



CHRIST CHURCH
AN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA
FOUNDED 1715, NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

Our Vision: To be a church that loves the way God Loves

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 11, 2024 — 11:00 am

*Book of Common (BCP) and Hymnal pages are listed on the right. BCP: Book of Common Prayer (black),
S or H: Hymnal 1982 (blue), WLP: Wonder, Love, and Praise (green), L: Lift Every Voice (red)*

The 11 a.m. service is livestreamed on our YouTube channel:

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Prelude Impromptu in E flat, D 899 Franz Schubert

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn Alleluia! sing to Jesus! H 460

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP 355

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6 *Chanted by the choir.*

Deus deorum

BCP 645

Musical setting by Jonathan Battishill

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O Light of Light, Love given birth

H 134

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Mark 9:2-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children’s Homily

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

The Sermon

The Rev. Suzanne Hood

The Celebrant says The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents I present Michael Christopher Zajac and Asher Grey Noonan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents **I will, with God's help.**

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The congregation stands. After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant says

Let us join with these ones who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontious Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for Candidate

BCP 305

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for Michael and Asher, who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver Michael and Asher, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill Michael and Asher with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep Michael and Asher in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach Michael and Asher to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send Michael and Asher into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring Michael and Asher to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Michael and Asher, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying
Michael and Asher, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

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Music at the Offertory

Morning Star
Parish Choir

Arvo Pärt

Receiving Communion and One-On-One Prayer

Christ welcomes all to communion. Those Baptized in any Christian tradition are encouraged to receive communion. • Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. • If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. Use the small individual cups at the lower station if you wish to dip your wafer. • Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available at the lower station. • Respond to communion by saying "Amen." • If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. • Baptism is offered several times yearly; speak to a priest to learn more. • If you wish to pray one-on-one with a Prayer Minister, go to the Chapel after receiving communion or a blessing. • Prayer ministers hold all requests in absolute confidence.

Hymn at the Presentation

H 135 v. 1

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE
HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

S 129

The Celebrant continues

Fraction Anthem

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation to Communion

We welcome to communion all who have been baptized in any Christian tradition. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available at the lower communion station.

Communion Hymns

When morning gilds the skies

H 427

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Standing*

Celebrant

We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

People

Take these holy gifts of our Lord's Body and Blood and go forth in the name of Christ Church. May those to whom you go experience with us the majesty and mystery of His presence through the sharing of the bread and wine.

All

We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer *Standing or kneeling**Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing *Standing*

The Lord be with you in all the places where you will go.

Go then:

Go where there is ignorance;
 Go where there is need;
 Go where there is danger;
 Go where there is pain;
 Go where there is narrowness;
 Go where there is fear;

Go in courage; go in doubt.

Go in the wisdom of knowing
 and in the wisdom of not knowing.

Go in strength,
 and in the strength of weakness.

Go in the joy which overcomes sorrow
 and in the love which casts out fear.

Go. And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 go with you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn**Ye watchers and ye holy ones****H 618****The Dismissal***Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.*People* **Thanks be to God.****Postlude****Rondo Alla Turca from Sonata K 331****W.A. Mozart***Permission to reprint, podcast, and / or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-728818. All rights reserved.***SERVING US TODAY****Video Coordinator:** Nykira Williams **Vergers:** Hal Stirling**Altar Guild:** Pat McCotter, Mary Parrish, Susanne Pendleton, Rodney Hayes, Tina Marsh, Diane Dennis**Lector:** Andrew Garlick **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Steve Skiffinton**Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister:** Howard Furnas **Eucharistic Minister:** Kahni Miller**Ushers:** Carl Huddle, Josh Taylor **Greeter:** Elizabeth Praul**Acolytes:** Helen Underhill, Thomas Tayloe, Julia Ballard, Lilly Ranieri**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Philip's, Holly Ridge, Holy Cross, Wilmington

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Willis Stevens in celebration of his birthday by his wife, Carolyn Stevens; and in loving memory of Donald B. Smith by his wife, Stephen Smith and family.

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CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

Term - 2024: Tony Embrey, Phyllis Fox (*Senior Warden*), Rebecca Buchanan Leahy, Susan Moffat-Thomas
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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
3 pm: Sacred Ground (Pelletier Room) - NOTE DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE

Tuesday, February 13

7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
5 pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Harrison Center)
6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

8 am: Ash Wednesday Eucharist (Chapel)
12 pm: Ash Wednesday Eucharist (Nave / [Online](#))
5 pm: Ash Wednesday Eucharist - Children's Liturgy (Nave)
7 pm: Ash Wednesday Eucharist (Nave)
6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

Thursday, February 15

3 pm: Christ Church Cooks (Harrison Center)
5:30 pm: Lenten Series - Wandering Heart (Library) - first meeting

Sunday, February 18

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
9:45 am: Sunday School for All Ages
11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
5 pm: Choral Evensong (Nave)