

# Christ Church Bulletin



*As followers of Christ, we share the beauty and power of God's transforming love through worship, community, and service in the world.*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

- Sunday: 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the St. Cecilia Choir  
Nursery for infants and toddlers in Room 104  
Godly Play for 3- through 8-year-olds in Rooms 210, 211, 213  
10:00 AM Nursery and Children & Youth Enrichment  
Adult Enrichment and Coffee Hour Fellowship  
11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite I with the Christ Church Choir  
Child care for infants through 5-year-olds in Room 104  
3:30 PM St. Agnes Choir rehearsal in the Chapel  
5:00 PM Christmas Pageant in the Church  
followed by a Potluck Supper in the Parish Hall
- Tuesday: 9:20 AM Intercessory Prayer Service in the Chapel  
10:30 AM Books, Brew, & Banter in the Commons Room  
11:00 AM CCEP Worship Service in the Chapel  
7:00 PM Adult Christian Enrichment meeting in the Commons Room  
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting in Room 211/212
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
7:00 PM Prayer Service in the Chapel
- Thursday: 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel  
7:00 AM Breakfast/Bible Study in Room 211/212  
9:15 AM Cooking for Emmanuel Dining Room in the Kitchen  
4:15 PM St. Nicholas Choir rehearsal in the Chapel  
5:00 PM Christmas Caroling Party in Parish Hall B  
9:00 PM College Youth gathering in the Lower (YAC) Youth Room
- Friday: 8:00 PM Adornment Committee decorating in the Church  
12:00 PM The Church Office closes at noon.
- Saturday: 2:00 PM Holy Eucharist/Crèche service in the Church  
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
10:00 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church

## ADULT ENRICHMENT TODAY

Those interested in Adult Enrichment are invited to join us this morning from 10 to 10:50 AM in Parish Hall A for a discussion entitled **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem—The Manger**. The birth of Jesus is one of the best known stories in the world, told and retold for 2,000 years, celebrated every year at Christmas, and yet its familiarity may keep us from fully appreciating its depth and power. Join us as we journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and explore in detail the birth of Jesus Christ.

December 18, 2011

## **PICK UP YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY**

Offering envelopes for 2012 have arrived! If you use weekly envelopes to fulfill your pledge to Christ Church, be sure to pick up your set in the back of the Church at all three services.

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## **CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TODAY**

Follow the shepherds to Bethlehem this evening at 5 PM in the Church when our children present the story of Jesus' birth through the annual Christmas Pageant. Don't forget to bring a White Gift as well. The collection of toys and books for children 1-17 (including the age and gender on the gift) will be given to Sunday Breakfast Mission for distribution to those in need. A potluck supper for the cast and audience will follow the pageant in the Parish Hall.

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## **THE LONGEST NIGHT – DECEMBER 21**

As we care for those who suffer grief at the death of loved ones, Christ Church offers a new service on the longest night of the year. Join us in the Chapel of the Christ Child at 7 PM for a candlelight prayer service for those who are in grief during this holy season.

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## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING PARTY – DECEMBER 22**

Join us as we bring the joy of the Christmas Season to members of our parish who cannot easily get out to celebrate. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 5 PM on Thursday, December 22 to make Christmas cards. Pizza will be served at 5:15, and the bus will leave for our evening of caroling around 6 PM. We will visit several members of our parish and should return to the church by 9 PM. RSVP at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379.

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## **CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE YOUTH GATHER – DECEMBER 22**

All college-aged youth are invited to the YAC Room around 9 PM on Thursday, December 22 for a night of conversation. Bring a snack to share as we reminisce and reconnect. Beverages will be provided.

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## **FOYER GROUP DEADLINE – DECEMBER 23**

A foyer group is a gathering of six to eight people who meet together to enjoy food and fellowship. Each member takes a turn hosting a meal with everyone contributing a portion of the meal. The new groups will meet from January through November 2012. Please sign up by December 23 through the Church Office at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379. *If you are currently in a foyer group and want to participate next year, you must sign up again for a new group!*

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## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

### **Christmas Eve**

2:00 PM Holy Eucharist/Crèche service

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist

10:00 PM Choral Eucharist

*Child care will be provided for infants and toddlers at 2, 4, and 6 PM.*

### **Christmas Day**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

### **First Sunday after Christmas**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

11:00 AM Lessons & Carols

### **DINE WITH THE LADIES – DECEMBER 26**

On the fourth Monday of each month at 7 PM, a group of women meets for an informal dinner at Pizza by Elizabeths in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with women in the parish! December's gathering will take place on Monday, December 26. Please RSVP at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379 by Friday, December 23.

