

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. Nicholas Choir
Nursery for infants and toddlers in Room 102
10:00 AM Coffee Hour in Parish Halls B and C
11:00 AM Lessons & Carols with the St. Agnes and Christ Church Choirs
Child care for infants through 5-year-olds in Room 102
- 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
11:30 AM Outreach Committee meeting in Room 211/212
7:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting in Room 211/212
- Wednesday: 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist/Healing Service in the Chapel
5:00 PM CCEP Finance Committee meeting in Room 301
- Thursday: 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
7:00 AM Breakfast/Bible Study in Room 211/212
4:15 PM St. Nicholas Choir rehearsal in the Chapel
4:30 PM Finance Committee meeting in the Conference Room
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist for The Epiphany in the Church
7:00 PM Potluck Supper in Parish Hall B
7:30 PM St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal in the Chapel
- Friday: 8:00 AM Church Adornment Committee in the Church
- Saturday: 10:00 AM Baptismal Preparation meeting in the Church

COFFEE HOUR TODAY

All are welcome to attend our expanded Coffee Hour this morning following the 9 AM service. Adults and children are invited to gather for coffee, tea, juice, and cookies in Parish Halls B and C from 10 to 11 AM.

HEALING SERVICE – JANUARY 5

On the first Wednesday of every month, a Healing Service is held in conjunction with the 9:00 AM Eucharist in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us this Wednesday, January 5.

THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6

Celebrate Epiphany with a special worship service in the Church and a potluck fiesta in the Parish Hall on Thursday, 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. Our fiesta will include great food, a piñata, and a Three Kings cake. Bring a side or main dish to share. The offering from the service will support our friends in Jalonga. Don't forget to bring a White Gift as well! This collection of small toys and books wrapped in white paper (including the age and gender on the gift) is distributed to local outreach agencies.

CHORAL EVENSONG – JANUARY 9

The Christ Church Choir will sing the service of Evensong for the First Sunday of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 9 at 5 PM in the Church. The service music will include the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* from *Collegium Regale*, Herbert Howells and the anthem, *Lo! Star-Led Chiefs*, William Crotch.

WOMEN'S DIALOGUE GROUP – JANUARY 10

Paying attention to children, spouse, household, and career all place demands on a woman. How can she find God at the center of it all? Join Ruth Kirk and Jo Harney in an offering for women of the parish and preschool. The Women's Dialogue will meet next on Monday, January 10 at 7 PM in the Commons Room. Participation is limited to 20, so please RSVP by calling 655-3379 or emailing rsvp@christchurchde.org.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT – JANUARY 18-20

The 2011 Women's Retreat at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach is from January 18-20. With The Rev. Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly leading the retreat, we have planned an agenda that includes time for study, prayer, music, quiet, and reflection. Great meals, social time, shopping, and beach walking will not be forgotten either. The cost is \$175 and includes five meals and two nights of lodging, including linens. Please make your check payable to Christ Church, marked "Women's Retreat," and mail it to Ginny Gordon, 11 Gale Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807 *by January 8*. Because of the Memorial House cancellation policy, we will not be able to refund your payment after January 10. Please confirm your reservation with Marty Rushlow at mrush11246@verizon.net or 654-8629.

CCCH HOSTS A MODERN PROPHET, BRYAN STEVENSON – JANUARY 20

Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, will bring his message of hope to Christ Church this month. He has won acclaim for his work challenging bias against the poor and people of color in the criminal justice system. In his more than two decades of dedicated work in support of human rights and justice, he has assisted in securing relief for dozens of condemned prisoners, advocated for poor people, and developed community-based reform litigation aimed at improving the administration of criminal justice. By his life and example, Bryan Stevenson inspires us to step up as people of faith. A graduate of Harvard Law School and a MacArthur Fellow, Mr. Stevenson recently argued and won a landmark Supreme Court case that declared that sentencing children to "death in prison" (the practical result of life imprisonment of these children without parole) is unconstitutional. He is a powerful and inspirational speaker. Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss this event, where we will learn how we can bring hope to people broken by violence, poverty, and dysfunction. The presentation will be on Thursday, January 20 at 7 PM in the Church.

