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

The First Sunday After Christmas Day
Lessons and Carols
December 28, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

Opening Voluntary	<i>Unto Us a Boy is Born</i>	Nicolas Le Begue
Introit	<i>A child is born for us</i>	Isaiah 9, Psalm 98
Processional Hymn	<i>"Once in royal David's City"</i>	Hymn 102

A Bidding Prayer *Contemporary*

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

Officiant and people

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.

Officiant

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lesson I – Genesis 3: 1-15

Reader: Susan Critz

(Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden)

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

"Of the Father's love begotten"

Hymn 82

Lesson II – Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader: Rives Coleman

(The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"Say to the Fainthearted"

Gregorian Chant

Lesson III – Isaiah 7:10-15

Reader: Ann Gardner

(God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"))

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

Hymn 81

Lesson IV – Luke 1:26-38

Reader: Raul West

(The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the
Son of the Most High)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy;

he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"The angel Gabriel from heaven came"

Hymn 265

Lesson V – Luke 1:39-56

Reader: Natalie Coleman

(The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"Away in a manger"

Hymn 101

Lesson VI – Luke 2:1-20

Reader: Hank Long

(Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds)

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone

around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah,* the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,* praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"Hark! The herald angels sing"

Hymn 87

The Peace, Announcements

Officiant: 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 sit for announcements.

Offertory Music

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

setting by Paul Bouman

Officiant and People

All things come from you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.

Lesson VII – Luke 2:21-36

Reader: Beverly Lyle

(Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the Temple)

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the

law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"What child is this, who, laid to rest"

Hymn 115

Lesson VIII – Hebrews 1:1-12

Reader: Susan Critz

(In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"Unto us a boy is born!"

Hymn 98

Lesson IX – John 1:1-18

Reader: Rives Coleman

(The Word was made flesh and we have seen his glory)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he

came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

"God rest you merry, gentlemen"

Hymn 105

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

Officiant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill us with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

"The first Nowell the angel did say"

Hymn 109

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Closing Voluntary:

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hugo Gehrke

Let us pray for Sue, Julia, Jennifer, Mallory, Hope, Doug, Leon, Randy, Betsy E., Ruby, Joe, John, Ginger C., Jay A., David, Eliza, and Margaret.

Pray today for the people of Grace, Massies Mill and their rector, the Rev. Allison Caudill. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Toby Howarth.

*The Nativity Scene is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
R. B. McCutcheon, Finley S. McCutcheon, and R. B. "Cutch" McCutcheon, Jr.
By the Family*

The Church is decorated according to your gifts in memory of and in thanksgiving for your friends, family and loved ones.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SPECIAL 2025 CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

The wreaths for the front doors of the church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Bate Carpenter Toms, Jr. and Margaret Shackelford Toms, and Dr. & Mrs. Paul Bernhardt Toms by their Families.

The garland for the entry rails and lamp posts are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bradley T. Johnson IV and Zenita Coates Johnson by the Family.

The garland for the front door arch is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles L. Booth, Jr., Mary Brown Booth, and John D. Watt, Jr. by Mary Booth Davis.

The narthex arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia S. & William R. Windle and Margaret W. & Thomas C. Webster, MD, and in honor of Win, Jessica, Evans, and Clay Webster by Tom and Stuart Webster.

The narthex window arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Cole.

The altar wreaths and garlands are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of E. Fleming & Esther N. Swezey, E. Fleming Swezey, Jr., Sally Swezey Cook, Richard Parker Cook, Donald R. Cook, James Oakley, and Mary Catherine "Kit" Gautsch by John W. Swezey, the Tracy Swezey Ottinger Family and John W. Swezey, Jr. Family.

The altar rail wreaths for gates and garland/bows are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Becky Farrar from her Altar Guild team 4: Ashley, Dawn, Kyle, Natalie, and Susan.

The nave window arrangements are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Willard P. and Julia H. Potter and Norvell E. and Dorothy B. Farrar from Larry and Becky Potter Farrar.

The sconce arrangements in the nave are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Wyse Trent, III and Patty Ann Trent by the Family.

The wreath over the pulpit is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Morgan & Margaret, Charlotte, Richard, and Margaret Sydnor Simmons by Kyle Trent.

The pulpit garland is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda Wall Isley, Phyllis S. & Roger I. Wall, MD, Phyllis Wall Purdy, Virginia Hensley Isley and Bernard Posey Isley, and in honor of Grace, Walker & Holt by Ran Isley, Philip and Elizabeth.

The window arrangement behind the pulpit is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarence R. (Buddy) and Nancy Bondurant by Patricia Bondurant Russell.

The choir rail garland/bows are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for Morgan Holland by his children and grandchildren.

The Columbarium gate wreath is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmy L. Rosser, Kathryn R. and J. Carlton Wooldridge, Sr., William C. Stone, and Ronnie Wagoner by the Family.

The Columbarium arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sam and Martha Edmiston by the Family.

The Columbarium arrangement is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sally Ford Jordan and Gerald Leon Jordan by Debbie and Ben Lewis.

