Christ The King Episcopal Church

40 Charleston Road, Willingboro, New Jersey 08046

The First Sunday Of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2023. 9.30am

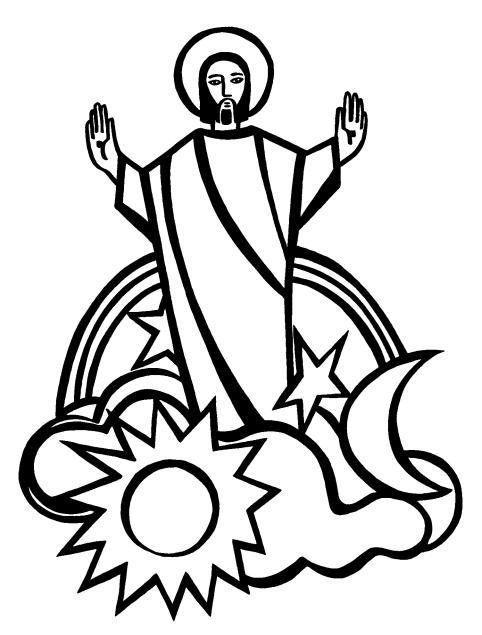
Change of Starting Time for Church Service

The results of the polling regarding this matter has produces a very close results and as a result we had a discussion about it at the vestry meeting and a comprise was proposed of **9:30am**. We implement the new service time next month as of the first

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Wear A Mask

Due to the recent uptick in COVID VIRUS cases Nationwide, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that you wear a mask at all times while in the Church buildings.



Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church

Welcome to Christ The King Episcopal Church in Willingboro, NJ, a vibrant and growing Episcopal parish in Willingboro, Burlington county, New Jersey. Over the past 60 years, the fabric of Christ the King has been woven by the Spirit from the lives and gifts of diverse people; their desire to live their faith through worship, service, study, and stewardship; and the ever-evolving life of Burlington County itself.

Our parish is guided by its mission to share God's love for all people. Together, we seek to build relationships with one another and with our neighbors, to cultivate compassion, to deepen our knowledge and spiritual practices, to work for justice rooted in essential human dignity, and to live as conscientious contributors to the life of our city and the Anglican Communion worldwide. As we grow together in service and love, we know ourselves, first and foremost, as followers of Jesus.

We are delighted to welcome you today; thank you for the gift of your participation and prayers. If you are new to Christ the King, please introduce yourself to a member of the clergy or one of the Ushers.



CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH OFFICIALS					
TITLE	NAME	TERM ENDING			
Priest-In-Charge	Reverend Vernal Savage				
Senior Warden	Emerson Cooper	2023			
Junior Warden	Jermaine Smith	2023			
Vestry Member	Marcelle Arthur	2023			
Vestry Member	Helen Baylock	2025			
Vestry Member	Carolyn Booker	2025			
Vestry Member	Joan Burke	2025			
Vestry Member	Catherine Edwards	2024			
Vestry Member	Annette Grubbs	2024			
Vestry Member	Dan Gunning	2024			
Vestry Member	Nathan Roberts	2024			
Vestry Member	Maxine Harvey	2024			
Vestry Member	Kenneth Mallory	2023			
Clerk of the Vestry	Regina Lamptey	2023			
Secretary	Annette Grubbs				
Ambassador to Vestry	Debra Adkins				
Treasurer	Daniel Lamptey	2023			

About This Service

The Season of Advent

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the four-Sunday season originates from the Latin word adventus, meaning "to approach."

During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, also known as Christmas Day.

The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ's incarnation, but also for his promised "second coming" in majesty.

PURPLE/VIOLET for Advent (or ROYAL BLUE) & Lent (or UNBLEACHED LINEN). RED is used in Holy Week, the Day of Pentecost, and at ordinations. On the 1st Sunday, a blue candle (hope) is lit. On the 2nd Sunday we add the second blue candle (peace or preparation) while on the 3rd Sunday, the pink candle (joy) is lit. The 4th Sunday in Advent marks the lighting of the final blue candle (love).

Sources: The Book of Common Prayer, An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

Worship Plan for Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Avent | The Holy Eucharist Rite One | Penitential Order

At the sound of the bell, please stand.