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### **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – DECEMBER 28**

The Caregivers Group seeks to provide ongoing support for parishioners in caregiving situations. If you are currently in a caregiving situation or anticipate one in the near future, please join us on Wednesday, December 28 at 1:30 PM in the Commons Room. Questions? Please contact Laurie Passarello at (610) 793-1530 or [bpasarello@comcast.net](mailto:bpasarello@comcast.net).

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### **EPIPHANY EUCHARIST AND POTLUCK FIESTA – JANUARY 6**

Celebrate Epiphany with a special worship service in the Church and a potluck fiesta in the Parish Hall on Friday, January 6 at 6 PM. The Epiphany is a major Feast in the church year, celebrating the arrival of the wise men in Bethlehem. In many cultures worldwide, and especially in Latino cultures—like the Dominican Republic—the Feast of the Epiphany is a bigger celebration than Christmas, marked by large fiestas, exchanging gifts, and fireworks. All alumni of the Dominican Republic trips are encouraged to come and celebrate!

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### **UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICE – JANUARY 8**

Holy Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday, January 8 at the 9 AM service. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 10 AM in the Church. Contact Jane Rubini at [jrubini@christchurchde.org](mailto:jrubini@christchurchde.org) or 655-3379 to take part in this service.

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### **NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE – JANUARY 16**

Christ Church is issuing a challenge to have 500 parishioners participate in the 2012 National Day of Service on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on Monday, January 16. We're asking folks to commit to participate in some act of community service on this day. Look for more information coming soon! Co-sponsored by the Adult Christian Enrichment and Outreach Committees.

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### **STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING – JANUARY 16**

“Stewards of Children” raises awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse and educates adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to such abuse. The goal in Delaware is to train 35,000 citizens over five years to change the culture of denial, fear, and secrecy by raising awareness and empowering adults, changing darkness to light. This is important work in a region rocked by notorious cases of sexual abuse. Our rector has been trained and will serve as facilitator for this session. Hospitality will be offered at 8:30 AM, with the program running from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. To register, please call the Church Office at 655-3379 or visit [www.d2l.org](http://www.d2l.org). Select Delaware in “D2L Near You” and scroll down to select our training. All are welcome.

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### **ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT – JANUARY 17-19**

The Annual Women's Retreat will be held January 17-19, 2012. The Rev. Celeste Cox from Christ Church, Dover will provide spiritual direction. The cost is \$185 per person and includes five meals and two nights at Memorial House in Rehoboth. Contact Ginny Gordon, [gingor@aol.com](mailto:gingor@aol.com) or 654-8582, to RSVP.

## MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
Anne H. Brown  
Herbert E. and Christine J. B. Dobbs

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**PEOPLE SERVING TODAY:** **Acolytes:** 8 AM Mason Nickel. 9 AM Maggie Moran, Hays Faulkner, Rachel Brodt, Frances Buckley, Elizabeth Marcin; Anne Buckley, Advisor. 11 AM Caleb Brokaw, Rebecca Durgin, David Grubbs, Clare Parsells, Ryan Simonton; Rob Brokaw, Advisor. **Advent Wreath Family:** Dave, Kristin, Andrew, and Grant Becker. **Altar Guild:** Mary Henderer, Alice Anthony, Wilson Anthony, Linda Boyden, Becky Dickinson, Joan Gee, Leslie Kelly, Sue Rickards, Muff Scott. **Coffee Hour:** Mark and Cathy Parsells. **Eucharistic Ministers:** 8 AM Sandy Anderson, Wes Jones. 9 AM Bob Brandt, Emily Knox, John Morton, Joe Stoeckle. 11 AM Fritz Hinz, Hal Schneikert. **Greeters:** 9 AM Jeff, Sandra, Caroline, and Henry James. 11 AM Bruce and Lee Kallos. **Ushers:** 9 AM Rick and Barbara Cairns, Ted and Kristin Ledden. 11 AM Rufus Miller, John Dodd, David Lazar, Jennifer O'Connor.

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'14; Rebecca Durgin, youth representative; Betsy Field, '12; Wes Jones, '13; Roger Kirtley,  
'14; Martha Lankford, '12; Jennifer O'Connor, '14; Cathy Parsells, '14; Gina Pike, '12

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 18, 2011**

**8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I**

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Kyrie	324
Collect of the Day	160
The First Reading	<i>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i>
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26	BCP 713
The Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
The Homily	Russ Bohner
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	328
Confession and Absolution	330
The Peace	332
Offertory	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	336
The Breaking of the Bread	337
Communion of the Faithful	
<i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	339
The Blessing	
Announcements and Dismissal	

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## 9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### The People Gather

Prelude *Variations on a French Noël*

Louis-Claude Daquin

Hymn 54

*Savior of the Nations, Come!*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath (*Four candles are lit.*)

*Leader:* We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. This is the light of hope, peace, joy, and love. We are preparing ourselves for the coming of the Lord, when God's salvation comes like the dawn and Emmanuel is born.  
Come,

