



ANTIPHONS

A SERVICE OF
ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

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Christ Church Charlotte



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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to worship in your Spiritual Home.
Special greetings to our visitors! We invite you to chat with one of our clergy, check in with a greeter, or email visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org so we can connect with you.

Keeping our community healthy: No in-person gathering is free from risk of exposure to COVID-19. Observing these simple mask protocols during worship will help us safeguard the health of our community. At this time, all participants over the age of two are required to wear a mask except when consuming the communion bread.

Masks for children and adults are available at the welcome table.

Our guiding principles of safety, hospitality, and respect, supported by the guidance of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina and the CDC, will continue to inform our practices as we embrace new, sacred rhythms of being together.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal in your pew rack. Text in **bold italics** is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in *regular italics* provides directions or details.

This service is centered on the ancient "O" antiphons, a series of seven short supplications that are believed to have originated in the fifth century. Traditionally, one of the antiphons is said at Vespers each evening between December 17 and Christmas Eve. Veni Emmanuel, O come, O come Emmanuel, uses all seven. There is an acrostic embedded in the traditional order of the antiphons when read in reverse: ERO CRAS. In Latin, that translates to "I shall be present tomorrow."

Prelude Toccata Seconda

Girolamo Frescobaldi

Matin Responory

Giovanni da Palestrina, ed. Stephen Cleobury

I look from afar: And lo! I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another, Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Hymn: Come, thou, redeemer of the earth (Sung by all, please stand.)

Puer nobis



- SOLO** 1. Come, Thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and ma - ni - fest_ thy vir - gin birth:
CHOIR 2. Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the Spi - rit, thou art still
ALL 3. The vir - gin womb that bur - den gained with vir - gin hon - or all sus - tained
4. From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the Fa - ther back he speeds;
5. O e - qual to thy Fa - ther, thou! Gird on thy flesh - ly man - tle now:
6. Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, and dark - ness breathe a new - er light,
7. All laud e - ter - nal Son, to thee whose ad - vent sets_ thy peo - ple free;



1. let ev - ery age a - dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
2. the Word of God, in flesh ar - rayed, the Sav - ior, now to man dis - played.
3. the ban - ners there of vir - tue glow; God in his tem - ple dwells be - low.
4. His course he runs to death and hell, re - turns on God's high throne to dwell.
5. The weak - ness of our mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - or - ate.
6. Where end - less faith shall shine ser - ene, and twi - light nev - er in - ter - vene.
7. whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for e - ver - more.

A Bidding Prayer (*Remain standing. Said by Celebrant.*)

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (*Said in unison.*)

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.

Please sit during each of the lessons and stand for the congregational hymns as indicated. The customary response after each lesson is omitted.

The First Lesson **O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: Come, and teach us the way of prudence.**

Ecclesiasticus 24:1-8

Nancy Dooley, reader

Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth, and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory: "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist. I dwelt in the highest heavens, and my throne was in a pillar of cloud. Alone I compassed the vault of heaven and traversed the depths of the abyss. Over waves of the sea, over all the earth, and over every people and nation I have held sway. Among all these I sought a resting place; in whose territory should I abide? "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command, and my Creator chose the place for my tent. He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob, and in Israel receive your inheritance.'

Carol: Seek Him That Maketh The Seven Stars

Jonathan Dove

*Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion
And turneth the shadow of death into the morning
Alleluia, yea, the darkness shineth as the day
The night is light about me. Amen.*


Collect: O WISDOM, your words spoken in the beginning of creation generated a world of beauty and goodness: Come and instruct us in the way of prudence, that we may care for your world with justice and compassion; through the one whom we know as the Wisdom of the Ages, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson **O ADONAI, Ruler of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us, with outstretched arm.**

Isaiah 43:1-7

John Crehore, reader

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



1. O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4. Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5. O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let



1. with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2. qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3. fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4. war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5. there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

Collect: O ADONAI, ruler of the house of Israel, you rescued remnants of your people from slavery and exile: Come and with great might deliver us from all that binds us to sin and alienates us from you, through the one whom we know as Mighty Savior of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Third Lesson O ROOT OF JESSE, which stands for an ensign of the people; before whom the kings keep silence, and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: Come and save us, and do not delay.

Isaiah 11:1-6

William Luther, reader

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

Carol: O Frondens Virga

Hildegard Von Bingen

O frondens virga O blooming branch,
in tua nobilitate stans you stand upright in your nobility,
sicut aurora procedit: as breaks the dawn on high:
nunc gaude et letare Rejoice now and be glad,
et nos debiles dignare and deign to free us, frail and weakened,
a mala consuetudine liberare from the wicked habits of our age;
atque manum tuam porrige stretch forth your hand
ad erigendum nos. to lift us up aright.

