



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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 12, 2025 — 8:30 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)*

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### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE

Prelude Give me Jesus arr. Marques L. A. Garrett

Processional Hymn Songs of thankfulness and praise H 135

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

Song of Praise L 243

Glo - ry,  
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,  
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —  
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

*Unison*  
3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry  
Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry,  
Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. 4. You  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are  
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For  
you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,  
*Unison*  
7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the  
glo-ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we  
praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we  
Praise your Ho - ly name.  
A - - - men.

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

### **Collect of the Day**

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.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

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."

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

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 holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon 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 Lebanon;

**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, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### The Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn

When Christ's appearing was made known

[H 132](#)

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

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Children's Homily**

**Hannah Hutchens**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Suzanne Hood**

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**BCP 292**

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*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 Pontius 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.**

May almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Prayers of the People *Stand or kneel*

## Intercessions for Christian People

We look in faith today toward the Lord, the one on whom God's favor rests. In confidence, let us bring our petitions to the Lord's altar, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who lead the believing community throughout the world, that they might lead us on the path of faithful discipleship, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the baptized gathered in this church, that we might follow in the path of John the Baptizer and always acknowledge Jesus as Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those preparing for baptism and for their families, and for our newest members, that they might draw closer to the servant who is God's chosen, the light of the nations, and our light, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the healing of all those who are blind to God's impartial love; for reconciliation among nations, races, creeds, and all that can divide us; for the gifts of unity and peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the consolation and support of all who are imprisoned, physically, spiritually, emotionally; for all who are ill; especially for those dying of incurable diseases and those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We especially remember educators, the homebound and caregivers.

The flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving the people of Christ Church.

We remember St. Paul's, Beaufort; and LaSagrada Familia, Newton Grove; in this week's Cycle of Prayer.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your heavenly kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honor as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. \*\*

All loving and ever-faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Son. As his disciples, we have offered our prayers. Hear them and answer them in his name, Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Lord, this day and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

### Music at the Offertory

### Down to the river to pray

arr. Mark Liversidge

*Joyful Voices*

\*\* Prayer offered by the Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, the Most. Rev. Hosam Naoum.

## 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. If you wish to intinct, or dip the wafer in the wine, please hold the wafer in such a way that the Eucharistic Minister can intinct it and hand it back to you. Please do not intinct the wafer yourself.
- 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 380 v. 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE HOLY COMMUNION

### Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer B

BCP 367

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefor we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worth to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant and people*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming glory;**



*The Celebrant continues*

Ad we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting eritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

*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.

### **Communion Hymn**

**Wade in the water**

**L 143**

*We will sing this as communion is ending. Please stand as you are able while we sing.*

**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*

**BCP 366**

*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*

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**How firm a foundation**

**H 636**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Wade in the water!**

**Arr. William Farley Smith**

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## SERVING US TODAY

**Verger:** Hal Stirling

**Altar Guild:** Nell Hudson, Kim Huddle, Campbell Taylor, Patty Conard, Treva Stevens

**Lector:** Barb Rice **Lector/Eucharistic Minister:** Patricia Holmes

**Intercessor / Eucharistic Minister:** Randy Bogle **Eucharistic Minister:** Jane Broaddus

**Acolytes:** Caroline Carpenter, Allie Maret, Wynn Buhrmaster

**Greeters:** Rick and Marth Schulhaus **Ushers:** Wayne Rowe, Jude Falcao

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's Beaufort; LaSagrada Familia, Newton Grove

## CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY AND STAFF

**Rector:** The Rev. H. Paul Canady III **Associate Rector:** The Rev. Suzanne Hood

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## CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY

**Term - 2025:** Randy Bogle (*Junior Warden*), Stephanie Bratton, Holly Craighead, Kim Huddle (*Senior Warden*)

**Term - 2026:** Laura Overman, Elmer Praul, Wayne Rowe, Graham Underhill

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### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

#### **Sunday, January 12**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Living Micah 6:8 Adult Class (Library) *NOTE: First Class*
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))
- 6 pm: EYC (Youth Room) *NOTE: Returning from Christmas Break*

#### **Monday, January 13**

- 1 pm: Staff Meeting (2nd Floor Conference Room)
- 3:15 pm: Growing in Grace (GIG Room) *NOTE: Returning from Christmas Break*

#### **Tuesday, January 14**

- 7 am: Al-Anon Meeting (2nd Floor Living Room)
- 8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm: Small Wonders NA Meeting (Pelletier Room)

#### **Wednesday, January 15**

- 6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

#### **Thursday, January 16**

- 11:30 am: Senior Luncheon (Parish House)

#### **Sunday, January 19**

- 8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)
- 9:45 am: Sunday School for all ages
- 9:45 am: Coffee Hour (Parish House)
- 11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave / [Online](#))