MEDITATION:

ENTRANCE HYMN Lo! he comes, with clouds descending (Helmsley) (H 57)



OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 319)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

Amen.

DECALOGUE (BCP p. 317)

All together, the People kneeling

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us,

and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 319)

All kneel.

The Celebrant says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

[Carolyn Booker]

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

[Carolyn Booker]

Remain seated.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, * stir up your strength and come to help us. ³Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ⁴O LORD God of hosts, * how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; * you have given them bowls of tears to drink. ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, * and our enemies laugh us to scorn. ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; * show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. ¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, * the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. ¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; * give us life, that we may call upon your Name. ¹⁸Restore us. O LORD God of hosts: *

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

[Debra Stewart]

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

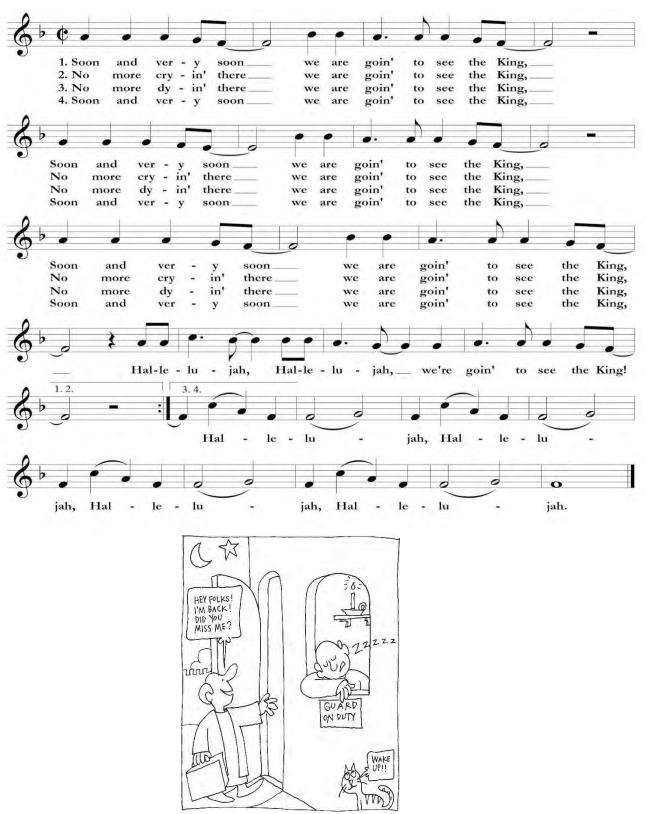
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN Soon, Very Soon (LEVAS 14)

All stand.



GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

[The Reverend Vernal Savage]

All stand.

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

SERMON HYMN: (Verse 1: "Alleluia" Verse 2: "God is with us")

SERMON

[The Reverend Father Vernal Savage]

THE CREED (BCP p. 326)

All stand.

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 (BCP p. 328)

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [______ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially ______], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE PEACE (BCP p. 332)

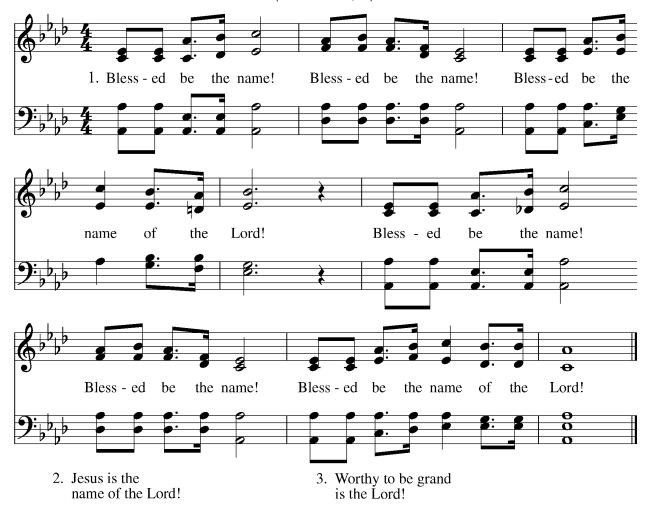
All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PEACE HYMN Blessed Be the Name (LEVAS 78)