Collect: O ROOT OF JESSE, you reach deep into our hearts, drawing forth our longing for justice: Come and plant within us a passion for your Kingdom; through the One whom we know as the Root of all righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fourth Lesson O KEY OF DAVID, and Scepter of the House of Israel; who opens and no one shuts; who shuts and no one opens: Come and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 22:20-24

Leigh Poe, reader

On that day I will call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah, and will clothe him with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to his hand, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and no one shall shut; he shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his ancestral house. And they will hang on him the whole weight of his ancestral house, the offspring and issue, every small vessel, from the cups to all the flagons.



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior pro - mised long;
2. He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond - age held;
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure;
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim;



1. let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
2. the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
3. and with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
4. and heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Collect: O KEY OF DAVID, you open and no one closes; you close and no one opens: Come and liberate us from captivity to our past, that we may face your future's promise with boldness and purpose; through the One whom we know as the Son of David, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fifth Lesson O RISING DAWN, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of justice:
come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Isaiah 41:25-27, 42:1, 5-7

Mark Landers, reader

I stirred up one from the north, and he has come, from the rising of the sun he was summoned by name, He shall trample on rulers as on mortar, as the potter treads clay. Who declared it from the beginning, so that we might know, and beforehand, so that we might say, "He is right"? There was no one who declared it, none who proclaimed, none who heard your words. I first have declared it to Zion, and I give to Jerusalem a herald of good tidings.

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. 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.

Carol: Keep your lamps trimmed and burning

Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary.
Children don't get weary.
Children don't get weary
'til your work is done. *Refrain*

Christian journey soon be over.
Christian journey soon be over.
Christian journey soon be over,
The time is drawing nigh. *Refrain*

Collect: O RISING DAWN, you chase away the shadows of the night: Come and enlighten our darkness with visions of reconciliation, that we who are alienated one from another may seek fullness of life together; through the One whom we know as the Light of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sixth Lesson O KING OF THE NATIONS, and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one:
Come and deliver us, whom you have formed out of the dust of the earth.

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also; I the Lord have created it. Woe to you who strive with your Maker, earthen vessels with the potter! Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, "What are you making"? or "Your work has no handles"? Woe to anyone who says to a father, "What are you begetting?" or to a woman, "With what are you in labor?" Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker: Will you question me about my children, or command me concerning the work of my hands? I made the earth, and created humankind upon it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host. I have aroused Cyrus[d] in righteousness, and I will make all his paths straight; he shall build my city and set my exiles free, not for price or reward, says the Lord of hosts.

Hymn 74: Blest be the King whose coming (Sung by all, please stand.)

Valet will ich dir geben



1. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
2. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
3. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!
4. Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of God!



1. For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him barred!
2. By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly heard;
3. He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of God.
4. He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they need.



1. Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in power and pomp, comes he;
2. pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who have not learned to heed
3. All power is his, and glo - ry! All things are in his hand,
4. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And light his yoke shall be,



1. but clad as are the poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
2. the Christ who is the Pro - mise, who has a - tone - ment made.
3. all a - ges and all peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
4. for he would have us bear _____ it so he can make us free!

Collect: O KING OF THE NATIONS, you defend the cause of the poor and raise up the oppressed of the earth: Come and build us into a world community where all are valued and the vulnerable protected; through the one whom we know as the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Seventh Lesson O EMMANUEL, God with us, our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals! Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet habitation, an immovable tent, whose stakes will never be pulled up, and none of whose ropes will be broken. But there the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor stately ship can pass. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our ruler, the Lord is our king; he will save us. Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Sing to the Lord a new song.
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum, Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo. and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

Collect: O EMMANUEL, God with us, you dwell beyond our farthest reach, yet are nearer to us than we are to ourselves: Come among us in these days of Advent expectation, that we may give birth to what is true, just, beautiful and good; for you are the One whom we know as Lord, and with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, you abide with us, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson The Birth of Jesus Foretold

Luke 1:26-38

The Reverend Joan Kilian, reader

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The Greeting

The Reverend Joan Kilian

Offertory Anthem: E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

The Collect and Blessing *(said by Celebrant)*

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Advent Blessing *(said by Celebrant)*

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Vesper Responsory

Palestrina, adapted Philip Ledger

*Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed:
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.
Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.*

Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel (*Sung by all, please stand.*)

Veni Emmanuel, arr. Graham Ross



- CHOIR 1. O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 ALL 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly;
 3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
 4. O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heaven - ly home;
 6. O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, and cheer us by thy draw - ing nigh;
 7. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all _____ man - kind;



1. that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear.
 2. to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
 3. in an - cient times didst give _____ the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty _____ and awe.
 4. that trust thy might - y power _____ to save, and give them vic - tory o'er _____ the grave.
 5. make safe the way that leads _____ on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6. dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of night, and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.
 7. bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King _____ of Peace.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Em - ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Postlude: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Andrew Carter

The altar flowers are given by the Anderson family to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Jane Coulter and her family.

The Advent wreath is given with thanks to God and in loving memory of Mary Kee Hood White, Frank Lee Hood III, David R. White, Margaret Hood Schuth, James Noel Schuth, Shirley Moser Marshall, John Edward Marshall, James Paxton Marshall, Hazel Procter Schuth and Samuel Dunton Tankard III

from Jim, Kee, and Frank Marshall and Sam Schuth.



Celebrating Advent

Today is the first Sunday in 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, celebrate and shop with intention during this holy season. Watch your mailbox for a special Advent brochure, and go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/advent for more details.

Advent Festival - Today at 10 am, all ages are invited to create an Advent wreath for your home, and make ornaments to adorn your Jesse tree or Christmas tree. Be in community with us as we begin the season of Advent together! (Sunday School classes will not meet.)

Advent Lessons and Carols for Families - Today at 11:15 am in All Saints' Hall, we will offer a special worship experience for families, with three scripture lessons that tell the promise of the Messiah and relate to the crafts made during the Advent Festival, followed by carols to further enrich the story.

Advent Lessons and Carols - Tonight at 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.

Yuletide Magic at GoodNews - On Saturday, December 4, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm, join us for a special shopping event at the GoodNews Shop. Along with our festive holiday gifts, guest vendors will be selling food, artwork, accessories, and more. Your purchases will help fund programs that support women and children in our community and globally.

Christmas Memorials - Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with wreaths and poinsettias in memory or honor of special people in our lives, who are listed in the Christmas worship bulletins. Order forms (\$40 per memorial suggested) are available in the Rotunda, or order online at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/memorials by Monday, December 6.

Youth Pilgrimage Autobell Fundraiser - You can 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. On Sundays, December 5 and 19, they will be on the Rotunda porch from 8:15 am - 12:30 pm.

The Living Advent Wreath - Join us Thursday, December 9, 4:30 - 7:30 pm, in All Saints' Hall for this special event for women, where 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 individually or in groups (up to 8) that allow for social distancing. Visit www.christchurchcharlotte.org/ecw-holidays to register.

Hush in the Rush (All Ages) - Take some time to slow down this Advent season. On Sunday, December 12 at 10 am, we will offer opportunities for contemplative practice, listening to stories about the coming of Jesus, and fellowship with one another. (Sunday School will not meet.)

Christmas Pageant - This year, we plan to return to an in-person pageant for all to enjoy. This will include our third graders as cast (registration required), and the St. Nicolas choir and Music Club singing. Younger children are encouraged to dress as shepherds or angels and enjoy the pageant from their seats with their parents. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/pageant for more information, and plan to join us on Sunday, December 19 at 11:15 am in All Saints' Hall. (Sunday School will not meet.)

LOVE GOD

Love Your Neighbor: Please Wear a Mask - In compliance with Mecklenburg County directives and guidelines from the NC Diocese, masks are required for everyone while inside our buildings. Your mask should cover your nose and mouth. We appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to safeguard the health of everyone in our community until Covid rates have significantly declined.



Contact Tracing Required - We are so grateful to be in person for worship, Sunday School, and weekday classes and events. To convene safely, the Diocese currently requires that we gather contact information for participants at all functions. For convenience, there are lots of sign-in stations around campus, and a QR code (at left) to sign in online. When you arrive for any function, please sign in (members, name only; visitors, contact number or email). Thank you for your help in keeping our parish safe.

Nursery Care Available by Registration - Care for children ages six weeks to four years is now available during our morning worship services and Sunday School/Faith Forum. See details and register (required each week) at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/nursery. Contact Stephanie Brimigion at brimigions@christchurchcharlotte.org with any questions.

