



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

December 29, 2024
The First Sunday of Christmas

A Faith Community rooted in Scripture, Sacraments, and the Holy Spirit

Carol Sing

1. The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. (*Refrain*)

words: English carol, 18th cent.
music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)
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2. The snow lay on the ground,
the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born
on Christmas night.
Venite adoremus Dominum, (*repeat line*)

Refrain: Venite adoremus Dominum.

'Twas Mary, daughter pure
of holy Anne,
that brought into this world
the God made man.
She laid him in a stall
at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared
the roof with them. (*Refrain*)

Saint Joseph, too, was by
to tend the child;
to guard him, and protect
his mother mild;
the angels hovered round,
and sang this song,
Venite adoremus Dominum, (*repeat line*) (*Refrain*)

And thus that manger poor
became a throne;
for he whom Mary bore
was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join
the heavenly host,
to praise the Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. (*Refrain*)

words: Source unknown, 19th cent.
music: *Venite adoremus*, melody adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

3. In the bleak midwinter,
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter,
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak midwinter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God incarnate,
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
throngèd the air;
but his mother only,
in her maiden bliss,
worshipped the belovèd
with a kiss.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him—
give my heart.

words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
music: *Cranham*, Gustav Theodore Holst (1874-1934)

Processional Hymn (*Stand*)

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

*Refrain: come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light: (*Refrain*)
3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: (*Refrain*)

4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear: (*Refrain*)

words: James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt.
music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)

Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant For unto us a child is born,
People *Unto us a son is given*

Collect of Purity (*said by all*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (*Matthew 22:37-40*)

Kyrie eleison

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

1. Angels we have heard on high,
singing sweetly through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. (*Refrain*)

4. See him in a manger laid
whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while we raise our hearts in love. (*Refrain*)

words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. By permission of Fleming H. Revell Co.
music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:5

10. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul 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 like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. **11.** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. 62:5 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. **2.** The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. **3.** You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. **4.** You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you,

and your land shall be married. **5.** For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 147:12-20

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; *

praise your God, O Zion.

13. For he has made strong the bars of your gates *

and has blessed your children with in you.

14. He makes peace in your borders *

and fills you with the finest of wheat.

15. He sends forth his commandment upon the earth, *

and his word runs very swiftly.

16. He gives snow like wool *

and scatters the white frost like ashes.

17. He casts forth his ice like crumbs; *

who is able to abide his frost?

18. He sends out his word and melts them; *

he blows with his wind, ' and the waters flow.

19. He declares his word unto Jacob, *

his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

20. He has not dealt so with other nations; *

neither have they knowledge of his laws. Praise the Lord.

23. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. **24.** So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. **25.** But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, **26.** for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. **27.** For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28.** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[g] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29.** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” **4:1.** I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, **2.** but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. **3.** In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. **4.** But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, **5.** to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. **6.** And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” **7.** So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2. He was in the beginning with God. 3. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7. He came

as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. **8.** He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. **9.** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. **10.** He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. **11.** He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. **12.** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, **13.** who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **14.** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. **15.** (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) **16.** For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. **17.** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. **18.** No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known. (ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sequence continues

3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all

to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!

words: John Mason Neal (1818-1866), alt.
music: *In dulci jubilo*, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Sermon

Fr. Hunter Van Wagenen

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Litanist Lord, in your mercy,
People *hear our prayer.*

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *(Silence)*

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 Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Comfortable Words

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And with your spirit.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *Sweet little Jesus boy* spiritual; arr. R. MacGimsey

Doxology

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. *Amen.*

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord,
People ***And of your own have we given you.***

Great Thanksgiving (*Remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet.

As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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 Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.*

Setting from *Missa Verbum caro factum est*; James McGregor
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The Ministration of Communion

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

1.

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

words: Traditional carol
music: *Cradle Song*, melody William James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

2.

A stable lamp is lighted
Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven,
A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie within the roadway
To pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken,
And yielded up to die;
The sky shall groan and darken,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
For stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending,
The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
In praises of the Child
By whose descent among us
The worlds are reconciled.