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

[By Maxine Harvey]

Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to <u>ctk@christthekingnj.org</u>by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcements to run.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 343)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise to the Holiest in the height (Newman) (H 446)



The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 340)

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 341)

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS (BCP p. 341)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 341)

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (LEVAS 260) We remember His Death



THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)

FRACTION ANTHEM [LEVAS 268] Christ Our Passover

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;

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

SANCTUS: [LEVAS 269] Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Grant us peace. Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION (BCP p. 338)

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 338)

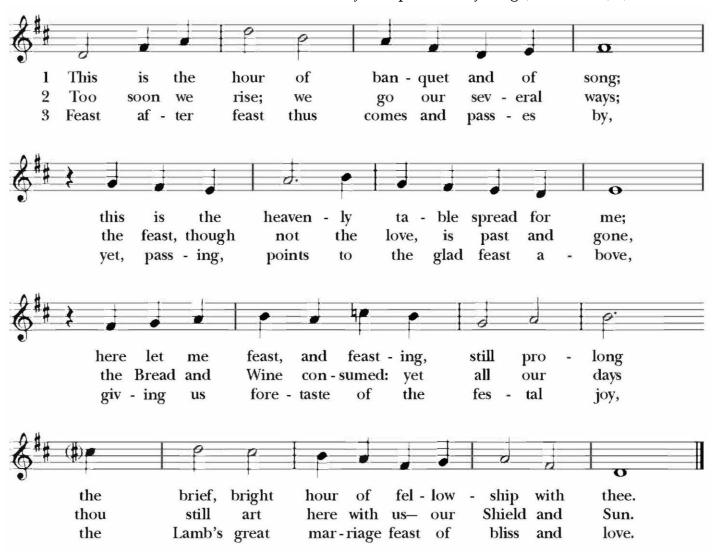
The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee, and be thankful.

COMMUNION HYMN This is the hour of banquet and of song (Morestead) (H 317)



ABLUTION SONG: "Hallelu"

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Lord We Praise Your Name All the Glory, All The Praise, O Lord We Praise Your Name"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 339)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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.

BLESSING (BCP p. 339)

The priest blesses the people, saying

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

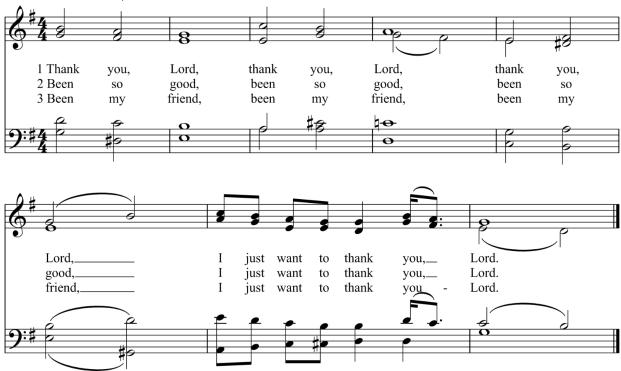


DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Thank You, Lord (LEVAS 232)



FINAL PRAYER: By Priest or Deacon

Date	WORSHIP	EUCHARISTIC	YOUTH	USHERS	COUNTING
	LEADER	MINISTER	LEADER		COUNTING
Sunday December 3	Carolyn Booker Debra Stewart			Gloria Davies Beatrice Ogbuokiri	Joan Burke Maxine Harvey
Sunday December 10	Olin Mitchell Maxine Harvey			Olin Mitchell Judith Richards	Kenneth Mallory Marcelle Arthur
Sunday December17	Maxine Harvey Regina Lamptey			Diane Staten Ransolina Roberts	Nathan Roberts Helen Baylock
Sunday December 24	Joan Burke Linda Anderson			Patricia Mitchell Regina Lamptey	Emerson Cooper Dan Gunning
Sunday December 31	Sarah Smith Olin Mitchell			JoyAnn Lambert Marcus Gales	Catherine Edwards Carolyn Booker

PRAYERS

To add names to the prayer list, email ctk@christthekingnj.org or call 609.877.2992. Names are kept on the list for a a month and can be added again upon request.

