# Welcome to Christ Church Parish (Episcopal) December 17, 2023 10:30 a.m. The Third 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 Third Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist: Rite | December 17, 2023

The promised day of God is dawning. John is the herald of that day.

J.S. Bach Opening Voluntary Come, Redeemer of Mankind Processional Hymn 72 Hark! The Glad Sound Opening Sentences BCP Page 355 Kyrie (5-96) THE WORD OF GOD The Collect of the Day (Advent 3) BCP Page 212 First Lesson saiah 61:1-4, 8-11 BCP Page 782 Psalm 126 Second esson 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Sequence Hymn 65 Prepare the Way, OZion Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28 The Sermon The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358 The Prayers of the People nsert BCP Page 360 The Confession and Absolution Healing Service El Cant Dells Ocell - Carol of the Birds George Emlen BCP Page 360 The Peace Offertory Anthem (soloist Merri Hanson) A Voice Proclaims John Bell THE HOLY COMMUNION Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us Officiant from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory. Amen. BCP Page 372 The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer D BCP Page 373 Sanctus (**S-130**) BCP Page 364 The Lord's Prayer 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 5-164)

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 Humbly | Adore Thee Robert Lau
Post Communion Hymn (see insert) Come Now, OPrince of Peace
The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP Page 365
The Blessing
Recessional Hymn 539 OZion, Haste
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 Tidings John E. Wigal

# The Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.* 

The First Lesson Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

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

Psalm 126 In convertendo

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \* then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*

"The Lord has done great things for them."

- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \* and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, 0 Lord, \*

like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears \*

will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### The Epistle

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

# 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, Zubin, 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 & Mary Breeden.

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Mary Lynn Landgraf, and Joe Jones; and with those celebrating anniversaries: Ray & Martha Stokes.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of: St. Asaph's – Bowling Green, and St. John's – West Point.

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

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#### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

#### Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon
Lector / Acolyte / Euch. Min. Jeff Shaw
Ushers John Quilter, Scott Holt, and Bill Budd

#### Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon / Sermon The Rev. Peg Moncure, Deacon
Organist Libby Boyer
Prayers / Euch. Min. Grace Parker
Crucifer / Acolyte Jack Hellems
Lector Grace Parker

Ushers

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Pat Anderson, & Sharon Colston

Flower Guild Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, Cathy Spence Tech Team Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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