



**The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of our Lord
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
January 8th, 2023 at 8:00 AM**

*Notes referencing posture – stand, kneel, sit – should be assumed to be optional.
BCP is the black Book of Common Prayer, located in the pews. Congregation responses are in bold print.*

The congregation stands for the procession.

Opening Sentences

BCP 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Gloria

BCP 324

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The First Lesson *Seated*

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29 *Said responsively by whole verse*

BCP 620

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**
- ⁹ And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- ¹¹ The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as

judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

The Holy Gospel *Standing*

Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

The Sermon *Seated*

The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey

The Nicene Creed *Standing*

BCP 327

**We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,**

and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 328

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

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: 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 Michael, our presiding bishop, Terry, our bishop, Steve and Becca, our priests, and Kellie, our deacon, 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 Joseph, our president, Andy, our governor, Doug, our county judge-executive, Todd, our city mayor, and for all who serve in the military, 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.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so

to follow the good examples 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.

Confession of Sin *Kneeling*

BCP 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of Christ.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II *Standing*

BCP 340

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 unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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...

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

Holy, 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.

The people kneel or stand.

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...

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.**

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

BCP 336

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons baptized in any denomination are invited to receive Holy Communion.

If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross both arms across your chest.

If you need a gluten-free wafer, please cross one arm across your chest.

Sending Forth the Lay Eucharistic Visitor

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Postcommunion Prayer *Standing or kneeling*

BCP 339

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing *Standing*

The Dismissal

All respond **Thanks be to God.**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, William and Mary Nogay, Evelyn Walker and David Walker, and in gratitude for our grandchildren, Everett, Daniel, Ethan, Petra, and Gaia by Dorian and Elaine Walker.

Ministers in the Service

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Steve Pankey
Celebrant	The Very Rev. Becca Kello
Deacon	The Ven. Kellie Mysinger
Lector	Shelley Carter
Intercessor	Sue Edwards
Altar Party	Leonard Edwards, Brenda Willoughby

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, January 8

New Year's Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I In-person and live-streamed

9:00 AM Bread of Angels – Conference Room

9:00 AM Children's Activity Hour

9:00 AM Conversations with Scripture – All Saint's Room

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II In-person and live-streamed

11:00 AM Godly Play Sunday School

11:00 AM Youth Sunday School – Youth Sunday School Room

11:30 AM Daughters of the King Meeting – Cates Lounge

12:00 PM Weekly submission deadline for *The Lancet*, and the Sunday bulletin

Monday, January 9

9:00 AM Education for Ministry – EfM Room

5:30 PM Education for Ministry – EfM Room

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Churches United in Christ HELP Ministry

12:00 PM Centering Prayer

4:00 PM Yoga – Moore Hall

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 AM Morning Prayer – Conference Room

11:00 AM Wednesday Community Lunch

12:00 PM Healing Eucharist - Nave

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

Thursday, January 12

Friday, January 13

Church office is closed

Saturday, January 14

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous – Moore Hall

*Streamed services can be found at [facebook.com/cecbg](https://www.facebook.com/cecbg) or <https://www.youtube.com/c/CECBG>
TO VIEW THE ENTIRE CHURCH CALENDAR, please access our website, cecbg.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

1/11 Ray Buckberry

1/11 Becca Kello

1/12 Neill Caudill

1/11 Shane Ellison

1/12 Steve Pankey

1/13 Julia Kennedy

Worship

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP will continue at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings on Facebook and YouTube.

Learn and Grow

CONVERSATIONS WITH SCRIPTURE is an ongoing dialogue (AKA Sunday School Class) focused on learning to interpret scripture and apply it to life, in the hope that together we can grow closer to what God calls us to be. Currently, the focus is on the Catechism. Facilitating discussion is David Kem. We meet in the All-Saints room. All are welcome to come and talk, or maybe just listen in.

BREAD OF ANGELS is a group of about two dozen adults of all ages who gather at 9:00 on Sunday Morning to explore what it means to be a Christian in the world in which we find ourselves. Beginning January 8th, we will be reading Phyllis Tickle, *The Great Emergence, How Christianity is Changing and Why*. Beginning a new book is the perfect time to join this casual and friendly group. The only requirement is an inquisitive mind and a willingness to share ideas. For more information, please contact Mike Harper (mike@mike-harper.com) or 270-996-4380.

HOLY LAND 2023 After many delays and changes in plans, we are excited to announce the dates for our trip to the Holy Land. Join Father Steve and Mother Becca as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the Apostles October 17-25, 2023. To learn more or to register for the trip, go to portal.myfaithjourneys.com and click to enter the group code 23005.

CENTERING PRAYER is Tuesdays at 12:00 PM. We are meeting in the Chapel. Anyone who is interested is welcome. Any questions, please contact Kathy Wise-Leonard at 270-779-5595 or email billkathyleonard@bellsouth.net or Janice Erbach at 270-904-1164 or email kassta@jadegrel.net.