Contact the Church Office for contact information of the names on the prayer list

Our Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need. We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants below for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; preserve them form the temptations of thy enemy; and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ of Lord. Amen.

PRAYER LIST

Josie Howard Marion Cannon Ted Cannon Angela Cannon Marilyn Capehart **Eustace December** Yvonne December Billie Miller Melvina Berry **Basil Mitchell** Mildred Bailev Nathaniel Evans Glenda Evans Ryan Kerr Jada Jackson Judith Jackson Tracey Lewis Eleanor Williams

Josephine White Freda Oasin Jean Thomas Edythe Munson Margaretta McDougal Gloria Davis Carolyn Booker John Booker Olin Mitchell Patricia Mitchell Florence James Victor Medina Christiana Trivigno Emmanuel Ogbuokiri Sherman Clahar Mark Lockett Robyn Lockett

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

The Church Building Fund is set up to track the donations and expenses of improvement of the church's buildings. In addition, the fund maintains an ongoing building fund in order to have money available for emergency repairs to existing buildings. The Building Fund Envelope is the source by which parishioners can contribute to the fund. The fund has about \$18,935.50 which is far below our projections due to numerous improvement that needs undertaken. We urgently urge all Parishioners to contribute generously to the fund by using their Building Fund Envelopes. *Thanks*,

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

All parishioners wanting to add an emergency contact to the church's directory, please write the contact's name and number and put it in the collection plate. This information will be kept PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

MEN OF CHRIST THE KING MONTHLY MEETING

The MoCTK monthly meeting is held the second Saturday of every month at 10.00am on Zoom. All the Men of Christ the King are members of this group and are expected to attend. Next meeting is December 9th, 2023, at 10.00am

Ballot Results

Change Starting Time of Service

- Service Starting at 9:00am 24
- Service Starting at 10:00am 24
- Does Not Matter 1

New Church Time Starting November 12, 2023

Life Group Ministries

The Women's Life Group has resumed meetings on Thursdays, 3:00-4:15 PM We invite any women interested to call with questions or for information. Carolyn Booker 412-337-2576.

Give Easily from Here

Click here <u>Give Now</u> to make a donation or make your contributions to Christ the King Episcopal Church. Willingboro, New Jersey at any time, even if you are on vacation. You will receive an email confirmation for your transaction.

BIBLE STUDIES - MONDAY'S

Bible Study Every Monday at 7:00pm over Zoom. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09 Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431;

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join us on Wednesday Night Bible Study on Zoom at 7:15pm.
Wednesday Prayer Meetings is now on Zoom (Using the

Church Zoom Link) On Zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86374035494?pwd=R3lrV1ZMTG5pUE9zZnlldngyNTZTdz09 Meeting ID: 863 7403 5494; Password: 007431;

By Linda Anderson

LOOKING TO JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY?

We are looking for new volunteers; men and women, to join us in preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. All are welcome to come and learn about this labor of love! Please call Linda Anderson at 609-760-1050 for more information. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Priest-In-Charge are seeking volunteers for the Nomination Committee for the next vestry members. Contact the Priest In Charge or Senior Warden if you wish to volunteer.

December Birthdays

 $\begin{array}{lll} 1^{st} - Ida \ Godwin & 21^{st} - Joseph \ Stewart \\ 1^{st} - Gloria \ Davis & 24^{th} - Orya \ Pollard \\ 6^{th} - Ransolina \ Robert & 24^{th} - Diane \ Staten \\ 10^{th} - Nathaniel \ Evans & 26^{th} - Shelton \ Radix \\ 12^{th} - Ted \ Canon & 29^{th} & \text{Kingsley Chukwuocha} \\ 13^{th} - Debra \ Stewart & 30^{th} - Linda \ Anderson \\ 17^{th} - Desiree \ A. \ Mentis & 30^{th} - Dan \ Gunning \\ \end{array}$

Order Your Calendars for 2024

Cost is \$3 each. Please reserve via church secretary or calling Linda Anderson at 609.760.1050

Thanks so much!,

Christ The King Choir Announcement

We are recruiting new members for the Choir.