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work

you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

*Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,
 comfort and joy;
 O tidings of comfort and joy!*

2. From God our heavenly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:

how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name. (*Refrain*)

3. “Fear not, then,” said the angel,
“Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan’s power and might.” (*Refrain*)

4. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace. (*Refrain*)

words: London carol, 18th cent.; By permission of Fleming Hl. Revell Co.
music: *God Rest You Merry*, melody from Little Book of Christmas Carols, ca. 1850

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary *Good Christian friends, rejoice* (729) J.S. Bach

Worship Team

<i>Usbers:</i>	Jim Reamy, III, Fred Malik, Jr., Tim Longden
<i>Lector:</i>	Andy Bowler
<i>EMs:</i>	Deb Allik, George Watson
<i>Organist:</i>	Brady Johnson
<i>Choir:</i>	Eleanor Dixon (<i>section leader</i>), Mary Earman, Charles Hansen (<i>offertory soloist</i>), Rudolf Radocy, Wanda Lathom-Radocy, Paul Skaggs, Harriet Yemm
<i>Audio - Visual:</i>	John Allen, Earle Boyter, Noah Howard, Noah Woodrow

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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Announcements and Information

December 29 – January 4, 2025

CONNECT WITH CHRIST CHURCH

The Connect Cards and Prayer Cards are for you! Find them in the chair pews and on the welcome desk in the Narthex to communicate non-confidential information with staff and clergy, including contact information changes, prayer requests, appointment requests, event sign-ups, or questions about the church. Hand the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate when finished. We look forward to serving you in person or in prayer.

In the event of an emergency requiring evacuation, children and infants will be escorted from the classroom onto the playground at the south end of the building and supervised there until the parents arrive.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Sunday School: *Join us on Jan. 5, **Sundays** at 9a.m.* in the Community Center. Fr. Hunter and others from the congregation will share their “missionary focused” teachings and experiences. More information to follow.

Adult Bible Study: “2 Peter”, *Thursdays, 7:30-8:30a.m.* Ongoing Fall Study: lead by Bill Blackburn and John Campani; held in the narthex library.

Connections Class in January: Join us on *Tuesdays Jan. 7-28 at 5:30p.m.* in the Community Center for the first of two classes as preparation for church membership when Bp. Alex Farmer returns for Confirmations on March 9, 2025. Fr. Keith Allen will teach this 4-part series on our connection to Christ, the Church, and the Christian mission. All are welcome, members and inquirers alike. A simple dinner will be provided. Please register for this class using a *Connect Card* or by calling the parish office at 772-562-8670.

Women’s Bible Study: Is currently on break but will resume *Jan. 15 through April 9, Wednesdays at 9:30a.m.* in the Community Center. Deacon Kim will teach the Psalms.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 1: **Christ Church** offices will be closed in observance of New Year’s Day.

To Jan. 6: **CCA** will be closed and return on Jan. 6.

Jan. 13-Apr. 7: **GriefShare:** *Mondays at 2:00-3:30p.m.,* Christ Church Community Ctr. A program of hope and healing for those who are grieving for the loss of a loved one. This is a 13-week session for the shared work of moving gently through the stages of grief in a sacred space. The class will be lead by Shari von Liebler. For more information, contact Shari at syliebler@christchurchvero.org.

