

# The Angelus

December 2019



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## From the Rector

Goodnight, John Boy.

Of course, this is how The Walton's always ended. As the lights were going off in the home on Walton's Mountain, the family would bid one another goodnight. We were goofy enough to participate in a similar evening ritual, albeit not using our names, but the names of all of the Waltons in that house. There were more of them, so we could carry on with this a little longer than my parents appreciated. To be clear, I, of course, never instigated it.

The pilot of this classic series was entitled "The Homecoming: A Christmas Story". It takes place in 1933, during the Great Depression. John Walton, the patriarch, has gone to the big city to find a job. He promises his family that he will be home for Christmas. So, he has an anxious family awaiting his return on Christmas Eve as a blizzard rages on Walton's Mountain. Finally, Ma sends out John-Boy, as the eldest child, to find his daddy who is caught in the storm. Of course, he finds his daddy and brings him home in time to celebrate Christmas with the family. It all ends well.

It is said that you can never truly come home again. The people we have left have changed in place, even though it may not seem that way. And, the place changes as well. Time and circumstances do that to both. And, of course, those of us who have departed from our homes change as well.

No one is like an insect in amber, preserved in place and position for all of eternity.

But, I don't believe that it is impossible to come home again, if we are willing to accept that home, and those there, aren't exactly as we have left them. God created us to live the gift of our lives, and didn't expect that we would forever remain the same, or that those around us would, either. In fact, God constantly wishes and wills us to change for the better to live into our baptismal covenants.

That all said, there is one thing that never changes, and that is God. In God's effort to encourage us to change for the better, He constantly invites us to come home to Him. We all receive that invitation in different ways, and see different doors and windows that lead to the Divine.

In a place of worship, those doors and windows often are held for us by our fellow pilgrims on the road to God. Look for those who encourage and support your efforts to journey toward the changeless One in whom you can rest, and live. The One who is our home.

It is during this season of Advent that we engage in what is known as active waiting. There is work to do. Just as the Waltons continued to prepare for their Christmas dinner while awaiting the return of their Pa, we must prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ child. The season of Advent is the beginning of our liturgical calendar. We have four weeks to prepare our hearts to receive the gift that the Christ child brings to us. What if we were to do a little bit of work every day to make our hearts a rich garden in which love can be sowed and harvested?

The evangelist Matthew wrote, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Our greatest treasure is found in relationship with God. As we travel to God, our journey

brings us closer to our true selves, as Herman Hesse wrote, “each man’s life represents a road to himself.” And, our relationship with God is our true center, our true home.

Home is where the heart is. Come home for Christmas.

- The Reverend Lisa Zaina

## Inside Outreach



*An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program*

*“Foxes have dens, and birds of the air have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head” – Matthew 8:20*

Many of you have heard about Habitat for Humanity, the program that helps families build their own home. One of Habitat’s most famous “builders” is Jimmy Carter. Christ Episcopal Church is considering partnering with Habitat for Humanity in the local area. No decisions have been made, but we wanted to give you some thoughts to consider.

With your help, it may be possible for Christ Church to be “builders” right here in our own community. Our local affiliate, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, is looking for groups such as Christ Church to provide some of the work necessary to build or restore a home.

So, what kind of work do volunteers do? When Emily and Gary Correll lived in Georgia some time ago, they painted, dug footings, and nailed together studs. Oh, and made sandwiches, loads of sandwiches! On a recent Habitat build in Honduras, Mary Belknap threw plaster on interior walls, guided by Ernesto, the master builder. She’s happy to report that after a week of practice, her plaster job looked quite professional.

Habitat doesn’t give away the homes. Rather, it creates a three-legged stool of partnerships: a family needing a home who puts in many hours of sweat equity to build their home; volunteers who help the family by doing some of the construction; and a locally run Habitat program which lends the family money for the mortgage.

To participate, Habitat asks that we, as a church, engage both by providing a financial donation and by helping physically to work on a home. Donations go to providing volunteers with instruction and guidance from professional builders, as well as supporting the work of the local Habitat affiliate. Volunteer work is typically on the weekends. Last year, our local Habitat helped 30 families to either move into a new home or stay in a home they already owned.

The reason we are thinking about this is that we think it is important to live our faith by helping others. Building stable local communities and making sure families have homes helps all of us. Potential Christ Church budgetary constraints may limit our financial involvement. Again, no decisions have been made, but stay tuned as this idea is considered.