RECTOR'S BOOK DISCUSSION – JANUARY 23-FEBRUARY 23

Join the rector for a book discussion group on Sundays, January 23, 30, February 13, and 20 from 7 to 8 PM in the Rectory or on Wednesdays, January 26, February 2, 16, and 23 from 12 to 1 PM in Room 301 (bring a bag lunch). We will read *Strength to Love* by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Written in 1963 as a collection of sermons, few texts so powerfully evoke, as Coretta Scott King said, “the love, truth, and courage to do what is right”—that is, the strength to love. RSVP at rsvp@christchurchde.org or 655-3379.

2011 GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE – JANUARY 28

The Outreach Committee has begun their 2011 grant cycle. Non-profit agencies may request grant applications from Millie Miller in the Church Office or may download one from the church website at www.christchurchde.org. Completed applications are due by Friday, January 28.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – JANUARY 29

On Saturday, January 29 from 6:30 to 8 PM, families are invited to Family Movie Night at Christ Church. Popcorn, snacks, and lemonade will be provided. We will show *Toy Story 3* in Parish Hall A and *How to Train a Dragon* in the Commons Room. Wear your pajamas, bring your sleeping bag, and enjoy a family night together with your church and preschool family. Please RSVP at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org so that we have enough refreshments for everyone.

MEMORIAL FLOWER HELP NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to arrange our memorial flowers into smaller vases on Monday mornings to be taken to those unable to come to church. Folks are needed for less than two hours approximately once a month. Please contact Maggie Sanger at 421-9896 or mmsanger@hotmail.com for more specific information about how you might incorporate this opportunity into your ministry to Christ.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
John Miles Carter
Bill Carter
Richard H. Evans

and in celebration of the lay staff at Christ Church

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Harper and Gertrude Silliman
Anna and Charles Allen
Elizabeth and Charles Silliman

