



Welcome to Christ Church!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE



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DECEMBER 24, 2025

4:30PM

Prelude – *Variations on Adeste Fideles*

by Raynor Taylor

Hymn – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Hymnal 83

Celebrant: Alleluia! Unto us a child is born!

People: *O come, let us adore him, Alleluia!*

Celebrant: God the Father, we thank you for giving us life
and your Son, born of Mary. **Amen.**

God the Son, bless this Creche that it may
remind us of your great love for us,
and all people. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, bring us with the shepherds
And kings to worship Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Gloria - *Angels We Have Heard On High* (refrain)

Hymnal 96

Lighting of the candles before the Creche (each child brings forward a candle)
O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 79

Reading – Isaiah 62:6-12

Gospel Hymn - *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

Hymnal 89

The Gospel

The Rev. Dcn. Nancy Sartin

Homily

Mr. John McRae

Prayers of the People

God, touch your family the Church, that it may share the joy of Jesus with all people.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch our country, that there may be justice and mercy for all.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch all who are sick or troubled, that they may be healthy.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch our hearts, that Jesus’ love may be born in us.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth the wonderful works of God.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch our hands, that we may do the truth which you have taught us.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch our feet, that we may go for you into all parts of the world.
Hallowed be your name.
Touch us with forgiveness, for the selfish and ugly things we do.
Hallowed be your name.

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in Jesus and which has forgiven, healed and empowered your friends: Isaiah, Mary, Joseph, Nicholas, Francis, our parents, our teachers, our friends; we pray you to fill us this day and always with this love. *Amen.*

Offertory – *Away in a Manger* Hymnal 101

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving – Form B BCP 367
Sanctus Hymnal S130
The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364
Fraction Anthem – O come let us adore him (refrain) Hymnal 83
Communion Hymns – *What child is this* Hymnal 115
The First Nowell Hymnal 109

Post Communion Prayer BCP 365

Hymn - *Silent Night* Hymnal 111

Blessing

Hymn – *Joy to the World! The Lord is Come* Hymnal 100

Postlude – *Recessional on Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Mendelssohn,
arr. by Franklin Ashdown

First Lesson: **Isaiah 62:6-12**
⁶ Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest,⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. ⁸ The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. ¹¹ The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹² They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

Gospel: **Luke 2:1-20**
¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.] ⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Remember in Your Prayers: Gayle Adams, Bryan Almand, Bruce Beal, Tony Brooks, Tyson Carter, Mark Chamberlain, Luke Cowart, Tom Curry, Gretchen DeLong, Judy Scharf Earl, Jane Earle, Jackie Elam, Mackey Foster, Louise Harden, Teresa Hill, Tim Holcomb, Creston Hulett, Barbara Jenkins, Keena, Marilyn Kemper, Dennis Marks, Kenny Mistick, Pamela Moore, Kamrin Naville, David Parker, Johnny Price, Rocky, Dick Saeger, Jane Stanaland, Terry Windell.



Mission Statement: As followers of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we share God's love, grace and mercy through worship, prayer and service, respecting the dignity of all.

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