Parish Annual Meeting

Save the date to attend the annual parish meeting on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025. We will open the meeting with a short praise segment and casual dinner at 5 pm, with a general aim to start the business meeting portion at 6 pm. At this meeting, we will elect new members to our Vestry team, celebrate the ministry of 2024, discuss the 2025 budget, and share how the Lord is moving and positioning Christ Church to move forward and expand the Kingdom of God.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS:

To donate altar flowers as a dedication, please contact Shari in the Church Office, including the date, honoree, and any flower preferences (subject to availability). People may sponsor the altar flower arrangements on specific Sundays for a suggested donation of \$35. The funds are used by the Flower Guild to purchase the supplies and flowers needed each week. To make your donation, dedication, and payment, or for more information, contact Shari.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

The Children's Ministry area is open at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for nursery care. During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3-6 years in addition to nursery care for the first part of the service, after which the children may join their families in the Nave for Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Hunter or Stephe Van Wagenen for more information. Children age 7 and older are encouraged to worship with their family.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care opens on Sundays at 8:45 am for ages 2 and under. The Atrium is open for ages 3-6 from 8:45-10:15 am. Children ages 3 and up will worship with their families at 10:30 am and be excused for a children's lesson during the sermon. Parents who need to tend to a child's needs during the service are welcome to use the cry room in the back where you can still watch and hear the service; the room is accessed from the narthex.

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE:

Anglicans for Life at Christ Church has support and recovery available for men and women who have participated in an abortion in some way. Symptoms common to post-abortion may be anger, addictions, anxiety, depression, discomfort around children or babies, suicidal thoughts, sleep disturbance, and relationship problems. Call/text Denise anytime at 772-321-1050 for confidential help.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table of Christ to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide your row to the altar rail, and a wafer will be placed in your hand; you may intinct (dip) the edge of the wafer into the wine chalice, or sip from the common cup, or abstain. Anyone wishing to not receive the sacrament is welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing only, signified by crossing your arms over your chest.

CONTACT US:

The parish office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The church office is closed on Friday. Please visit us or call 772-562-8670 during these hours if we may help you. Staff and clergy email information may be found at ChristChurchVero.org under the "What We Do" tab, or via the Church Center app directory.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 10:30a.m., Eucharist Service
MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30a.m., Morning Prayer

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Secretary 60 days in advance of the Baptism to set up an appointment with the Rector and at least four months in advance of your proposed wedding date to set up an appointment with a Priest.

Prayers for the sick

Christ Church continues to pray for all those that are sick and hurting and ask that through the week, you continue to pray by saying: We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

Fran Barnard	Bill & Judith Lund
Al Daniels	Paul Miller
Garry Edwards	Wanda Lathom-Radocy
Curtis Hatch	Chuck Shippee
Ann Hogan	Cora Welch
Ed & Barbara Jeffreys	

Prayers for Missionaries

Christ Church actively sponsors the following International Missionaries. We invite your continuing prayers in support of their faithful ministry in our Lord's name:

Loren and Linda Fox, Global TEAM, Thailand and China
Matt and Katie Riley, Alongside Ministries International, France
Fr. Chris Royer, Anglican Frontier Ministries, Middle East
Etzer Thomas, Foundation Mom Prince Thomas, Haiti
Our sister serving in Southeast Asia

Daniel Ames
Jessica Ames
Chris Boltz
Matthew Buehrig
Michael Buehrig
Tim Buehrig
Kendra Cagniart
Pierre Cagniart
****Jonathan Clement
Vetson Derisse
Wyatt Dillon
Doug Fritz
Michael Gallahue
Brianna Gomez
Gracie Gordon
Caleb Guthmann
David Guthmann

John Guthmann
Joseph Guthmann
Brian Hart
Regan Jones
Martha Kester
***Dale Kridlo
Garrett Kulczycki
Rodger Lemon
Jeremy McCall
Richmond McCloud
*Trane McCloud
Hunter McDaniel
**Andrew McNair, Jr.
Evan Mustapick
John Pitta
Justine Iacono Proctor
Mike Proctor
Ryan Raffensburger

Christina P. Remmert
David Rosanes
Bryce Saint-Vincent
Eric Schneider
David Segalla
Marin Sentence
Melinda Sentence
Dylan Sjogren
Robert Skevington
Aaron Spera
Ben Spera
Caleb Valentin
G Joshua White
George Voyles
Keith Zeuner
Alex Zook

*Died in the war zone in Iraq, December, 2006.

**Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, 2008.

***Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, November, 2010.

****Died in training, July 2018



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