*The Outreach Committee September meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Ben Shuman at [benofwater@gmail.com](mailto:benofwater@gmail.com).*

## Newcomer's Corner

### **The Taylor Family**

Jamie Alvarado-Taylor, Michael Taylor and their daughter, Victoria began attending Christ Church in the summer of 2018. Jamie is originally from New York, and Michael from Philadelphia. Both were raised Catholic, but when they began to look for a new church home a number of years ago, they found themselves drawn to the Episcopal church. After they moved to Rockville, Christ Church seemed a good fit.

Jamie and Michael met in Connecticut in 2006 while Jamie was in graduate school and Michael was stationed in Groton with the Navy. Michael is a mechanical engineer; he currently works for the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Prior to that, he was with the U.S. Patent Office. Jamie practices personal injury law with Stein Sperling here in Rockville. In their spare time, Jamie is a runner and Michael plays ice hockey.

One-year-old Victoria was baptized at Christ Church this past summer. Her original baptism had to be rescheduled when the church was closed for a snowstorm!

Welcome to Christ Church, Jamie, Michael, and Victoria!



## Music at Christ Church

**Philharmonic Singers presents A Fantasia on Christmas Carols  
Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 8:00 p.m.  
In Concert at Christ Church – Mark your calendars!**



In addition to beautiful choral works, the magic of Christmas is enhanced by carols for All to Sing as well as a candlelight processional and the ever-favorite, “Recessional on Silent Night”. Please come and join us!

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of performances at Christ Church with a free-will offering benefiting Community Reach of Montgomery County (formerly known as Community Ministries of Rockville), a most important ministry for the care of the community.

## St. Francis Flock

*“My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.  
Let every creature praise His holy name for ever and ever.” – Psalm 145:21*



### **Merry Christmas to all from St. Francis Flock!**

St. Francis Flock wishes everyone and their animal companions a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The Flock will be having its annual Christmas party in lieu of the December meeting. Our next regular meeting will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Keep your paws, claws, wings, and gills warm and safe!

### **Ongoing Activities – Great Opportunities to Help Animals and People!**



Drop off donations in our **new** cart (*thank you Leslie Porter*)

Donations of gently used dog beds, old towels and blankets, and (new) pet toys are ALWAYS welcome. Many dogs, cats, and other critters are waiting for their forever families at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. They would love to have toys (gently used or new) to play with, soft blankets to lay on, and towels & blankets to be cleaned up with.



Donate to our pet food drive

Please provide unopened donations in our **NEW** cart in the main dining area of the basement, and the Flock will deliver to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County's Chompers Pet Food Bank. Pet food donations benefit local families struggling to provide for their pets. In many cases, providing pet food to families makes the difference between

being able to keep their pet or having to surrender them due to a lack of food. With our donations, Christ Church is making a difference!



#### Pet Bereavement Ministry

St. Francis Flock provides ministry to those grieving the illness or loss of a beloved pet. Please contact Carolyn Cole at [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) for more information.



#### Assistance to the elderly and/or disabled

St. Francis Flock provides assistance to Christ Church elderly and/or disabled parishioners in driving them and/or their pet to the veterinarian. Please contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) if you need assistance.

*Meeting Time: Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House!*

*For more information, contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) or on Facebook @StFrancisFlock*

## **Environmental Stewardship**

Here are some stories and resources that might be of interest, focusing on marine plastic pollution, recycling, and the importance of trees.

### **Marine Plastic Pollution**

Plastic Pollution Coalition: 'Plastic Atlas' demonstrates scale of plastic pollution crisis and solutions for a zero waste future

<https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/blog/2019/11/6/plastic-atlas-demonstrates-scale-of-plastic-pollution-crisis-and-solutions-for-a-zero-waste-future>

Washington Post: Every human should be alarmed by the plastic crisis in our oceans

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/every-human-should-be-alarmed-by-the-plastic-crisis-in-our-oceans/2019/10/26/88434802-eba4-11e9-9c6d-436a0df4f31d\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/every-human-should-be-alarmed-by-the-plastic-crisis-in-our-oceans/2019/10/26/88434802-eba4-11e9-9c6d-436a0df4f31d_story.html)

Washington Post: It's in the bag: Why can't you put carrier bags in with your plastic recycling?

