

Thank You to the Worship Leaders at Our Services this Morning:

	Chalicians	Lector/Prayers	Acolyte
10:30 AM	Rives Coleman Nancy Spilman	Will Zimmer	Anne Parker Coleman C1 Alaina Scouras C2
		Torchbearers	Jacklyn Bendall William Bendall
December Ushers: 10:30 AM:	Rives Coleman, George Scouras Pete Scouras, Ron Probst		
Altar Guild for December Team #4:	Alison Calfee, Ruth Foley, Haley Hubbard, Beth Sibbick, Linda Rachner, Sue Rosser, Macy Wagoner		

Worship Services

Sunday: **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Music**
 Coffee and Fellowship between the services
 Sunday School classes in the Parish House for all ages at 9:15 am
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Rite II with Music & Choir

First Sunday each month, Healing Rite: The sacramental anointing and laying on of hands for healing will be offered after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM services.

Wednesdays: 12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Litany for Healing, in the Chapel

Thursday: 7:00 AM Bible Study Group in the Parish House.

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Year 3: Susan Critz, *Senior Warden*; Hank Long, *Treasurer*;
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Year 2: Trent Bowles, *Junior Warden*; Ann Gardner; Sue Rosser; Will Zimmer
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Christ Episcopal Church
Martinsville, Virginia

*To Serve God, Family and Community with Spirits uplifted by the Holy Eucharist,
Hearts enriched by Scripture, and Minds enlightened by God's gift of Reason.*

The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2016

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Opening Voluntary	<i>A Virgin Pure</i>	Nicolas Lebeque
Hymn in Procession: 57	<i>"Lo! He comes, with clouds descending"</i>	Helmsley
Opening Sentences and Collect for Purity		BCP 355
Trisagion: S102		Ver. Hymnal 1982
The Collect		BCP 211
The First Lesson		Isaiah 11:1-10
The Psalm 72:1-7; 18-19	<i>Deus, judicium</i>	Insert
The Epistle		Romans 15:4-13
The Gradual Hymn: 65	<i>"Prepare the way, O Zion"</i>	Bereden vag for Herran
The Holy Gospel		Matthew 3:1-12
The Sermon		The Rev'd Nicholas Hull
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP 387
The Confession of Sin and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace, Announcements		
Offertory Anthem	<i>Comfort Ye My People</i>	arr. John Ferguson
The Doxology: Hymn 380 verse 3		<i>Old 100th</i>
	<i>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.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus: S129	<i>"Holy, holy, holy Lord"</i>	Robert Powell
Memorial Acclamation:		BCP 368
	<i>WE remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;</i>	

The Lord's Prayer, Breaking of Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S 154

"Christ our Passover"

David Hurd

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Chant:

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high

Baruch 5, Psalm 147

Communion Hymn: 63

"O heavenly Word, eternal Light"

Verbum supernum prodiens

The Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn in Recession: 73

"The King shall come when morning dawns"

St. Stephen

The Dismissal

The Closing Voluntary

Comfort Ye My People

George Boehm

The Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

We give thanks for the beauty of the Altar Flowers Given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of James H. Johnson, Jr.

and William Thomas and Jessie Brookes Robinson By Cece Johnson

We give thanks for the beauty of the Narthex Flowers Given to the Glory of God

and in Thanksgiving for Morgan Holland's Birthday

By Mary Beth, Mark, Carolyn and their families

The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Rives S. Brown, Jr., Lucy Brown Coleman, Betty Meade Cullinane

and Richard A. Walmsley By Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, Jr.

The Advent Wreaths on the front doors are given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of Mary Dandridge Payne Smith By the Family

The Nativity Scene is given to the Glory of God

and in Loving Memory of Robert B. McCutcheon

Monthly Prayer List: Hannah "Lou" Shelton; Clay Gravely, Julia Hall, Sean Mahoney, Pat Featherstun, Mitzi Gray, Charles Johnson, Lucy Lester Falk, Joy Riley, Mary Louise Allen, Dan Prince, George R. Lewis, Margaret, Pat Scarce, Scott Derks, Marie Stallworth, Mark Niblett, Larry Farrar, Charles Smith, Marie, Janet, Cindy, Katherine Wright (Amy Joyce's mother), Bonnie LaFave, Joan and Dan Cahill.

