

### A guide to receiving Communion

There are several ways to receive Communion today.

Please come down the center aisle towards the Baptismal Font.

At the lower station, we have regular bread and a silver chalice or common cup. We also have gluten-free wafers, small individual cups of wine, and grape juice at the lower station. If you wish to intinct (dip your wafer into the wine), please use a small individual cup.

At the main altar rail, we have regular bread and the common cup. If you wish to intinct, please use a small individual cup at the lower station. You may stand or kneel as is most comfortable and prayerful for you. Please fill in along the rail from right to left, and leave through the side entrance on the left side of the altar.

Receiving communion in one kind (just the bread or just the wine/grape juice) is also sufficient to receive the full benefit of the Sacrament. If you do not wish to receive the

Sacrament, you are invited to receive a blessing from the clergy. Simply cross your arms across your chest when you approach the clergy. Please be aware that, as you come down the aisle for communion, you will appear on our livestream. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

#### Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer Rite 1, Prayer 2

BCP 340

Sanctus

S 114

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 rail. Please tell the priest if you wish to have them.*

Communion Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

H 54

Sending Forth Eucharistic Visitor *Please stand.*

*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

BCP 339

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn **Hark! The glad sound! the Savior Comes**

H 72

The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary

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#### SERVING US TODAY

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**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of the Servant, Wilmington; Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell; and St. Luke's & St. Anne's, Roper

#### MISSION

The mission of Christ Episcopal Church is to welcome and inspire all people to faith, hope and spiritual growth through worship, Christian fellowship, and service to one another and to the community beyond.

#### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

##### Sunday, November 27

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Advent Wreath Making

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

12 pm: Coffee Hour

12:35 pm: Cursillo Reunion (Chapel)

##### Monday, November 28

3 pm: Growing in Grace

##### Tuesday, November 29

###### Giving Tuesday

8:30 am: Eucharist (Chapel)

10 am: Women's Book Study (Second Floor Living Room)

3 pm: Growing in Grace

5:45 pm: 8:30 Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

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

7:15 pm: Handbell Choir Rehearsal

##### Wednesday, November 30

11 am: Rector's Bible Study (Library)

3 pm: Growing in Grace

4 pm: Wednesdays at Christ Church

6:15 pm: AA Meeting (Harrison Center)

7 pm: Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

##### Thursday, December 1

10 am: Chair Yoga (Harrison Center)

3 pm: Growing in Grace

3:30 pm: Growing in Grace Chapel Time

4 pm: Worship Commission Meeting (Library)

##### Saturday, December 3

Cookie Walk Class (Harrison Center)

St. Christopher's Retreat

##### Sunday, December 4

**Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**

Cookie Walk Class (Harrison Center)

8:30 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

9:30 am: Coffee available between services

9:45 am: Sunday School

11 am: Eucharist Rite II (Nave/[online](#))

12 pm: Coffee Hour

6 pm: EYC (Youth Room)



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IN THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA

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

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022 - 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*)

Please silence your cell phones.

View the 11 am service online: [www.youtube.com/c/christchurchnewbern](http://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchnewbern)

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hearing and Responding to Holy Scripture

Voluntary

Hymn

Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun

H 11

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

BCP 323

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Blessed be the God of Israel

H 444

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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 Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the scriptures.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,

and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,

and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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

**Psalm 122** *Spoken by whole verse. Laetatus sum* **BCP 779**

1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

**2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;

**4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

**6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

**8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

### The Second Lesson

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**Sequence Hymn** **Isaiah the Prophet has Written of Old** **WLP 723**

**The Holy Gospel** *Standing* **Matthew 24:36-44**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the

night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.  
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**Children's Homily**

**The Rev. H. Paul Canady**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. H. Paul Canady**

**The Nicene Creed** *All stand*

**BCP 326**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People: Form I** *Stand or kneel*

**BCP 383**

*The Leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Joseph Schelke, Curtis Sawyer, Jean Hardy, and Linda Leavy, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

We remember those included in this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Servant, Wilmington; Christ Church & Galilee Mission, Creswell; and St. Luke's & St. Anne's, Roper.

We offer special thanksgivings for the flowers behind the altar that are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the people of Christ Church.

Lord, God, grant us we pray, a vision of your world as your love would have it: a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them; a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect; a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**BCP 331**

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with thy spirit.**

**Welcome & Offertory Sentence**

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**Offering** **Creator of the Stars of Night** **H 60**

**Hymn at the Presentation** **H 76 v. 1**

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**