Adult Confirmation and Inquirers Class will be offered January 30 - April 3 (ten Sundays) at 10 am for any adult who wishes to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or who simply wants to explore what we believe. The class covers the basics: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sacraments, Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, history of the Christian Church, and being an Episcopalian; and addresses the way the Episcopal Church lives out our Christian faith through worship, Bible study, and service to others. Taught by Christ Church clergy, everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. Register now at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/confirmation.

Discovery Service Ushers and Altar Guild - We REALLY need volunteers to help usher and set the altar for our 11:15 am Discovery Service. Parents and children can serve together in this capacity. It is an easy way for you to help us continue to offer this wonderful worship service each Sunday. Please contact Sarah Ford at fords@christchurchcharlotte.org or see her immediately following the Discovery Service to let her know how you can help.

CARE FOR EACH OTHER

Annual Meeting - On Sunday, December 5 at 10 am in All Saints' Hall, we will elect new leadership and learn more about Church matters. All adults and confirmed youth are encouraged to participate. (Sunday School for children and youth will be offered in their usual locations.)

Men's Big Breakfast - On the first Wednesday of each month at 7 am, all men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and an inspiring speaker in the Blue Room. Come as you are. Donations for breakfast accepted at the door. On December 1, Dr. Al Dasher will be our speaker. RSVP by November 28 at www.christchurchcharlotte.org/men.

Newcomer Dinners - On Wednesday, December 1, 5:30 - 7 pm, all newcomers are invited for dinner and a chance to meet other newcomers and some of our staff. Even if you have been at Christ Church a while, please come if you would like to learn more and meet others. Childcare is available upon request. To RSVP or ask questions, contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6974.

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK) is hosting in-person tours after school hours. Go to www.christchurchcharlotte.org/cck to sign up. Registration for the 2022 - 23 school year will be open January 5 - 28 at 12 noon. Registration materials will be available on the website in mid-December. Contact Mary Caroline Lee with questions at leemc@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-333-5818.

Holiday Gifts and Decor - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at GoodNews! Come by and see our wonderful selection of gifts and decorations to celebrate the holiday season. We also have fall decor that will complement your Thanksgiving table. The store is open Monday - Friday, 9 am - 1 pm, and Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Goodnews will be closed today in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Sunday Youth Gatherings - 6th - 12th grade students gather on Sundays for Donuts and Devotions at 10 am and Sunday Night Live from 6 - 7:30 pm in the Youth Room. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org or Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

High School Life Group - Students in grades 9 - 12 are invited to Life Group on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the home of Alice deVries. Contact Alice with questions at devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Middle School EYC - Middle school youth (grades 6 - 8) are invited for dinner with EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Youth Room. Contact Maggie Baker at bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org or Betsy Parkhurst at parkhurstb@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

Free Book! The Awakened Brain - Lisa Miller, Ph.D was our Faith Forum guest on November 11. Her latest book, *The Awakened Brain: The New Science of Spirituality and Our Quest for an Inspired Life*, weaves her own deeply personal journey of awakening with her groundbreaking research, revealing that humans are universally equipped with a capacity for spirituality, and that our brains become more resilient and robust as a result of it. Please pick up your complimentary copy of the book in the Rotunda.

Newsletter Schedule - You may have noticed that you are receiving *The Disciple* less often lately, and when you do, it looks different! It is now a beautiful, seasonal magazine filled with stories about the life of our parish, with a few calendar highlights. This change is partly due to lengthy mailing and production times, which make it hard to deliver timely information via "snail mail." We will continue to mail post cards, brochures, etc. as needed to keep you informed about upcoming special events and programs, and we encourage you to look for the latest news and information here, Friday emails, the Christ Church app, and on our website.

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SERVE THE WORLD

Room in the Inn - Sundays in December through March, Christ Church (along with over 100 other churches and organizations) 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; making, serving, and sharing dinner with 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 Worship


Christmas Eve, 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
 10:30 pm Choral Eucharist in the Church (livestreamed)

**Nursery Care will be offered during the 3 pm and 5 pm services. Registration is REQUIRED and will open Sunday, December 19 at 1 pm. Registration will remain open until capacity is reached. All children age two and older must wear a mask while in our care.*

Christmas Day, December 25
 11:00 AM Festive Eucharist in the Church

Sunday, December 26
 8:45 AM, 11:15 AM, and 5:00 PM Christmas Lessons and Carols in the Church (No services in All Saints' Hall)

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Your generosity makes possible the remarkable ministries which take place every day inside our buildings, through our growing online community, and out in the world. Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministries of Christ Church.

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