Radiate

CHURCHES UNITED IN CHRIST HELP MINISTRY is one of the oldest outreach ministries of Christ Church. In partnership with the three other downtown Christian churches, we attempt to assist families with their utility bill, emergency prescriptions, gasoline for an out of town doctor appointment, etc. For the past several months, the NEED has far exceeded our resources to help. In order to effectively sustain this ministry, we need for members to step up with a pledge of \$10 or more per week. The Help Ministry at Christ Church currently distributes well over \$1,000 per month to those in need using a voucher system. We only help an individual once every 12 months. Won't you please include a gift to the Help Ministry in your gifts to Christ Church! God Bless!

Mary, Mary, Karen, Margie, Susan, and Elaine, Your HELP MINISTRY TEAM

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH has started serving sack lunches. We are in need of monetary donations to further our program. Your donations are appreciated and can be put in the offering plate with a designation to WCL or may be made online at <https://www.cccb.org/secure-giving>. We are also encouraging folks to join our team of volunteers to assemble and serve! Contact Mary Cash (marygcash@gmail.com), Janice Erbach (kassta@jadegrel.net), or Margie Dotson (madebg@bellsouth.net) for more information.

ONLINE GIVING Make a secure contribution online to the current year operating fund and/or other funds. You can make your donations through the church website.

General Announcements

VESTRY NOMINATIONS SOUGHT The Nominating Committee of the Vestry is now taking names for the Class of 2025. If you are interested in serving, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Shanna Paul, Belinda Palmer, Linda Mitchell, or Troy Puckett no later than January 8th.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners of Christ Church

Trish Beresford	Dean Gilbert	Gretchen Niva
Jimmy Bohannon	Bill Gilliam	Elaine Price
Aldis Brunson	Bob Harrison	Karen Robeson
Vickie Cole	Nick Heil	Anna Siewers Josh
Dolores Dodd	Nancy Huston	Stiles Carroll
Pete Dotson	Barbara Keith	Travelsted
Susan Gaines	Paula Morgan	

Parishioners of Christ Church teaching overseas

Boo Petersen, South Africa Galen Olmsted, Venezuela

In Remembrance

*Ruth Anne Bell	Donna Pankey, <i>aunt of Steve Pankey</i>
Roy Johnson, Jr., <i>uncle of Vonda Garringer</i>	Linda Surface
Jacob Brumbaugh, <i>nephew of Vonda Garringer</i>	Alice Dearing, <i>aunt of Jim Dale</i>
Bill Gamblin, <i>brother-in-law of Linda Mitchell</i>	Darla Angelback, <i>requested by Terry & Miliska Knauft</i>
	Pat Frederick

Parishioners of Christ Church in discernment for ordained ministry

The Rev. Ken Casey, *deacon at Christ Church*

In Thanksgiving

For our Cloister Community

Military serving overseas known by Christ Church parishioners

Family of Christ Church parishioners

Josina Cavallo, *sister of Barbara Powell*
Angelina Cavallo-Sanchez, *niece of Bruce and Barbara Powell*
Nevada Cavallo-Sanchez, *niece of Bruce and Barbara Powell*
Ronnie Corn, *brother of Vonda Garringer*
*Sharon Johnson, *aunt of Vonda Garringer*

Vickie Perkins, *mother of Ashley Tabor*
Chloe Poe, *mother of Retta Poe*
*Todd Niva, *son of George & Gretchen Niva*
Debbie Wurth Stiles, *aunt of Josh Stiles*
Mary Anne Wehrum, *mother of Laura Cobron*
Addie Zaker, *niece of Jan Campbell*

Others known by Christ Church parishioners

Ashley, *requested by Vonda Garringer*
Keith Casada, *requested by Laurie Joyce*
Jamie Crawford, *requestd by Karen Crabtree*
Earl Denney *requested by Bonnie Schlicht*
Jason Frakes, *requested by Ann Esterle*
Tandy Simpson Hubbard, *requested by Crystal Stiles*
J.J., *requested by Leigh Harper Judah Kardisco*
Kevin Karl, *requested by Paul & Betty Young John*

Kasey, *requested by Gretchen Broderick*
Bob Monteiro, *requested by Terry & Miliska Knauff*
Judy Newton, *requested by Andrea Petty*
Sister Lucia Quesada, *requested by Terry & Miliska Knauff*
Brian & Devon Rodgers, *requested by Taylor Hale*
Susan Rogers, *requested by George Anna McKenzie*
Walt Wells, *requested by John Carter*
Braydon Windham, *requested by Lynn Windham*
*indicates new

Christ Episcopal Church Vestry Members

Class of 2023

Linda Mitchell
Belinda Palmer
Shanna Paul
Troy Puckett

Class of 2024

Mike Harper
Paula Maier
Peggy McKillip
Scarlett Winters

Class of 2025

John Carter
Jim Dale
David Lee
Brenda Willoughby



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM | Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM |
Closed Friday