PEOPLE SERVING TODAY: **Acolytes:** 8 AM Ruben Mascitti. 9 AM Jimmy Grant, Raley Abramczyk, Porter Ergon, Maya Krasker, Christopher Martel, Cristina Riegel; Randall Attix, Advisor. 11 AM Betsy Grubbs, Peggy Bayard, Caleb Brokaw, Rebecca Durgin, David Grubbs, Maggie Moran; Rob Brokaw, Advisor. **Altar Guild:** Betsey Moran, Barbara Cohen-Nuttall, Bobbie Larned, Nancy Lee, Katherine Maki, Jane McKinstry, Fan Milligan, Carol Osburn, Vida Ruppe. **Coffee Hour:** Bryan and Kay Keenan. **Eucharistic Ministers:** 8 AM Janet Dill, Susan Sherk. 9 AM John Crossan, Margaretta Frederick, Tucker Giddens, Fritz Hinz. **Greeters:** 9 AM Jennifer O'Connor. 11 AM Carolyn Karney. **Lector:** 9 AM Joe Stoeckle. **Ushers:** 11 AM Bob Brandt, Ron Ingham, Bruce Kallos, Fred Moran.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Acolytes: Terry Dinneen, Ted Waugh; *Adult Christian Enrichment*: Catherine Lombardozzi; *Altar Guild*: Mary Henderer; *Books, Brew, & Banter*: Marty Rushlow; *Bread Bakers*: Isabella Patty; *Buildings and Grounds*: Linda Boyden; *Caregiver Support Group*: Lauren Passarello; *Caregiver Resource Center*: Marion Godfrey; *Celebration of Life*: Dodo Newlin, Ginny Gordon; *Children's Ministry*: Joyce McGhee; *Christ Church Episcopal Preschool*: Maryann Younger; *Church Adornment*: Elizabeth Brodt, Suzanne Smith; *Coffee Hour/Lemonade*: Al and Suzanne Smith; *Emmanuel Dining Room*: Marge Hardham, Hal Schneikert; *Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors*: Bitsy Robbins; *Eucharistic Visitors*: Zona Lindsay; *Finance*: Bryan Keenan; *Foyer Groups*: Lauren Andersen, Cathy Welsh; *Friendly Freezer*: Joan Gee, Kristin Ledden; *Futures Group*: Wil Sherk; *Global Missions Team*: Tom Scott; *Good Works Gifts*: Tom Scott; *Green Show*: Allison Brokaw; *Greeters 9 AM*: Martha Lankford; *Greeters 11 AM*: Connie Alegranti; *Helping Hands*: Martha Lankford; *Media Ministry*: Lindsay Lee; *Memorial Flower Ministry*: Maggie Sanger; *Monthly Collections*: Ben Osbun; *Music*: Steve Boyden; *Newcomers*: Bill Bizjak; *Notes of Care*: Marge Foulsham, Lucy Cluett; *Offering Counters*: Bill Jones; *Office Receptionists*: Lucy Cluett, Helen Giammattei; *Outreach*: Barbara Cairns, Tomoko Werbe; *Parish Life*: Dana Robertson, Jennifer O'Connor; *Pastoral Ministries*: Tilly Maassen; *Personnel*: Carol Mongan; *Planned Giving*: Ernie Ruppe; *Prayer Shawl*: Eleanor Sinclair; *St. Faith's Guild*: Madaline Cullen; *St. Michael's Book Sale*: Muff and Bob Scott; *Stephen Ministry*: Max Cluett, Margaret Ferreira, Tilly Maassen; *Stewardship*: Rosanne Miller; *Tuesday Morning Intercessory Prayer*: Jeanette Carey; *Ushering 9 AM*: Diane Mateson; *Ushering 11 AM*: Rod Maroney; *Visitations*: Tilly Maassen; *Wedding*: Randy Sawyer; *Weekday Lectors*: Zona Lindsay; *Worship*: Jim Graham

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 2011

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Gloria in Excelsis	324
Collect of the Day	162
The First Reading	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i>
Psalm 84:1-8	BCP 707
The Holy Gospel	<i>Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</i>
The Homily	Ruth Lawson Kirk
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	
<i>People: Thanks be to God.</i>	

9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude <i>Noël sur les Flutes</i>	Louis-Claude Daquin
Hymn 82	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	
* <i>The Gloria</i>	356
Collect of the Day	214
The First Reading (<i>please be seated</i>)	<i>Jeremiah 31:7-14</i>
Gradual Hymn 99, v. 1 (<i>as able, please stand</i>)	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23</i>
Gradual Hymn 99, v. 2	<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>
The Homily (<i>please be seated</i>)	Ruth Lawson Kirk
The Apostles' Creed (<i>as able, please stand</i>)	BCP 96
Prayers of the People and Confession	printed on next page
The Peace	BCP 360
The Offertory	
Anthem (<i>please be seated</i>)	St. Nicholas Choir
<i>Jesus is His Name</i>	Williams
There is a king who was born in a manger; Jesus is His name. Came to earth, to His own was a stranger; Jesus is His name. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hear the angels sing. King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Jesus is His name. Sheep are grazing on the hillside; shepherds watch their flock. Angels sing, "The King is born; Jesus is His name." Alleluia! Alleluia! Hear the angels sing. King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Jesus is His name. Shepherds come to see the Child; Jesus is His name. Lamb of God, so meek and mild; Jesus is His name. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hear the angels sing. King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Jesus is His name.	
Presentation Hymn 115, vs. 1, 3	<i>What Child is This</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B (<i>as able, please stand</i>)	BCP 367
* <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	
* <i>Fraction Anthem and Agnus Dei (at the conclusion of both, please be seated)</i>	
Communion of the Faithful (<i>gluten-free wafers available upon request</i>)	
Communion Anthem	
<i>That Boy-Child of Mary</i>	traditional Malawi melody; adapt. Colvin
That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable, a manger his cradle in Bethlehem. What shall we call Him, Child of the manger? What name is given in Bethlehem? His name is Jesus, God ever with us, God given for us in Bethlehem? How can He save us, how can He help us, born here among us in Bethlehem? Gift of the Father, to human mother, makes him our brother in Bethlehem? One with the Father, He is our Savior, heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem? Gladly we praise Him, love and adore Him, give ourselves to Him in Bethlehem?	
Communion Hymns 93	<i>Angels, from the Realms of Glory</i>
107	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 366
The Blessing	
Hymn 87	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>
Announcements and Dismissal	
<i>People: Thanks be to God.</i>	