If you are interested in singing with us please contact Linda Anderson for more information.

Vermont bishop speaks out against violence after three Palestinian students wounded in shooting

By David Paulsen

[Episcopal News Service] Vermont Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown expressed grief after last weekend's shooting in Burlington of three college students of Palestinian descent, and she joined other local leaders in calling for the violence to be investigated as a hate crime.

The victims, Hisham Awartani, Kinnan Abdalhamid and Tahseen Ali Ahmad, all age 20, were shot and seriously injured while out walking Nov. 25. A 48-year-old man has been jailed and charged with attempted murder in the attack.



Vermont Bishop Shannon MacVean-Brown

"I grieve the hatred that fueled this senseless violence," MacVean-Brown said in a Nov. 28 letter to the diocese. "I grieve the fact that the lives of these young men, who are about the

same age as my daughter, will never be the same again. I grieve the seemingly unstoppable epidemic of gun violence that plagues our nation.

"Most of all, I grieve to think that the parents and families of these three young men sent them from Palestine to the United States in the belief that they would be safer here than there."

The attack on the three students follows weeks of anxiety over threats of violence against Jewish and Arab communities in the United States since Oct. 7, when the Palestinian militant group Hamas attacked Israel and Israel responded by <u>declaring war on Hamas in Gaza</u>.

It was not immediately clear, however, whether the Israel-Hamas war had inspired the attack in Burlington. The city's police chief told reporters this week that the gunman didn't say anything to the students "and had merely approached them while they were walking down the street, essentially minding their own business."

The three victims reportedly grew up together in the West Bank. Awartani and Abdalhamid are U.S. citizens, and Ali Ahmad is in the country on a student visa. All three attend colleges outside of Vermont and were spending their Thanksgiving break in Burlington with one of the victim's relatives, according to news reports.

Awartani suffered the most severe injuries, and doctors fear he may never walk again because of the bullet that hit his spine.

MacVean-Brown said in her letter that Christians have an obligation to counter the hatred that can lead to such violence, including in Vermont, where nearly 94% of the state's 650,000 residents are white.

"We must change the stories we tell ourselves about the safety of our communities where most people look the same and people of color and immigrants stand out. We must work to make our state a place in which all of God's people are safe, and where elders of all descriptions can entrust us with their precious children," MacVean said.

"As we pray for the young men shot in Burlington, let us also pledge ourselves and our congregations to making our beloved Vermont free."

— David Paulsen is a senior reporter and editor for Episcopal News Service. He can be reached at dpaulsen@episcopalchurch.org.



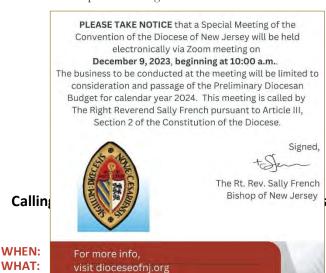
Presiding Bishop Invites Applicants for 2024 UN Commission on the Status of Women Delegation

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites applicants for Episcopal delegates ages 19 and up to represent The Episcopal Church in person and virtually at the 68th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW68) in New York City, March 11-22, 2024.

Applications are due by Dec. 15. Find all criteria and applications online in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u>.

The 2024 UNCSW session lists its priority theme as "accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective."

The presiding bishop's hybrid delegation will consist of a small number of in-person delegates who will attend UNCSW at the UN headquarters in New York, as well as virtual delegates who will participate remotely and meet online periodically with the in-person delegates...



This documentary, a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Presiding Bishop Michael Bruce Curry, examines whether love — specifically unselfish love — is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the US.

The film team travels across the U.S. interviewing everyday people from various walks of life and ethnicities, striving to live their lives selflessly. Stories include racial justice, military, foster care, sexual trafficking, love and loss, and others as well-known figures including Pete Buttigieg, Al Roker, Sam Waterston, Becca Stevens, Russell Moore, John Danforth, John Clyburn, Kelly Brown Douglas, and Jon Meacham weigh in on the issue.

The viewer is challenged to make their own verdict.

