



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.

The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 11, 2026
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Please silence your electronic devices.
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* George Theo Miles

Processional Hymn *"When Christ's appearing was made known"* Hymn 132

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (42:1-9)

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the /LORD, you /gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD /glory and /strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory /due his /Name; *
 worship the LORD in the /beauty of holi/ness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of /glory /thunders; *
 the LORD is u/pon the mighty /waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a /powerful /voice; *
 the voice of the LORD /is a voice of /splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the/ cedar /trees; *
 the LORD breaks the /cedars of Leba/non;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip /like a /calf, *
 and Mount Hermon/ like a young wild/ ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD /shakes the /wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the /wilderness of /Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the /oak trees/ writhe *
 and /strips the forests /bare.
- 9 And in the temple/ of the /LORD *
 all /are crying, "Glo/ry!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a/bove the /flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as/ King for ever/more.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength/ to his /people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the /blessing of /peace.



Reader A reading from the Book of Acts (10:34-43)

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn *"Christ, when for us you were baptized"* Hymn 121

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (3:13-17)
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon *"Do you come to me?"* The Rev. John Adams
Ideas to ponder:

- Have you ever dealt with feelings of professional inadequacy?
- How might you pray, minister, and speak the truth even when you feel inadequate?

The Nicene Creed *standing*

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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 the 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.
With the Father and the Son he is

worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

Standing or kneeling

BCP 387

Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for Donald, our President, and all who govern and hold authority in
the nations of the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Reader We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially *Sue, Julia,
Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay J., David,
Eliza, Margaret, Ashley F., Mattie, Audrey Grace, Nataleigh, and Sierra.*

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their
hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

Confession of Sin

Kneeling or standing

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Peace *Standing*

The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may sit for announcements. During the announcements, the Celebrant will invite those who are celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week (or whose recent birthday or anniversary has not yet been prayed for in church) to come forward so we may pray for them.

The Doxology: *“Hymn 380 v. 3”* Old 100th

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A *Standing* BCP 361

Celebrant BCP 361-362

It is right... proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People Hymnal S 125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>Kneeling or standing</i>	<i>BCP 362-363</i>

Holy and gracious Father: ... do this in remembrance of me. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Kneeling or standing

BCP 363

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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.

Breaking of Bread

Fraction Anthem

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Celebrant 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 Christians are invited to receive at the altar rail, kneeling or standing. Gluten-free wafers are available by request. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward and place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. After receiving the bread, you may choose to consume the bread and take a sip of wine from the chalice or hold onto the bread and intinct (dip) it into the wine, in which case please hold the wafer in front of you so the chalice will know to bring you the intinction cup. You may also decline to receive the wine (as the bread in itself is full communion), in which case if you remain at the altar rail please place your arms across your chest to signal the chalice. Those who cannot or prefer not to come forward may inform an usher, and the Celebrant will come to you.

Communion Chant

For ye are one in Christ Jesus

Galatians 3, Psalm 29

Communion Music

"The sinless one to Jordan came"

Hymn 120

Once all have received, the celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

Kneeling or standing

BCP 366

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The celebrant blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hymn 616

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Voluntary

The Star Proclaims the King is Here

Johann Pachelbel

*The beauty of the Altar Flowers are
Given to the Glory of God and in honor of
Anne Parker and Beverley Lester Coleman
from James D. Coleman, Jr.*

2025 Pledges

If you're making a 2025 pledge payment, please specify "2025 pledge" in the memo line on your check. All checks not marked will be deposited to 2026 pledge payments.

2026 Pledges

To this point, we have received 49 pledges totaling \$215,550 for 2026, compared to 54 totaling \$234,410 for 2025. Thank you! If you have not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church this year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex or from the office.

Monday Bible Study

Our Monday evening study meets in the Parish House from 7:00 to 8:00. On **January 12**, we will continue the Song of Songs, a collection of Hebrew love poetry, beginning with chapter 2. All are welcome and encouraged to join at any time; no reading ahead of time is necessary.

Women's Group Meeting

It's almost 2026, and it's time to get our Women's Group back together. Please join me on **Tuesday, January 13, at 5:30 in the Parish House**. We'll share snacks and conversation, but we'll also plan an event for February. The church will host a Trivia Night on Shrove Tuesday (February 17), and our group will be coordinating the event.

Items for the Grace Network will be accepted at the meeting. Our items this month are **January - March: Assorted canned greens (turnip, collard, etc.).** For January: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and other hygiene items.

Please sign up on our website under volunteers if you're able to attend on the 13th. Happy New Year! Natalie

Public Theology

On **January 14**, Public Theology will be a potluck at the Weedlings' house (1508 Kenmar Drive; we are asked to drive down to the back and come in through the fenced area) from 6:00 to 8:00 pm; **please bring a dish to share**. For our program, Ryan will share slides from and talk about the recent pilgrimage to England.

Boys Home Visit - January 18

At the 10:30 service on **January 18**, we will be joined by a few staff and students from Boys Home of Virginia, the residential school in Covington that was started by an Episcopal priest and remains strongly supported by the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia generally and Christ Church specifically, through our Mission Committee. Following the service, they will offer a brief forum, discussing Boys Home and answering our questions.

Altar Guild Available Date

We have the following open date for altar flowers if anyone would like to do a memorial in loving memory of... or in thanksgiving for... someone. It is available on a first-come, first-served basis. January 25, 2026 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Please note that funerals, weddings, and baptisms take precedence over scheduled memorials. This date is for 2026 only. The date may be different in 2027 and in the future. Please let me know if you're interested and whether you'd like to continue your dedication to 2027.

Loaves & Fishes

Ron Probst and Kelly Cain have graciously volunteered to serve as L&F leaders. Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) resumes on **January 28**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up on our website under volunteers or contact the Church office.**

Mark Your Calendars

On February 17 (Shrove Tuesday), we will have Supper and Trivia Night in the Undercroft; more details as the month progresses.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March: Assorted canned greens (turnip, collard, etc.). For January: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and other hygiene items. There are many families in our community that struggle all of the seasons of the year. But, your participation in our mission to help is priceless, and we thank you so much for your dedication. Remember to pick up our assigned items when you visit the grocery store.

As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. **You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.**

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Celebrant: The Rev. John Adams

Reader: Pete Scouras

Chalicer: Hank Long, Dawn Stone

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Gus Barber

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Linda O'Dell, Kelly Cain

Altar Guild: Team #5 - Lloyd Barber, Debbie Lewis, Jill Dickens,
Amy Joyce, Pat Russell, Vicki Crosby

Nursery Attendant: Caroline Davis

2026 Christ Church Vestry

Year 3: Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

Year 2: Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges; Secretary, Steve Keyser

Year 1: Kelly Cain, Jay Dickens, Linda O'Dell, Ron Probst