*from *Mass for Christ Church Christiana Hundred* (1997) by David Willcocks, located in the pew rack

9:00 AM PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The goodness and loving-kindness of God fills the whole earth with the radiance of glory and the blessing of peace. We pray for the Church throughout the world, that it may shine with the joy of faith in Christ Jesus our Lord. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, let us remember *N.*; as well as our mission to the Dominican Republic. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, let us remember *N.* We pray for our witness and ministry in Wilmington, and especially for the ministry of *N.* We pray for our clergy and bishops. Lord Christ, Light of life,

fill us with grace and truth.

Glory to God in the highest and on the earth be peace. We pray for lasting peace in the Middle East. Lord, give peace in the hearts of all, peace in our land and among the nations; peace in our homes and in all our dealings; peace through him who is the Prince of peace. Lord Christ, Light of life,

fill us with grace and truth.

Lord Jesus Christ, you came down to lift us up. We pray for all who are cast down at this time: we remember refugees and prisoners; the homeless and the homebound. We pray for the sick and the suffering, especially *N.* and for all in our prayers. [*silence*] Comfort and strengthen them. Lord Christ, Light of life,

fill us with grace and truth.

We give thanks that you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. We pray for loved ones departed from us, for all who were killed in war or terror, for *N.*, and for those we remember now, [*silence*] that they may be one with you in your kingdom. Help us entrust them to your never-failing love. Lord Christ, Light of life,

fill us with grace and truth.

Almighty God, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord. We give thanks for all the blessings of our lives. [*silence*] As he has taken on our humanity, we pray that by your grace and goodness we may share in his divinity, and so be transformed in the radiance of your glory that our lives are bright with love, justice, truth, and peace. Lord Christ, Light of life,

fill us with grace and truth.

Together let us pray for forgiveness of our sins:

Heavenly Father, we have forgotten that we are made in your image. We have been selfish or cruel—hurtful to others and harmful to ourselves. We are sorry for what we have done, and what we have left undone. Please forgive us and restore us to the goodness you intend for us.

Priest 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.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.’ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.’ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,” says the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 2011

11:00 AM FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on Vom Himmel Hoch*

Johann Pachelbel

Introit *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light*

harm. J. S. Bach

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning; ye shepherds, shrink not with affright, but hear the angel's warning. This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be, the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Hymn 82 (*as able, please stand*)

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And because this would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one for evermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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 First Lesson (*please be seated*)

Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

Read by The Rev. Canon Carl Kunz, Pastoral Associate

Carol *Adam Lay Ybounden*

Philip Ledger

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavene
queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen, Deo
gracias!

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

Read by Cristina Riegel, St. Agnes Choir

Carol *Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen*

Hugo Distler

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung. It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter, when half
spent was the night. Sing we all Amen, O Savior, child of Mary; O Savior, king of glory,
who triumphed o'er our foe: Bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven
and into endless day.

