

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLINTON PARISH
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MISSION STATEMENT

We place our faith in the promise of Jesus Christ, that He is the way and the truth and the life. As members of a Christian Family, we dedicate ourselves to a life of worship, prayer, study, and services. We further dedicate ourselves to bringing His teaching to the community through broader use of our facilities and resources.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS MORNING PRAYER WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST DECEMBER 29, 2024



The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda, Priest-in-Charge Gail
Russell, Senior Warden

The First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

9:00 AM

We welcome you as we join together in celebration of New Year's Day. The Service of Morning Prayer will be celebrated using Rite II. So we can all worship in unison, please try to speak just a little slower than the leader each time you are invited to participate in prayer. And remember to mute your microphone at all other times. For more information about the Christ Church family, speak with Rev. Creamilda Yoda (priest-in-Charge), Gail Russell (Senior Warden) or Jim Carr (Junior Warden).

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PRELUDE "How Bright Appears the Morning Star" [W. MERCER/J. BACH]

All stand, if able.

**NOTE: PLEASE USE THE HYMN BOOKS PROVIDED FOR ALL HYMNS
FROM THE 1982 HYMNAL**

PROCESSIONAL "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (J.M. NEALE)

The Hymnal 1982, # 107 (LEM 1)

The hymn begins on the next page

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Gail Russell, Sr. Warden

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7 *Read together*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum*

LEM 2

Read responsively at the asterisk

Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; *

he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, *

and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; *

he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *

who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A reading from The Book of Isaiah 61: 10 – 62: 3

LECTOR

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence

Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare* *Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19*

Read together

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

**For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.**

**But over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

A Reading from Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

LEM 1

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Silence

Read Together

**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 his 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 forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wulck-Nortey Yoda

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1: 1 – 18

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into

being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily/Reflection

Gail Russell, Licensed Lay Preacher

Brief Silence for Reflection

*After the sermon you can unmute your laptop, by clicking on the unmute button and to unmute from a phone, you need to press *6.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Gail Russell

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Leader: Let us pray

Leader and people

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 SUFFRAGES A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

kV. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect for the Renewal of Life:

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Grace:

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTERCESSION

(LEM 2)

Let us pray for the following:

For the Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church

For the Diocese:

Hear our prayer of thanksgiving for the gift we are to each other.

Christ Church King & Queen Parish, Chaptico

Christ Church, Clinton

Christ Church Durham Parish, Nanjemoy

Christ Church, Georgetown

Christ Church, Kensington

Christ Church Port Tobacco Parish, La Plata

Christ Church, Rockville

Christ Church Washington Parish, D.C.

Christ Church Wayside, Newburg

The Birthday Collect:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, Geneva Cunningham, Diana Terry and others as they begin another year.

Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gail Russell, Sr. Warden

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES The Rev. Creamilda Shirley Wolck-Nortey Yoda

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

The ushers come to the chancel steps to receive the offering plates. The congregation place their offerings on the plates being passed along the pews.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Holy Night" (Traditional)

Choir

Please stand, if able

The crucifer brings the offerings to the chancel steps to be blessed

THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God" (Old 100th)

The Hymnal 1982, # 380, v. 3

**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.**

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The crucifer places the blessed offering on the table near the altar.

THE EUCHARIST (Already consecrated Elements)

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him."

Jesus said, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love."

PRAYER:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

CONFESSION:

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.

The Priest alone says:

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.**

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

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 Celebrant may say the following Invitation:

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.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL “Go, Tell It On the Mountain” *The Hymnal 1982, # 99, (LEM 1)*

POSTLUDE “Angels From The Realms of Glory” [J. MONTGOMERY/H. SMART]

Assisting in the Service:

Gail Russell, Sr. Warden

Quentin Banks, Crucifer

LEMS: Art Taylor (LEM 1) Quentin Banks (LEM 2 & POP)
Cedric Kirton (Lector)

Zoom Technician: Tregenza Henry

Lessons for The Second Sunday after Christmas, January 5, 2025:

Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalm 84, Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a, Matthew 2:1-12

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR
DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 4, 2025

Today	9:00 AM Morning Prayer – Sanctuary live-streamed Zoom AA Meeting 7:30 PM – Dun Hall
Monday	
Tuesday	10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Thrift Shop Work Session AA Meeting 1:00 PM – Dun Hall TOPS 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Dun Hall
Wednesday	Church Office closed Jan 1, 2025 AA Meeting 7:30 PM – Dun Hall
Thursday	OA Meeting 1:00 PM
Friday	AA Meeting 1:00 PM – Dun Hall
Saturday	No choir rehearsal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SANCTUARY IS OPEN. Christ Church is pleased to announce that we are open for indoor services. Worship is in person and via Zoom/Zoom conference call every Sunday at 9:00 am.

