

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022 – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Prelude: *Suite Brevis on "See Amid the Winter's Snow"* Lasky

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 #2 – See insert

Let us pray. Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. **Amen.**

Prayer written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

Hymn 724: *People, look East*

BESANCON CAROL

(Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal)

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.

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

THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

The First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

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

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

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

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

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

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously

and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,

and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people;

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,

from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,

like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;

***there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall
be no more.***

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,

who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!

and may all the earth be filled with his glory.

Amen. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our
instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of
the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness

and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

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

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

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

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental

Please stand, in body or spirit.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

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

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

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

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 Provisional; 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, Father Charlie Tyo, Gretchen Wood, those on our Prayer Chain;*** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (Pause)

We remember those who have died, especially: ***Marcia Peters, Lawrence Ivy, Ivan Young, Ruth and Harold Tawney and Ione & Red Young;*** and those the congregation wishes to add at this time. (Pause)

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially: ***Marion Ivy;*** 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 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: *Advent Aria*

Fish

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. **Notify an usher if you need communion brought to you.***

Communion Music

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 542: *Christ is the world's true Light*

ST. JOAN

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *A Gallery Carol*

Fletcher

THE ALTAR FLOWERS & COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Lawrence Ivy,
on the occasion of their 40th anniversary
by Marion Ivy
and her husband, Ivan Young, and parents,
Ruth & Harold Tawney and Ione & Red Young,
by Sandy Young

Today's communion elements are given to the Glory of God
and in Thanksgiving for life
by Ed & Mary Lee Fairbrother

THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

CLERGY

The Very Rev. Troy Preston

LECTORS

8 a.m. – Brent Underwood

10 a.m. – Nancy Doutt, Barbara Cook

ORGANIST

Jamie Smith

MEDIA TECHNICIAN

John Sosa

USHERS/GREETERS

Verna Freer, Lizz Jones, Joni Makowiec

ALTAR GUILD

Verna Freer, BJ McDonald

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 December 1, we have raised \$1675. Only \$325 more to 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TROY, AMANDA, AND SELENA ERICKSON. They are now officially a family. May God's love continue to surround them during this most joyful of times.

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 County SPCA: Pet food & toys
Collected: over 40 items

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





**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT 5:00 P.M.
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT 10:00 A.M.**

***The Christmas Eve service will also be livestreamed
on our YouTube channel.***