The Parish House wreaths are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Long, Sr., and Dr. and Mrs. Perry White by Kathy and Hank Long.

The entry post wreaths are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Breakell and Mr. & Mrs. William C. Beeler by Page and Ben Beeler.

***Poinsettia Flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of ... Given by families and friends for:***

<i>Ben Gardner</i>	<i>Buck Cole</i>	<i>Campbell Grace Pitzer</i>
<i>Charles Lewis Pitzer, III</i>	<i>Phoebe Warner Pitzer</i>	<i>Vance Sterling Pitzer</i>
<i>Margaret Lester</i>	<i>Anna Wells</i>	<i>Allan McClain</i>
<i>Henry & Grace Long</i>	<i>Clara Ullstein</i>	<i>Allan McClain</i>
<i>Harry Clay Gravely, IV</i>	<i>Crystal Austin</i>	<i>Dan & Lauren Prince</i>
<i>Bob Breakell & Ruth Byrne Breakell</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Breakell</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. William C. Beeler</i>
<i>John Bevan</i>	<i>Mary Bevan</i>	<i>Mary Andrews Wheatley</i>
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<i>Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Jordan</i>	<i>Dr. & Mrs. William Lewis</i>	<i>Elizabeth Sojourner Smith</i>

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<i>George Lyle</i>	<i>Khycir Lyle</i>	<i>Hanna Lyle</i>
<i>Sally Lyle</i>	<i>Lewis Pitzer</i>	<i>John Adams</i>
<i>Rives and Lucy</i>	<i>James, Lester, and Anne Parker</i>	<i>Beverley Lester Coleman</i>
<i>Our organist, Cantor & Choir</i>	<i>Cole Michael Freeman</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>
<i>Ben Beeler</i>	<i>Kathryn & Joe Piasta</i>	<i>John & Will Piasta</i>
<i>Jennifer Gravely and Austin White</i>	<i>Quinn and Brooks Gravely</i>	<i>John Adams</i>
<i>Douglas & Adelaide Beeler</i>	<i>Deborah Searce and Mark Niblett</i>	<i>Linda Prillaman</i>
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<i>Will Smith</i>	<i>Woodson Smith</i>	<i>Ann Mason Smith</i>
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<i>Benton, Ashley, Hadley and William Lewis</i>	<i>Sally Barrett and Elizabeth Lasky</i>	<i>Father John Adams</i>

Children, six Grandsons, and three Great Grandchildren of Betsy Cole

Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren of Celia Scouras

Children and Grandchildren of Sue Rosser

Children and Grandchildren of Phil & Lynn Gardner

Tiffany, Claire Warner, and Baylie Coleman James D. Coleman & Beverley Coleman Edward & Gail Acock

Upcoming Deadlines – details listed below.

- 2025 pledge payments or donations turned in by or before **Monday, December 29**
- 2026 pledge cards, turned in as soon as possible for budgeting purposes.
- Signup to attend the 12th Night at the Gardner Farm by **January 2**

End of the Year - 2025 or 2026 Pledge Payments or Donations

Please have all pledge payments or donations into the Church office no later than **Monday, December 29th**. All stock transfers for 2025 or 2026 will be posted in 2026.

NOTE: Charles Schwab is our broker. Contact the Church office for trading information. Please email the office with all information for stock transfers at office@christchurchmvl.org.

Twelfth Night

At 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 4, Lynn and Phil Gardner invite us to their farm (4064 Barrows Mill Road) for a celebration of Twelfth Night. Following brief prayers for the burning of the Christmas greens and the blessing of the house for Epiphany, we will enjoy a time of fellowship. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share; the Gardners will provide chili and beverages (beer, wine, and soft drinks). You are welcome to bring your Christmas tree or any other greens you wish to burn. **If you are planning to come, please RSVP to the Office (276-632-2896, christchurchmvl@gmail.com, or sign up under ‘volunteers’) by Friday, January 2.**

2026 Pledges

Pledges of financial support for 2026. To this point, we have received 45 pledges totaling \$195,850 for 2026, compared to 54 totaling \$234,410 for 2025. **If you’ve 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 or from the office.

Church History

Our next church history session will be **January 14 at 10:30 in the Undercroft**, when we’ll survey the unfortunate entanglements of church and state in the time of King Charles I, Oliver Cromwell, and the English Civil War.

Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for December: Oatmeal canister or instant packets. For December: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent, and other 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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SERVE!

Officiant: Phil Gardner

Readers: Susan Critz, Rives Coleman, Ann Gardner, Raul West,
Natalie Coleman, Hank Long, Beverly Lyle

Ushers: Bob Weatherall, Kyle Trent

Organist/Choirmaster: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West

Christ Church Choir: St. Christopher's Choir

Camera Operator: Andy Williams

Counters: Susan Critz, Pat Russell

Nursery:

Altar Guild Team #4 - Becky Farrar, Susan Smith, Natalie Coleman,
Ashley Ullstein, Dawn Stone, Kyle Trent

2025 Christ Church Vestry

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Bob Weatherall, Junior Warden

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