



CHRIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

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December 24 - 31, 2023

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## Christmas at Christ Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE

10 am: Advent 4 Eucharist Rite I  
3 pm: Children's Service & Pageant  
7 pm: Eucharist Rite II  
10:30 pm: Choral Prelude  
11 pm: Eucharist Rite II

MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY

10 am: Eucharist Rite II  
SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 31  
10 am: Christmas  
Lessons & Carols

*The Offices of Christ Church will be closed  
December 25, December 26, and January 1.*

### From the Church Office...

- Next week the church's office hours will be 9 am - 3 pm, Monday - Thursday and 9 am - 12 noon on Friday. *Please note that the office is closed December 25, December 26 and January 1.*
- During this week most classes and gatherings, including Tuesday morning Eucharist, are canceled.
- The deadline to submit cash or check payments to the Financial Office is **12 pm, December 28** in order for it to count toward 2023.
- Online payments must be set up with start and/or end dates of **December 27** on your account. These can take several days to transmit, so confirm that your payment date shows no later than **December 29** in order for it to count toward 2023.
- The Revs. Paul Canady and Suzanne Hood will be out of the office from December 26 - January 3.

### Organ "Sneak Peek"

In anticipation of our organ's arrival in early 2024, we are previewing some photos of the building progress. Look for more pictures and explanations in the January issue of *The Crown*.



# In peace we pray to you, Lord God

## For parishioners who have requested prayers:

Mike Pridgen, Mary Hasell, Betty Jane Bonapartian, Champ Mitchell, Janet Anderson, Bob Kohn, Susan Rivenbark, Warren Meadows, Hal Cameron, Joe Mansfield, Barbara Odderstol\*, Jim Keeter, M. Carolyn Lawson, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Gill, Kathy Blanchard, Pat McCotter, Ralph Cowan, David Watrous, Vicky Allen, Lindy Emory, DJ Bessack, Carol Kross, Carol Athing, Rena Knott, CB Evans, Mike McCulley, Willis Stevens, Betsy Primavera, Mollie Bales, Robert Lane, Sheridan Holstein, Judy MacDougall, Vickie Evans, Joan Kunkle, Margaret Scott\*, Jim Banks, Jim Gruenebaum, Ann, Kaye Frampton Brown, Myra Lewis, Sandy Valentine, Eugene Simon, Frank Rice, Bruce Baker, Geoff Wood, Maggie Bagg, Charlie Henke, Patty Willis, Peter Mnatzakanian, Darrin Embrey, Tony Embrey, Caroline Schnoebelen, Ken McCotter, Richard Marsh, and John Sessums.

**For our friends and families:** Liesel, Niels, Trinity, Mary, Ann, George, Anne, Bruce, Nancy, Lynda, Mike, Connor, Stephen, Inez, Ed, Karen, Bob, Cortney, Craig, Larry, Eleanor, Julie, Denni, Santa, Teresa, Monika, Margie, Laurissa, Paul, Stephanie, Pam, Ellen, Kate, Corey, Stephanie, Bambi, Justin, Judy, Nancy, Paula, Kelly Ann, Lois, Laurissa, Martha, Melissa, Melissa, Anna, Dave, Elle, Halle, Mariya, Laura, Mary Ann, Billy, Bob, Ted, Rosemary, Bill, Naomi, Carol, Joseph, Jimmy, Grant, Eunice, William, Marie, Melanie, Sylvia, Aline, Rose, Rosemarie, Shelly, Susie, Larry, Anne Marie, Ginny, Lisa, Louise, Selma, Jackie, Kathi, Julia, Ardean, John, Peggy, Patty, Margaret, Jackson, Julie, Butch, Jim, Joan, Wes, Gerry, Mandy, Jim, Larry, Hamp, Belinda, Brittany, Laura, Norman, Claudia, Cathy, Don, Al, Sue, Kristy, and Yordan.

**For our deployed military:** Lt. Christopher Miller

**For refugee families and those seeking asylum.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Chaplains of the Armed Forces

*\*These parishioners live out of the area but have requested to remain on the Christ Church prayer list.*

*If you would like to add or remove someone from the list, contact [Betsy Downard](#).*



## REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Sunday, December 24

*Christmas Eve*

10 am: Eucharist Rite I (Nave / [Online](#))

3 pm: Christmas Pageant and Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))

7 pm: Christmas Eve Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

10:30 pm: Choral Prelude (Nave / [Online](#))

11 pm: Christmas Eve Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))

### Monday, December 25

*Christmas Day - Church Offices Closed*

10 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

### Tuesday, December 26

*Church Offices Closed*

*No 8:30 am Eucharist*

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)

6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

### Wednesday, December 27

*Online payments must be submitted by December 27 and marked to be paid by December 29 to count toward 2023.*

### Thursday, December 28

*In-person and mailed payments must be received by 12 noon to count toward 2023.*

### Sunday, December 31

10 am: Christmas Lessons and Carols (Nave / [Online](#))

## Woman's Book Study

On the second Tuesday in January, the Women's Book Study will begin reading *Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved* by Kate Bowler. Copies of the book are available for purchase at the reception desk (\$15.00).

Bowler is an Associate Professor of American Religious History at Duke Divinity School. This memoir details the emotional, spiritual, and physical journeys she took after being diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer at age 35. Kate was stripped of certainty only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never had been before.

Join us on Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00 am in the 2nd Floor Living Room, as we explore uncertainty in our own lives and the gifts God has for us in the midst of it. Women of all ages are invited to attend. We open our time together with prayer, followed by reading the book aloud, and discussing. No preparation is necessary. You can join the group at any time.

## Where Can You Plug In?

- **Worship:** Volunteer to serve in our upcoming services. December services can be found [here](#). January services can be found [here](#).
- **Volunteer Receptionists:** If you can help us answer the phones, welcome visitors, and complete odd jobs here and there, we'd love to have you! Click [here](#) for December dates. Reserve your January shifts [here](#).
- **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed:** To volunteer to host a December coffee hour, click [here](#). Dates for 2024 can be found [here](#). Hosting instructions are included on the Sign-Up Genius page

## PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: 12/20/2023

Pledge Amount Received: \$822,358

Number of Pledges Received: 199