12, from 7-8 p.m.; YLC meets from 8-8:30 p.m.
- The next Run for Young committee meeting will be Monday, Dec. 17, at 6 p.m. Contact Beth Alley - bethpalley@gmail.com, Hill Little, or Eleanor Becker for details.
- Ski Trip fittings and final payment meeting Monday Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (details below).

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC is a Sunday evening program that meets throughout the academic year. EYC gives students a space to explore, learn, and sustain their relationship with Christ, learn more about the church, and find ways to connect with peers through food, fellowship, prayer and fun!

Upcoming EYC Sundays - Dec. 9

Jr. EYC grades 7-8 - 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Dinner (all grades) - 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Sr. EYC grades 9-12 - 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

6th Grade Pre-EYC - Tonight!

This Sunday evening program gives students a space to explore, deepen and sustain their relationship with Christ, learn more about the church, and find ways to connect with peers through food, fellowship, prayer and fun. We play games, do group activities, read scripture, and connect our faith to our daily lives alongside many wonderful EYC leaders. Pre-EYC meets once a month in the fall and then joins the Jr. EYC group (grades 7 and 8) beginning in January. Contact: Martha Cox - mcox@ccral.org.

Dec. 19: High School Christmas Party

Join us 7p.m.-8p.m. for this festive and delicious event hosted by Maddison and George Wooten! We will have Armadillo Grill for dinner, a prize-winning costume contest (two categories: ugly Christmas sweater and best costume), and a cookie exchange! Please bring one dozen nut-free cookies or sweet treats to exchange. Look in our weekly high school email for the address!

Youth Ministry

Mandatory Ski Trip Participant and Parent Meeting this Monday, Dec. 10

Youth participants and parents will meet in the Parish Hall. Please bring a copy of your insurance cards and payment for your remaining balance. We will have Action Ski provide boot fittings; please bring ski socks or thick socks to help with sizing. This meeting serves both the Middle School (grades 7-8) and High School trips. Please note: any upgrades or additional rentals such as gloves, bibs, helmets, snowboard, lessons, etc. must be paid directly to Ski Action, your final trip payment must be paid to Christ Church (separate checks). Any students who has never skied or snowboarded before is required to take a lesson, and helmets are strongly encouraged for all participants. Please arrive at designated times by last name, coming early doesn't help because Action Ski isn't set up yet!

- 6:30 p.m. - A-G
- 6:45 p.m. - H-K
- 7 p.m. - L-P
- 7:15 p.m. - Q-Z



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

- 5 PM* Festival of Lessons & Carols, Church
Wine and Cheese Reception, Christ Church Commons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9 AM* Holy Eucharist, Church
(No Sunday School or Adult Formation classes)
11 AM* Holy Eucharist, Church
5 PM* Children's Christmas Pageant, Church
Cookie Reception, Parish Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
10 AM* Holy Eucharist, Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

- 11 AM* Holy Eucharist of Christmas for Children and Families; Sermon given by
The Rev. James P. Adams; Music by the Cherub Choir
4 PM* Holy Eucharist of Christmas
This service will feature strings and brass and will be preceded by a 30 minute concert given
by the Choristers & Lay Clerks.
6 PM* Holy Eucharist of Christmas
This service will feature strings and brass and will be preceded by a 30 minute concert given
by the Choristers & Lay Clerks.
11 PM Holy Eucharist of Christmas
This service will feature strings and brass and will be preceded by a 30 minute concert given
by the Schola Cantorum.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

- 10 AM Christmas Eucharist with Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

First Sunday after Christmas

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
10 AM* Holy Eucharist, Church

* Childcare Provided