UBE's INVITE:

• Get a group together and GO on January 23, 2024 Find a theatre: https://acaseforlovemovie.com/theaters/ View Movie Trailer: https://acaseforlovemovie.com

- Send a photo back to UBE at leadership@theube.org.
- Attend UBE's Monthly Talk2Talk Program on December 17 at 4:00 pm EST where the featured guest will be film producer Brian Ide. To register for Talk2Talk, click this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkcuitrDgtGtUtvtaFCwYgv-EaCOF0YeNW.

 Accept the "A MONTH OF UNSELFISH LOVE" challenge!

For one month after seeing the film, commit to living an unselfish life of love. During these 30 days, people across the country will perform daily acts of selflessness and will journal their moments. Movie study guide and journal available at https://acaseforlovemovie.com.

UBE IS GOING TO THE MOVIES! WON'T YOU JOIN US!

Special Diocesan Convention Meeting Registration

ONLY REGISTER FOR THIS ZOOM MEETING if you are canonically resident clergy, authorized deputy or alternate, or diocesan staff. Alternates can register but will only receive Zoom credentials if they are substituting for a Deputy at the meeting. Alternates not so substituting, and all others are invited to watch the proceedings livestreamed to the diocesan Web site and social media channels.

Register on Zoom

Canon Wynn's Trip to Disney in Color















Episcopal delegates represent presiding bishop, church at UN climate change conference

By Shireen Korkzan Posted Nov 30, 2023



Episcopal delegates representing Presiding Bishop Michael Curry are participating in the United Nations COP28 conference Nov.

30 – Dec. 12, 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to advocate for stronger public and private actions to help solve the global climate crisis. Photo: The Episcopal Church and the United Nations/Facebook

[Episcopal News Service] Eight years after nearly 200 countries agreed to voluntarily reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit the rise of the Earth's surface temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, global dependence and investment in fossil fuels continue to dominate the energy sector over renewable sources. At the same time, temperatures continue to reach record levels, resulting in more frequent extreme weather events, including heatwaves, hurricanes, severe rain events, increased flooding and wildfires.

Beginning today, world leaders, policymakers, climate scientists, activists, corporate executives and interfaith representatives — including Episcopalians — converge in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates for the 28th United Nations Conference of Parties of the Framework Convention on Climate Change, or simply, COP28. Together, they will advocate for stronger public and private actions to help solve the global climate crisis.

"Climate change is a global problem affecting everyone, including all of life. When I am advocating, I can't separate out the fact I'm advocating as a Christian, but as a citizen," California Bishop Marc Andrus, who has been chair of the Episcopal delegates every year since 2015, told Episcopal News Service. "We're not forcing our beliefs on anyone. We're simply joining with what's called a whole society approach to climate change."

Episcopal and Anglican delegates will join the more than 60,000 people expected to attend the Nov. 30 – Dec. 12 conference in Dubai. A central purpose of each COP since 2015 has been to track the implementation of the Paris Agreement, which laid out the initial approach to limit warming, which has now reached 1.1 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Of the 21 Episcopal delegates, nine of them will attend the conference in person. The remaining 12 delegates will participate virtually. They will base their advocacy on the church's climate policy priorities, which include pushing to accelerate efforts to

keep global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius; increasing support for communities most harmed by the effects of climate change; protecting human rights and affirming climate justice in adaptation and mitigation efforts; and fulfilling pledges to international climate finance mechanisms – including support for a \$100 billion mobilization goal towards climate action – and increasing transparency.

"This is a work that has a long and deep history, deep roots that nourish the work of bringing our advocacy to the floor," said the Rev. Melanie Mullen, the church's director of reconciliation, justice and creation care, during a Nov. 27 virtual launch event introducing the COP28 delegates and what they hope to accomplish during the conference.

The first Episcopal delegation to the COP attended the 2015 summit in Paris. Since 2016, The Episcopal Church has held U.N. observer status, which allows delegates to brief U.N. representatives on the church's climate policy priorities and to attend meetings in the official zones.

The policy priorities are based on <u>General Convention</u> resolutions ranging from support for federal climate action to pledging to mitigate the church's own impact on the environment.