Discretionary Fund – Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and the loose offering is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. All checks should include the notation, **"For RDF"**.

Healing Service - Today is the 1st Sunday of the month and a **Healing Service will be held immediately following the dismissal.** Those who wish a sacramental anointing and laying of hands should proceed to the altar rail at that time. All others are asked to leave the Nave immediately following the service and enjoy fellowship in the Narthex.

The Nursery is closed beginning Saturday, Dec. 24th and will reopen on Sunday, Jan. 8th.

Christmas Pageant Practice

Dec 4 (practice 9:30 am sanctuary)

Dec 11 (practice 9:30 am sanctuary)

Dec 18 (practice 9:30 am sanctuary)

Possibly December 23 but we can email that out

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, – *Every Wednesday* in the chapel at 12:00 pm.

Book Club – CEC Book Club is meeting **Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm in the PH.**

The book this month is *Dimestore: A Writer's Life* by Lee Smith, (Lee Smith's life in the mountains of Virginia). **There will be a covered dish dinner at 6:00 pm.**

Men's Club Dinner - The Men's Club will be meeting in the Undercroft **Monday, December 12th** with Fellowship at 5:30 pm and Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$15 donation. **Team #3** this month.

Please plan to attend and bring guests.

(PAT) Gifts – The gifts for the Angel tree are due in the Narthex **Sunday, December 11th or in the Church Office by Monday, December 12th at 5:00 pm.** *As always, if you want to help but*

are short on time, our youth would love to go shopping for you and/or wrap your presents.

Please make your checks payable to CEC with PAT in the Memo line.

"A Phoebe Needle Christmas", Tuesday, December 13th. Make your reservations now to see

Juanita Smoot at The Phobes Needles Center for Christmas piano arrangements and congregational singing. The flyer is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

FREE Holiday Concert with the MHS Jazz Band – Wednesday, December 14th at 12:00 noon

at New College Institute. Martin-Lacy Lecture Hall, 191 Fayette Street, Martinsville.

Christmas Flowers/Memorials – Please place your orders for the 2016 Christmas Memorial

Flowers if you would like to put flowers on the altar *"in memory of"* or *"in thanksgiving of"* family or friends. **The printed order forms are located in the Narthex and pew racks.**

Orders are due Thurs., December 15th.

Angel Tree Party - The Angel Tree open house party will be **Sunday, December 18th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Parish House.**

We are accepting refreshment donations for the "Angel Tree open house party". We also need volunteers to help wrap the presents and assist with hosting the party. The sign-up sheet is online.

Vestry Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30 pm.

Christmas Service Schedule: Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 18th at 10:30 am service

Christmas Eve 5:00 pm service w/the pageant

Christmas Eve late service 10:30 pm

Christmas Day **one service** at 10:30 am

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Grace Network Sunday - Our Grace Network Assignments for **December: Oatmeal OR Jelly (up to 28 oz.). For the month of December: Dish Detergent and Laundry Detergent.** Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser or Barbara Holland to shop for Grace Network.

Happy Birthday this week to: 12/5 Hannah Foley; 12/7 Ann Gardner; 12/8 Jerry Blankenship, Miles Rachner, Lori Yeaman; 12/9 Elizabeth Boyd

The Phoebe Needles Center is in need of a pickup truck with these components: the IDEAL truck... ♦ Ford F-150 or Chevrolet 1500 ♦ 2009 or newer ♦ ½ ton ♦ four-wheel drive ♦ automatic transmission ♦ extended cab ♦ long bed ♦ trailer hitch (reese type). The CEC Mission Committee is canvassing members in the event that someone within our congregation has a pickup truck like this one or similar to donate. It is tax deductible.

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I



The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Page 685, BCP

Deus, iudicium

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

Congregation Response **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of/ Israel, *
who alone/ does wondrous deeds!**

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

Congregation Response **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of/ Israel, *
who alone/ does wondrous deeds!**

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

Congregation Response **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of/ Israel, *
who alone/ does wondrous deeds!**

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Congregation Response **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of/ Israel, *
who alone/ does wondrous deeds!**

The Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.