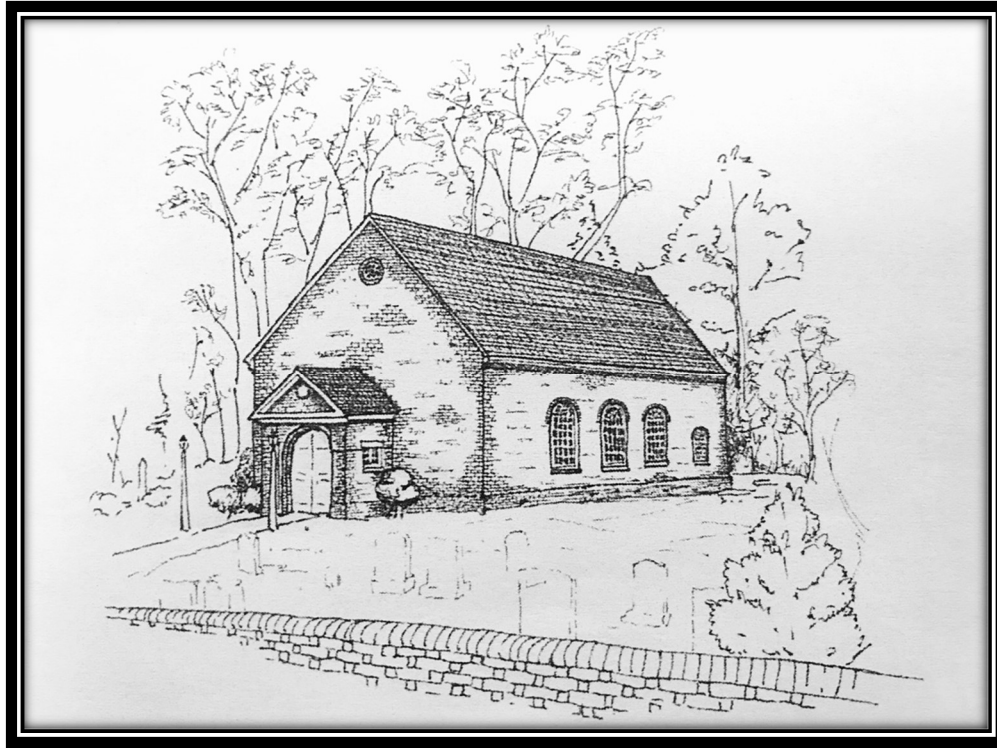


*Welcome to Christ Church Parish
(Episcopal)
December 10, 2023
10:30 a.m.
The Second Sunday of Advent*



Founded in 1666

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.
During the service, let God speak to you through
Word and Sacrament.
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

*We are a family of faith,
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and
service, who strive to love God
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 10, 2023

John the Baptist announces the coming of the long expected day pointed to in the Scriptures. The “good tidings” of Isaiah 40 become the “good news” announced in the opening words of the Gospel according to Mark. Repentance is a part of accepting the good news.

Opening Vol. *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* Robert Benson
Processional Hymn 75 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*
Opening Sentences BCP Page 355
Kyrie (S-96)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day (*Advent 2*) BCP Page 211
First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 BCP Page 708
Second Lesson 2 Peter 3:8-15a
Sequence Hymn 67 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*
Gospel Mark 1:1-8
The Sermon The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358
The Prayers of the People Insert
The Confession and Absolution BCP Page 360
The Peace BCP Page 360
Offertory Anthem *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*
J.S. Bach arr. by Simon Andrews

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us
from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory. *Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Page 361
Sanctus (S-130) BCP Page 362
The Lord's Prayer BCP Page 364
Breaking of the Bread:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are
many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion:

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion Voluntary *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* Paul Manz

Post Communion Hymn (see insert) *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 76 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

The Dismissal: As we await our coming Savior,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *In the name of Christ. Amen.*

Closing Voluntary *Oh, Come, Emmanuel* Wilbur Held

The Collect of the Day

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

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is

coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Those on our Prayer List: Jack Tarran, Helen Tarran, Tom Cockrell, Mike Gorin, Gibbie Mangum, Betty Evans, Ann Donoff, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Taylor Johnson, Shannon Budd, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Lucille Redmon, Jennifer Montague, Jean Crown Hodges, Cole Sullivan, Keith Callis, Trip Poates, & Colt Johnson.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Jackie Gahan, Marilyn South, Susan Hilliard, Don Harris, and Ann Padgett.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of: Santa Maria – Falls Church, St. James’ – Louisa, and St. James’, Mt. Vernon - Alexandria.

**The mid-week Eucharist will be celebrated on Wednesday
Morning this week at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel.**

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