

The mission of Christ Church is to offer hospitality, healing and hope in the name of Jesus Christ.



**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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**The First Sunday of Advent**

November 27, 2022 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Prelude: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*He Shall Feed His Flock*

Witt, Arr. Fedek  
Handel, Arr. Fedek

The chimes will ring.  
Please stand, in body or spirit.

The candle lighting and prayer

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*The candle will be lit while the congregation sings.*

*Advent Song*

Mary Lu Walker

Verse #1 – See insert

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. ***Amen.***

*Prayer written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski*

Hymn 61: *Sleepers, Wake*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***You come to your people and set them free.***

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.***

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

God be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **THE HOLY SCRIPTURE**

### **The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

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

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

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

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Response**

## **Psalm 122**

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

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

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

To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
***the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.***

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

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

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

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

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

## **The Second Lesson**

## **Romans 13:11-14**

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

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

Please stand, in body or spirit.

Hymn 601: *O Day of God Draw Nigh*

## The Gospel

**Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

*Instrumental*

## A Sermon

### **AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Please stand, in body or spirit.

***We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.***

***We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.***

***We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.***

***We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.***

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Loving God, as once again we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet, thought, and prayer. ***Help us to reflect upon the***

**wonder of your love and allow the story of the Savior's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds.**

Let our joy be deeper, our worship more real, **and our lives more worthy of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son.**

We pray for the church: **for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Stephen, our Bishop; Troy, our Rector; and all who serve God in God's Church.**

For our Church family and for all who come into Christ Church during this season. **May they be enabled to renew their relationship with you and rejoice at the coming of Jesus.**

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember them in the quietness of our hearts, especially: **Ted Heagle, Dan Larson, Mary Lee Fairbrother, Pat Bachman, Nancy Grant, Gary Herrlich, Dan Fenderson, Beatrice Flint, Frank Kelly, those suffering from COVID-19, those on our Prayer Chain;** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time.

(Pause) We bring them to you in the confidence of your love and care.

We remember those who have died, especially those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (Pause)

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially: **Maisie Houghton, Judith Bischoff, Stephen Morley;** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (Pause)

Come among us God, and hear our prayers; so that when Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face, hear his voice, and come to adore him.

**Amen.**

### **THE CONFESSION**

Let us make our confession unto God.

**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.***

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

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

### **THE PEACE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
***And also with you.***

Please greet others with a bow or a wave.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

All are welcome to receive Communion from Christ's Table.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Boehm

Please stand, in body or in spirit.

Hymn 380 (Stanza 3): *Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***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. Amen.***

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn S125: *Sanctus (from A Community Mass)* Richard Proulx

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.*** (x 2, if sung)

***Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.*** (x 2, if sung)

Please stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon  
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of  
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your  
Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,  
put all things under the care of your Christ, and bring us to  
that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter  
the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the  
Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and  
for ever. **AMEN.**

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

***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.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION**

*Please come forward, down the center aisle, and the Priest will place the bread on your hand. Step to the side, place the bread in your mouth. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, please extend your hands palm down to receive the bread. Cross your arms over your chest to receive only a blessing. Please return down the side aisles to your seat. Please take care to sanitize your hands before leaving your pew and coming forward for Communion.*

Communion Music: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Organ

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Please stand or kneel, in body or in spirit.

Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **A BLESSING**

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

Hymn 59: *Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude: *People Look East*

## **THE ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of  
their parents and grandparents  
by Anne, T.J., Jack and Mason Galvin

Today's communion elements are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of her son, Emmett Dunbar,  
on the occasion of his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday  
by Kit Tobin

## **THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

### **CLERGY**

The Very Rev. Troy Preston

### **LECTORS**

8 a.m. – Marion Ivy

10 a.m. – Marion Ivy, Pam McCarthy

### **ORGANIST**

Delight Scouten

### **MEDIA TECHNICIAN**

Loretta Preston

### **USHERS/GREETERS**

Jan Farnsworth, Julia Hertl, Martha Tober

### **ALTAR GUILD**

Jo Ann Cole, Jane Dillon, Martha Tober

## **THE CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop Provisional

The Very Rev. Troy Preston, Rector

Kristen Mason, Parish Secretary

John Sosa, Sexton

### **Sr. Warden**

Anne Galvin

### **Jr. Warden**

Bill Scheidweiler

### **Treasurer**

Barbara Cook

### **Clerk**

Patty Campbell

### **Vestry**

#### **Class of 2022**

Patty Campbell  
Marion Ivy  
Bobby Rockwell

Lizz Jones

#### **Class of 2023**

Andrea Bookbinder  
Erin Fairbrother  
Chris Wentzel

#### **Diocesan Delegate**

Roberta McDonald

#### **Class of 2024**

Rich Murray  
Ashley Scott  
Chris Walters

Marion Ivy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEASE JOIN US** for refreshments immediately following the 10 o'clock service in Houghton Lounge. If you would like to host one of our coffee hours, please sign up on the clipboard in Houghton Lounge.



**GIVING TREE:** Christ Church will be adopting 5 Stewart Park families this year. Each family will be receiving a Wal-Mart gift card for food and gifts, along with a gift basket. As of November 23, we have raised \$885. Only \$1115 to go until we meet our goal of \$2000. If you would like to contribute, please mail your check to the church office, and note "Giving Tree" on the memo line.

St. Mary's Orthodox Church is holding a **CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE**. Advance orders only. All cookies are \$9/dozen. Available cookies are: Kolachkie (Nut, Apricot, Raspberry, or mixed), Italian cookies (Angelonies), and Greek Koulourakia (butter cookies with sesame seeds). Orders must be placed by today. Orders can be placed with Carole Herrlich (caroleherrlich@aol.com), Nancy Gabel (wheelin65@roadrunner.com) or by telephone at 607-936-0689 (please leave a message with your name and number). Orders will be available for pick up at 61 Canada Rd, Painted Post, on December 16 and 17 from 11am – 2pm or by appointment.



**POINSETTIAS ARE FOR SALE.** At Christmas, we will be decorating the church with poinsettias and greens in thanksgiving for and/or memory of loved ones. **You can purchase a plant for \$15** by calling or emailing the church office. It is a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Please place your order by December 20.

**THE CHRIST CHURCH BELL CHOIR** will once again be playing at Vitrix Glass Studio during the annual Sparkle celebration on Market Street on Saturday, December 3, from approximately 6:30-8:00 p.m.



## **CHRIST CHURCH CARES COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Once again, we will be collecting items throughout the Advent season and into the New Year. Below is the list for each week. You may drop items at the church office during the week or bring to church on Sunday.

**November 27 – Chemung SPCA: Pet food & toys**

**December 4 – Hats & Mittens for local area children**

**December 11 – ACT-N-DO Toy Drive**

**December 18 – Diaper Bank: Diapers & formula**

**December 25 – Canned Goods for area food banks**

**January 1 – Canned Goods for area food banks**



**CORNING AREA WOMAN'S CLUB**

**ANNUAL HOMEMADE COOKIE SALE**

**WHERE: The Center  
400 Park Avenue, Corning**

**WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022**

**TIME: 9:00AM—1:00 PM**

**(OR UNTIL SOLD OUT)**

**SELECT YOUR OWN**

**\$8.00 per POUND**

All proceeds to benefit our Scholarship Program and  
Community Involvement Programs

