

Advent

Sunday, November 28 marks the beginning of Advent, the season when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus into the world. We invite you to reflect on how you will worship and pray, serve, celebrate, and shop with intention, and we hope this guide will help you find meaningful ways to give and receive hope and joy during this holy season.

Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/advent for more details.

Worship Every Sunday

- 8:45 am Holy Eucharist in the Church* (Livestreamed**)
- 8:45 am Contemporary Eucharist in All Saints' Hall*
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist in the Church*
- 11:15 am Discovery Eucharist in All Saints' Hall*
- 5 pm Holy Eucharist in the Church

Physically Distant Worship Space in Chapel
Every Sunday, 8:45 am and 11:15 am

Individuals and family pods who prefer to remain physically distant during worship may participate via closed-circuit broadcast in the Chapel. Communion will be available. Upon arrival, please tell an usher that you would like to be seated in the Chapel.

* Nursery care is available by registration only at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/nursery.

**View live broadcasts on the Christ Church app, Facebook, or at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/live.

In keeping with our guiding principles of safety, hospitality, and respect, we will continue to require masks at all gatherings at Christ Church throughout this season.



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GoodNews Shop December Hours

Monday - Friday
9 am - 4 pm

Saturdays, December 11 & 18
10 am - 2 pm

Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm

GOODNEWS SHOP

Open House

Thursday, December 9
9 am - 7:30 pm

Come by the GoodNews Shop before or during the Living Advent Wreath (details inside) for some help with your holiday shopping.

GOODNEWS SHOP

Yuletide Magic

Saturday, December 4
9:30 am - 1:30 pm in the
GoodNews Shop, Cafe,
and Mezzanine

Join us for a special shopping event at the GoodNews Shop. In addition to our festive holiday gifts, guest vendors will be on hand selling food, artwork, accessories, and more. Your purchases will help fund programs that support women and children in our community and globally.

*O little town
of Bethlehem,
how still we see
thee lie.*

*Above thy deep
and dreamless
sleep the silent
stars go by;*

*Yet in thy dark
streets shineth
the everlasting
Light.*

*The hopes and fears
of all the years are
met in thee tonight.*



Christ Church
Charlotte

Advent & Christmas

2021 SCHEDULE



Room in the Inn

Sundays, December – March and Christmas Eve

Christ Church provides emergency winter shelter for 12 homeless neighbors (men, women, children, and/or families). Parishioners host our neighbors by assisting with bed set-up; picking up neighbors; providing dinner for neighbors; serving as overnight hosts; and making sack lunches. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, especially for those with young children. To learn more, visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/riti.

Christmas Memorials Deadline

Monday, December 6 at 4:30 pm

Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with fragrant wreaths and bright poinsettias in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives, who are listed in the Christmas worship bulletins. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials to make your gift (\$40 per memorial suggested) online, or to download and print a form to return with your payment by Monday, December 6.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT November 28

Advent Festival (All Ages)

10 am in All Saints' Hall and Blue Room

Create an Advent wreath for your home, and make ornaments to adorn your Jesse tree or Christmas tree. (Sunday School will not meet.)

Advent Lessons and Carols for Families

11:15 am in All Saints' Hall

In this special worship service, we will share three scripture lessons that tell the promise of the Messiah and relate to the crafts made during the Advent Festival. After each reading, we will sing a carol to further enrich the story.

A Procession of Lessons and Carols

5 pm in the Church

The Christ Church Choir will present this beautiful worship experience filled with choral music, hymns, and scripture readings. Following the service, all are invited to enjoy mulled cider and holiday cookies in the Church Circle.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 5

Annual Meeting

10 am in All Saints' Hall

At this important event, we elect new leadership and learn more about Church matters. All adults and confirmed youth are encouraged to participate.

Sunday School for Children and Youth

10 am in Usual Locations

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 12

Hush in the Rush (All Ages)

10 am in All Saints' Hall and Other Rooms

Slow down this Advent season with opportunities for contemplative practice, listening to stories about the coming of Jesus, and fellowship with one another. (Sunday School will not meet.)

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 19

Christmas Pageant

11:15 am in All Saints' Hall

This not-to-be-missed annual tradition returns in person to the Discovery worship service, with third graders as cast (registration required), and the St. Nicolas Choir and Music Club singing. Younger children are invited to dress as shepherds and angels, and will sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" during the grand finale. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant for more information. (Sunday School will not meet.)



ECW Living Advent Wreath

Thursday, December 9

4:30 - 7:30 pm in All Saints' Hall

At this special event for women, we will progress through stations representing the Advent candles, enjoy fellowship, and hear messages from our female clergy and staff, followed by hot cocoa and treats served outside.

Women will register in groups of 8 to allow for social distancing. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays to register.

Youth Pilgrimage Autobell Fundraiser

Sundays, December 5 and 19

8:15 am – 12:30 pm on the Rotunda Porch

Support our 10th and 11th graders by purchasing Autobell gift cards (wonderful stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts!) to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Juneau, Alaska in June.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

3 pm Holy Eucharist in the Church* (Livestreamed**)

3 pm Holy Eucharist for Families and Young Children in All Saints' Hall*

5 pm Holy Eucharist in the Church*

5 pm Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Band in All Saints' Hall* (Livestreamed**)

8 pm Holy Eucharist in the Church (Festive prelude begins at 7:30 pm)

10:30 pm Choral Eucharist in the Church (Livestreamed**) Festive prelude begins at 10 pm

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

Festive Eucharist in the Church

11 am

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 26

Christmas Lessons and Carols in the Church

8:45 am (Livestreamed**), 11:15 am, and 5 pm (No services in All Saints' Hall)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace.

- LUKE 2:14

