



# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*We are a community of faith striving to love God fully and our neighbors as ourselves.*

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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

January 19, 2025

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

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*Please silence your electronic devices.  
Music and lyrics of hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.*

The Opening Voluntary    *How Bright Appears the Morning Star*    George Theo Miles

Processional Hymn    *"The people who in darkness walked"*    Hymn 126

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reader** A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (62:1-5)

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 36:5-10** *Dixit injustus*

- 5 Your love, O Lord, reaches /to the /heavens, \*  
and your /faithfulness to the /clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice /like the /great deep; \*  
you save both /man and beast, O /Lord.
- 7 How priceless is your /love, O /God! \*  
your people take refuge under the /shadow of your /wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance /of your /house; \*  
you give them drink from the /river of your de/lights.
- 9 For with you is the /well of /life, \*  
and in /your light we see /light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those/ who know/ you, \*  
and your favor to those /who are true of /heart.



**Reader** A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth (12:1-11)

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord

**People** *Thanks be to God*

**Sequence Hymn**

*"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"*

**Hymn 7**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John (2:1-11)  
*People* *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord  
*People* *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. John Adams

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People Form III

*Standing or kneeling*

BCP 387

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* *That we all may be one.*

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

*Reader* We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Bishop Mark, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Reader* We pray for Joe, our President, Donald, our President-elect, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Reader* We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially ***Sue, Julia, Betty, Nathan, Betsy, Mary Ruth, Nancy, Mark, Morgan, Jennifer, Lucia, Peg, Dennis, Carleigh, and Carolyn.***

*All may offer their prayers and thanksgivings at this time, aloud or in the silence of their hearts, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Kneeling or standing*

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against  
you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole  
heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as  
ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly  
repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

**The Peace** *Standing*

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

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

*The Peace may be exchanged through handshakes, hugs, fist bumps, waves, nods, or other such expressions; please be attentive to how much or little physical contact your neighbors would prefer. Once the Peace has been sufficiently exchanged, the people may*





Pray today for the Canons of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Harris, Cn. Pattie Ames and Cn. Jenni Faires. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines.

### **2024 Pledge Payments**

It's not too late to turn in your 2024 pledge payments. If you have a remaining balance on your 2024 pledge, please send that to the Church office. Thank you!

### **2025 Pledges**

To this point, we have received 50 pledges totaling \$217,730 for 2025, compared to 55 totaling \$211,220 for 2024. If you have not yet done so, we ask that you take some time to pray about your giving to Christ Church next year and submit your pledge as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and from the Church office.

### **Monday Bible Study**

The Monday night Bible study meets from 7:00 to 8:00 in the Parish House. On January 20, we will read Luke 17:20-37, a cluster of teachings around the coming of God's Kingdom. All are welcome and encouraged to attend as you can; no preparation ahead of time is necessary.

### **Diocesan Convention**

The Annual Convention of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia is January 24-26 in Roanoke. Please keep Fr. John, Jay Dickens, Rives Coleman, and Baylie Coleman in your prayers as they join clergy, laity, and youth from across this corner of Virginia in taking counsel for the renewal and mission of the Church.

### **Loaves & Fishes**

Loaves & Fishes (our monthly free dinner, open to all) resumes on **January 29**, with dinner being served from 5:00 to 6:00. Even if you are not helping with cooking, serving, cleaning, or donating fruit or dessert, church members are encouraged to come and sit down for a meal with our neighbors in the community. **Sign up on our website under Volunteers.**

### **Grace Network**

Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March: **Pork & Beans 15 oz.** For the month of **January: toilet paper, feminine products, deodorant, and hygiene items.** *Grace has been experiencing a large increase in clients needing food, household, and hygiene items.* As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store. You can bring your items to the Church office OR put them in the little red wagon in the Narthex.

### **Winter Weather Policy**

When we experience inclement winter weather on a Sunday morning, there will still be a 10:30 worship service in the church, but Fr. John encourages you to stay home if you feel you cannot arrive in safety, even if you are scheduled to serve. During the week, if the Martinsville Public Schools are closed, the Office will also be closed.

**THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. John Adams

**Reader:** Will Zimmer

**Chalicer:** Bob Bushnell, Tom Webster

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Lynn Gardner

**Chorister/Cantor:** Raul West

**Christ Church Choir:** St. Christopher's Choir

**Ushers:** Ben Beeler, Gus Barber

**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Maxwell

**Camera Operator:** Andy Williams

**Counters:** Natalie Coleman, Bob Bushnell

**Altar Guild:** Team #3 - Page Beeler, Karen Jones, Nancy Spilman, Ellen Maxwell, Ben Beeler

**Nursery Attendant:** Emily Williams

**2025 Christ Church Vestry**

**Year 3:** Betty Budde, Natalie Coleman; Secretary, Pat Russell, Will Zimmer

**Year 2:** Bob Bushnell, Rives Coleman; Senior Warden, LaRue Powers,  
Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

**Year 1:** Susan Critz, Butch Hamlet; Treasurer, Michael Hodges, Steve Keyser