The fact that this vote happened at Executive Council and not next year at General Convention is really helpful, and we can now be on record as an Episcopal delegation that we support the phasing out of fossil fuels," <u>Lynnaia Main</u>, The Episcopal Church's representative to the United Nations, told ENS.

When fossil fuels are burned, they <u>emit large amounts</u> of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses into the air and water. Those emissions heat the Earth, and pollution byproducts pose a health hazard to humans and wildlife.

At current levels, emissions are expected to increase by more than 10% from 2010 to 2030, in large part because fossil fuel companies invest 97.5% in oil and gas and 2.5% in renewable energy sources, according to the International Energy Agency, a global energy watchdog.

The United States alone is on course to extract more oil and gas than ever by the end of 2023. Days before the conference was scheduled to commence, <u>leaked documents</u> obtained by the BBC revealed plans that the UAE planned to use its role as host of this year's COP to make oil and gas deals. Additionally, <u>only one</u> of over 20 of the conference's sponsors has committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions in line with U.N.-backed netzero targets.

Meanwhile, climate change is exacerbating the number and severity of natural disasters, and 2023 temperatures are the hottest ever recorded. In September, heavy rains caused by Storm Daniel in the Mediterranean caused two dams in Libya to collapse, killing thousands of people; two months prior, days of heavy rainfall flooded communities in Vermont. In August, an unprecedented series of deadly wildfires broke out in Hawai'i, and wildfires have been burning across Canada since March.



December 3, 2023 – Advent 1 (B) First Week of Advent: Saying "Yes" to the Journey

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of Journeying the Way of Love. This journey begins by saying "yes" to God's call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum Journeying the Way of Love, as well as Living the Way of Love in Community, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

Sunday, December 3 **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

Monday, December 4

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

Tuesday, December 5 **LEARN**

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

Wednesday, December 6 **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 1, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

Thursday, December 7 **BLESS**

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

Friday, December 8 GO

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

Saturday, December 9 **REST**

Spend at least 45 minutes outside today, without doing yard work or fixing lights or redoing bows on the garland. Take some time to just sit outside and let the air wash over you, taking away the stress and worry of the moment. Read Psalm 100 before and after your outside



time. See how this psalm may help you rest and

recharge your spirit.



Help those in need this winter, Christ The King, by supporting our Annual "One Warm Coat and Socks" Drive.

October 29 - December 10, 2023

Please bring <u>New or Nearly New</u> coats and socks for Men, Women or Children in all sizes for donation to local non-profit organizations

Now is the time to give back for all the blessings we have received.

Donation boxes for coats will be located in the Guild Room next Sunday

Anyone wanting to make a financial donation, please make your checks payable to "Christ The King Episcopal Church" and place in the collection plate or mail to the church office.

Donations will support the following Non-Profits:

- Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry Outreach
- Catholic Charities of Burlington Community Access Center

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"Thanks For Giving"



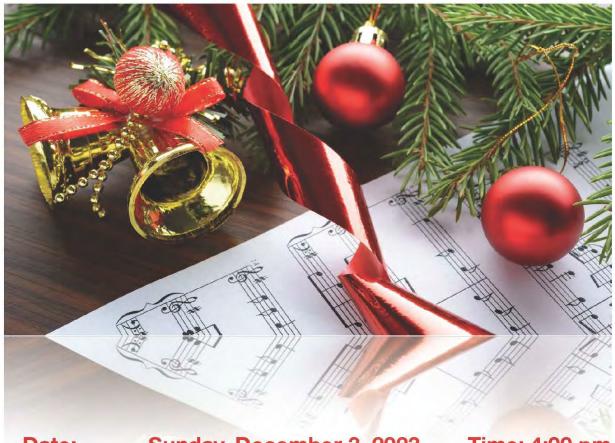
THE 18TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 2023

IN MEMORY OF FRANK SPENCER

Traditional Christmas Carols

Excerpts From: G.F. Handel's Messiah

A Gift To The Community, By Christ The King Episcopal Church, Willingboro. Everyone Is Welcome!!!



Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023 Time: 4:00 pm

Arrive Early - No Reservations

Place: CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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