*People:* *Let us walk in the light of the Lord.*

*Lord, have mercy* (S 96)

Franz Schubert

Collect of the Day

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### God's Word

The First Reading (*please be seated*)

*II Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

The Holy Gospel (*as able, please stand*)

*Luke 1:26-38*

The Homily (*please be seated*)

Russ Bohner

The Nicene Creed (*as able, please stand*)

BCP 358

Hymn *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

on the card at the end of the pew

Prayers of the People and Confession

on the card at the end of the pew

The Peace

BCP 360

### Holy Communion

The Offertory

Anthem (*please be seated*)

St. Cecilia Choir

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Somerset, arr. Alan Bullard

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but never can tell, the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile: under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Presentation Hymn 56, vs. 1, 4 (*as able, please stand*)

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

BCP 367

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (S 130)

Franz Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

*Jesus, Lamb of God* (S 164) (*at the conclusion, please be seated*)

Franz Schubert

Communion of the Faithful (*gluten-free wafers available upon request*)

Communion Anthem *Magnificat in C*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Communion Hymn 74

*Blest be the King*

*The Eucharistic Visitors come to the altar rail, and the Priest and Congregation say:*

In the name of Christ Church Christiana Hundred, we send you out bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go—Elaine, Anne, and Gladys—may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Together, we are one body, one bread, one cup.

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

### Go Forth to Serve

The Blessing

Hymn 436

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Announcements and Dismissal

*People:* *Thanks be to God.*

## 11:00 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST, RITE I

Prelude <i>Variations on a French Noël</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin
Hymn 54	<i>Savior of the Nations, Come!</i>
Opening Acclamation: Blessed art thou, holy and living God.	
<i>People: Come to thy people and set them free.</i>	
Collect for Purity	BCP 323
* <i>Kyrie</i>	Healey Willan
Collect of the Day	BCP 160
The First Reading <i>(please be seated)</i>	<i>II Samuel 7:1-11, 16</i>
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 <i>(sung in plainsong by choir)</i>	BCP 713
The Second Reading	<i>Romans 16:25-27</i>
Gradual Hymn 266, vs. 1-3 <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	<i>Nova, Nova</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 1:26-38</i>
Gradual Hymn 266, vs. 4-6	<i>Nova, Nova</i>
The Sermon <i>(please be seated)</i>	Russ Bohner
The Nicene Creed <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	385
Confession and Absolution	330
The Peace	332
The Offertory	
Anthem <i>(please be seated)</i>	Christ Church Choir
<i>Gabriel's Message</i>	Basque, arr. David Willcocks
The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, <i>most highly favoured lady, Gloria!</i> For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee, Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold." Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said, "My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy Name." Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say— <i>most highly favoured lady, Gloria!</i>	
Presentation Hymn 56, vs. 1, 4 <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
* <i>Sanctus</i> and <i>Benedictus</i> <i>(at the conclusion, please kneel)</i>	Healey Willan
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Breaking of the Bread	337
* <i>Agnus Dei</i>	Healey Willan
Communion of the Faithful <i>(gluten-free wafers available upon request)</i>	
Communion Motet	
<i>Magnificat</i>	George Dyson
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.	
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	
Hymn 436	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>
Announcements and Dismissal	
<i>People: Thanks be to God.</i>	

\*from *Missa Brevis* by Healey Willan (1880 – 1968)

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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### THE FIRST READING: II SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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### THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! *Amen.*

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

9:00 AM Hymn *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*

*Unison* 1. Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho-ly One, is here;

Chord progression: X D F#m Bm Em A7

come, bow be - fore him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.

Chord progression: D F#m Bm Em A7

In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.

Chord progression: G D G D

Be still, for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho-ly One, is here.

Chord progression: G A F#m Bm Em A7 D

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;  
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Text: David J. Evans (b. 1957)

Music: David J. Evans (b. 1957); arr. Norman Warren (b. 1934)

## 9:00 AM PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us be still in the presence of the Lord. *[pause for silence]*

The glory of the Lord is shining in the church and in the world. Pray that God grant us eyes to see the brightness of God's love and lips to tell the story of our salvation in Jesus Christ.

*Silence*

The power of the Lord is moving in this place. Pray that God strengthen the weak and give courage to those who are afraid. Pray that all who are in need or trouble have faith to receive God's power in their lives.

*Silence*

The power of the Lord is moving in this place. The Holy One is here. Pray that God grant healing to all who are sick, especially *N.* and those we remember now.

*Silence*

The glory of the Lord brings light and peace to the living and the departed. Pray for all who have died, especially *N.* and those we remember now.

*Silence*

In the presence of the Lord, let us confess our sins and promise amendment of life.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. *Amen.*

*based on the hymn, "Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord"*