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

Read by Hardy Drane, Stewardship Team

Carol *In dulci jubilo*

German, arr. R. L. Pearsall

In dulci jubilo let us our homage shew; our heart's joy reclineth In praesepio and like a
bright star shineth, Matris in gremio. Alpha es et O, Alpha es et O. O Jesu parvule! I
yearn for thee alway! Hear me, I beseech thee, O Puer optime! My prayer let it reach
thee, O Princeps gloriae! Trahe me post te! trahe me post te! O Patris caritas, O Nati
lenitas! Deep were we stained Per nostra crimina; but thou hast for us gained Coelorum
gaudia. O that we were there! Ubi sunt gaudia, where, if that they be not there? There
are angels singing Nova cantica, there the bells are ringing In Regis curia: O that we were
there!

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

Read by Allison Brokaw, Green Show

Carol

St. Agnes Choir

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovich, arr. Peter Wilhousky

Hark! how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, "throw cares away." Christmas
is here bringing good cheer, to young and old, meek and the bold. Ding, dong, ding,
dong, that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling. One seems to hear words of good
cheer from everywhere, filling the air. Oh, how they pound, raising the sound over hill
and dale, telling their tale. Gaily they ring, while people sing, songs of good cheer,
Christmas is here! Merry, Merry, Merry, Merry Christmas! That is their song, with joyful
ring, all caroling. On they send, on without end, their joyful tone to every home. Hark!
how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, "throw cares away." Ding, dong, ding,
dong.

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Read by Steve Boyden, Music Committee

Carol *The Holly and the Ivy*

traditional

The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown: *Refrain* The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to be our sweet Saviour: *Refrain* The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ, to do poor sinners good: *Refrain* The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ on Christmas Day in the morn: *Refrain* The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall, and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ for to redeem us all: *Refrain* The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown, of all the trees that are in the wood, the holly bears the crown: *Refrain: The rising of the sun and the running of the deer, the playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

Sixth Lesson

Matthew 1:18-23

St. Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

Read by Sheila Bourgeault, Christ Church Choir

Hymn 109 (*as able, please stand*)

The First Nowell

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

Read by John Downs, Church School

Carol *Dormi, Jesu*

John Rutter

Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet quae tam dulcem somnum videt, Dormi, Jesu! blandule! Si non dormis, mater plorat, inter fila cantans orat, blande, veni, somnule.
Sleep, sweet babe! my cares beguiling: Mother sits beside thee smiling; sleep, my darling, tenderly! If thou sleep not, mother mourneth, singing as her wheel she turneth: Come, soft slumber, balmily!

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Read by Fritz Hinz, Eucharistic Minister

Carol *I Saw Three Ships*

English traditional carol, arr. Philip Ledger

I saw three ships come sailing in, on Christmas Day in the morning. And what was in those ships all three? On Christmas Day in the morning. Our Savior Christ and his Lady, on Christmas Day in the morning. Pray whither sailed those ships all three? On Christmas Day in the morning. O they sailed into Bethlehem, on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the angels in Heaven shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning. And all the souls on earth shall sing, on Christmas Day in the morning. Then let us all rejoice amain! On Christmas Day in the morning.

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

Read by The Rev. Ruth Lawson Kirk, Rector

Collect of the Day *(said by the Officiant)*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* French, arr. Mack Wilberg

Ding dong! merrily on high in heaven the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riven with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Even so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, and i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; may you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Presentation Hymn 112, vs. 1, 3

In the Bleak Midwinter

The Blessing

May he, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn 87 *(as able, please stand)*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Procession *In dulci jubilo* from *Miscellaneous Chorales*

J. S. Bach

Dismissal

The Christ Church Choir

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Lauren Conrad	Sheila Bourgeault	John Crossan	Edwin Childs
Patricia Conrad	Elizabeth Hornberger	Mark Dixon	Thomas Conrad
Anne Gross	David Schueck	Kenneth Garner	David Nuttall
Kathryn Hearn	Jacqueline Taylor	Dana Robertson	Thomas Woodward
Nancy Lineburger			
Barbara Nyce			

The Saint Agnes Choir

Samantha Anthony	Sarah Kirk
Rachel Brodt	Louisa Miller
Margaret Chesser	Cristina Riegel