Please note that the “Join Zoom Meeting” computer login has changed to the following:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84987754393?pwd=L3dWcnZiU2YzZmdlaHhhTzIOeFV5Zz09>

Amended Zoom phone call instructions:

Telephone Number 13017158592

Meeting ID: 849 8775 4393. Press #

Passcode: 601866. Press #

Please join and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors. Remember to mute your phones unless participating in pray prayers. The bulletins will be posted on-line:

<https://christchurchclinton.org/news/>

PRAYER LIST. If you would like the names of loved ones, friends or colleagues added to the prayer list, please email prayer requests to either the church office at christchurchclinton@verizon.net or Gail Russell at grussell6805@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT PROCEDURE. In order to ensure that everyone receives the same information about meetings, church events, etc., all announcements must be given to Gail Russell prior to the service. Unfortunately, people attending virtually are unable to hear announcements made from the pews. Gail will forward announcements to the church office for inclusion in the bulletins. Gail’s email address is grussell6805@gmail.com.

NEW CHRIST CHURCH “GO GREEN” TASK FORCE. We are looking for men and women who are willing to be part of this task force to plant trees, shrubs and flowers on our building grounds for beautification and to practice creation care. Interested persons should talk with Rev. Creamilda.

BIBLE STUDY. Come join our weekly Bible Study and Evening Prayer every Tuesday, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM via Zoom. We are studying the Book of Psalms. Members are encouraged to share their faith as we pray and study The Scriptures. We guarantee you’ll be moved to learn new things about the Bible while enjoying the fellowship of the group. The Zoom link, ID and Passcode are as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82824460473?pwd=MAoVr9UWfNG9POcabJbmH5p2zHn3Lh.1>

Meeting ID: 828 2446 0473

Passcode: 669248

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We ask that if you have been exposed to Covid or are experiencing any symptoms, please stay home. In line with new CDC, state and local Covid policies, Christ Church has revised our protocols to the following:

- 1) Masks are optional
- 2) Seating restrictions have been lifted, but please respect the space of others
- 3) Elbow bumps may be used at peace, but respect other's choices.

Sanitizer will be available for use. We will not have a common cup and plate. Individually packaged communion elements will be used. We offer non-alcoholic as well as alcoholic communion packets. Please do not congregate in the vestibule. Everyone is to proceed into the sanctuary.

FOOD PANTRY. The Christ Church Food Pantry needs the following items: We could use baked beans, tuna, corned beef, spam, Vienna sausage, cereal, rice, spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, canned fruit, chicken rice/ noodle soup and jelly. All donations are accepted and greatly appreciated.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. Christ Church will turn 150 years old in August 2025. Our anniversary committee is busy planning events to celebrate this milestone over the next year, so be watching for them. Let us praise God for 150 years of caring for and serving our community and each other, and let's get excited about what God has in store for us next!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING. The Order of the Daughters of the King, The Phebe Chapter #3507, will be re-installed in February 2025. Meet the new Executives: Teresa Beall (President), Rosemary Greenaway (Vice-President), Marvise Middleton, (Secretary), Jean Henry (Treasurer).

ELECTRONIC GIVING UPDATE. We are pleased to announce that in addition to Zelle, you can now give to Christ Church via PayPal, Credit Card, or Debit Card. Go on the church website, scroll down to the bottom, and click on the PayPal link, or click on the DONATE button at the top and then click on the PayPal link at the bottom of the page.

You can use your phone or computer with your bank's online or mobile apps to access Zelle. Use the email treasurer@christchurchclinton.org and the church will receive and acknowledge your donations.

If you wish your donation to be applied to a specific fund, please designate this so we can ensure that your wishes are met. Examples include the following: General Fund, Building Fund, ECW, Pledge, Rector's Discretionary Fund, Air Conditioning Fund, etc. Need help? Don't be afraid to ask!

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**Join us for refreshments
in Dun Hall after the service.**