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/its-in-the-bag-why-cant-you-put-carrier-bags-in-with-your-plastic-recycling/2019/10/27/b838b83a-f8bf-11e9-ac8c-8eced29ca6ef\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/its-in-the-bag-why-cant-you-put-carrier-bags-in-with-your-plastic-recycling/2019/10/27/b838b83a-f8bf-11e9-ac8c-8eced29ca6ef_story.html)

### **Recycling**

Washington Post: Ocean City depends on nature. So why doesn't it recycle?

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/ocean-city-depends-on-nature-so-why-doesnt-it-recycle/2019/10/26/f2bbd6ba-f7ff-11e9-ad8b-85e2aa00b5ce\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/ocean-city-depends-on-nature-so-why-doesnt-it-recycle/2019/10/26/f2bbd6ba-f7ff-11e9-ad8b-85e2aa00b5ce_story.html)

Recycling Today: “[The Recycling Partnership](#) has announced its first-ever roadmap aimed at addressing systemic issues in the U.S. recycling system and catalyzing the transition toward a circular economy for packaging. The report, “[The Bridge to Circularity: Putting the New Plastics Economy’ into Practice in the U.S.](#),” is inspired and endorsed by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, which has a [New Plastics Economy Global Commitment](#) to unite more than 400 businesses, governments and other organizations behind a common vision to target and address plastic waste and pollution at its source.”

<https://www.recyclingtoday.com/article/recycling-partnership-announces-us-circular-economy-roadmap/>

## **Trees**

Washington Post: Why trees aren’t just colorful fall features for our region’s neighborhoods  
[https://www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/why-trees-arent-just-colorful-fall-features-of-the-regions-neighborhoods/2019/10/23/beef8df2-f5ae-11e9-8cf0-4cc99f74d127\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/realestate/why-trees-arent-just-colorful-fall-features-of-the-regions-neighborhoods/2019/10/23/beef8df2-f5ae-11e9-8cf0-4cc99f74d127_story.html)

## **Environmentally Sound Gift Alternatives**

The holiday season is upon us! For children’s gifts and party favors, please consider alternatives to plastic toys.

1. Plastic toys are usually not recyclable and end up in a landfill.
2. Children often lose interest in them after a short time and the toys are quickly discarded or break.
3. Toys can be enjoyed longer if they are durable, which most plastic toys aren’t.
4. Plastic (and other) toys can come with an exorbitant amount of packaging, which also ends up in the landfill.
5. The manufacturing process for plastic toys and packaging can create pollution and contribute to greenhouse gases.
6. Plastic toys commonly contain chemicals, including phthalates, which have been linked to several different health issues. Young children are at an increased risk because they frequently put toys in their mouths.
7. Many plastic toys take up lots of space and might not fit comfortably into the space the family has available.
8. Instead of giving plastic toys, please consider giving children experiences (trip to the zoo or a show) that you can enjoy together, creating lasting memories.

Based on:

[https://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/us\\_58ffa383e4b0f5463a1a9472](https://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/us_58ffa383e4b0f5463a1a9472)

— Environmental Stewardship Committee

Mark your calendar! Save the date!



*Christ Church Adult Christmas Social*

*Saturday, December 14, 2019 7 – 10 pm*

*In the Murdock Room of the Church*

*~If your last name begins with A – M, bring a generous serving of a hearty appetizer.*

*If your last name begins with N – Z, bring a dessert ~*

*~No main dishes or sides~*



*~ BYOB~ Soft drinks, coffee & tea will be provided~*

*Eat, Drink, Sing Carols, Join in the Raffle*



*~RSVP~ by December 8*

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## CHRISTMAS DECORATING/SHOPPING/CELEBRATING AT THE BARGAIN BOX



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### WINTER WEATHER CLOSING POLICY

For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, call the store to check our open/closed status. If driving is safe and the power is on, we aim to be open!

**The Bargain Box will be closed Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26 for Christmas AND Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January 1 for New Years.**

### *The Bargain Box Thrift and Consignment Shop*

*An Outreach Ministry since 1957  
398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville  
20850*

301-762-2242

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm

Donna Wolohojian, Manager

Email: [bargainbox@cecrockville.org](mailto:bargainbox@cecrockville.org)

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# Children's & Youth Ministries

## Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>



Worship Services are at 7:45 & 10:00am

Nursery is available 9:45am – 11:00am for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 10:00am in the Murdock Room

Advent Wreaths & Crafts for Everyone at 11:00am in the Murdock Room



## Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>



**Kid's Night Out from 6:00 –9:00pm** in the Dining & Murdock Rooms. The Youth Group will be offering a night of dinner and childcare so you can nap, shop, wrap gifts, dine out or even see a movie! Childcare will be provided by the Youth and it will be a simple meal followed by story time and holiday movies. The night is for all families **who have turned in a 2020 pledge!** Children need to be 3years and older. **RSVP** to [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org) & space is limited.

## Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>



Worship Services are at 7:45 & 10:00am

Nursery is available 9:45am – 11:00am for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 10:00am in the Murdock Room

Nativity Pageant Sign-Ups at 11:15am in the Dining Room

**Families & Youth to Revels Concert - Meet at 1pm** in the Parish House to carpool. Come join us for an amazing show with cast of over 100, ages 8-88, a journey as we prepare to call back the Sun, let's light a candle, deck the hall & revel in this exuberant blend of seasonal celebrations from around the world & across the centuries. *Welcome Yule!*

Tickets have been donated to our group, but **RSVP** by Dec 5 to [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org).



### **NEEDED ..... NEEDED ..... NEEDED**

NEW Full-Size Toiletries (Chapstick, Shampoo, Razors, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Lotion, Soap, Dental Floss, Nail Polish, Brushes)

\$5 Gift Cards for Target, METRO, Giant or Safeway

NEW SOCKS, SOCKS, and more SOCKS!

*Items donated will be given to our friends at Interfaith Shelter in Rockville*

**Bring donations to Trees in the Church or Dining Room – THANKS!**



## *Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>*

**Youth & Families from 11:00am – 2:30pm for Wreaths Across America!**

ALL are welcome to join us as we lay wreaths on veteran gravestones at the US Soldiers & Airmen’s Home National Cemetery – we’ll have lunch following this service. This is part of **REMEMER...HONOR...TEACH Program and Wreaths Across America.**

Make a donation to sponsor a wreath at [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org) or online at [https:// donate.wreathscrossamerica.org/?pageId=47592&relatedIds=47139](https://donate.wreathscrossamerica.org/?pageId=47592&relatedIds=47139)

## *Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>*



**Worship Services are at 7:45 & 10:00am**

**Nursery is available 9:45am – 11:15pm** for infants & toddlers



**SOS – Serving Others Sunday at 11:15am** in the Murdock Room

**Smart Sacks, Sandwich & Granola Making, Gifts for the Shelter** – We’ll make 350 sandwiches and 200 Granola Bags for McKenna’s Wagon and fill 200 bags of food for children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends.

## *Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Worship Service at 10am** - Dressing of the Creche in the Church

**Nursery is available 10am – 11:15am** for infants & toddlers

**Carols & Cookies Fellowship at 11:15am** in the Murdock Room

**Nativity Costume Distribution at 11:15am** in the Dining Room



## *Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Children in the Nativity Pageant arrive at 3:15pm** in the Murdock Room

**Nursery is available 3:45pm** for infants & toddlers

**Worship & Nativity Pageant begins at 4:00pm** in the Church

**Worship with Carols at 9:30pm & Service at 10:00pm**



## *Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Worship Service at 10:00am. Merry Christmas!**



## *Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>*

**Worship Service at 10:00am. Lessons & Carols!**





## ZUMBA GOLD® CLASSES COMING TO CEC/CES COMMUNITY

JOIN THE FITNESS DANCE PARTY!!

GET FIT/SUPPORT CEC/CES

In the twenty years that I have been a member of CEC, I have taught Sunday School (12 years), served on CES's Board of Trustees and founded and led *Faithful Professionals CEO, God* (5 years). During that same time, I worked full time as a business/employment/litigation attorney and with my husband Mark, raised Casey and Garrett (who were both involved in choir, Youth Group and the acolyte program). Besides being a wife, mother and fulltime lawyer, I am trained and licensed to teach **Zumba Fitness (B1&B2)**, **Zumba Gold**, **Zumba Toning** and **Zumba Kids & Kids Jr.**

Why did I get licensed to teach all of these **Zumba** programs, with everything else I have going on in my life? I was facing a serious dilemma: I needed to exercise for both my physical and mental well-being, but I hate traditional workouts and resented spending my precious time doing something I dreaded. I love to dance, but opportunities to dance (weddings?) are limited. I found the perfect solution: **Zumba Fitness**. **Zumba** is a Latin/international music dance fitness program that takes the *work* out of workouts. "Research suggests that it may be the very best workout for people who hate to exercise." (See attached articles regarding benefits of Zumba from Time Magazine's Special Edition, *The Science of Exercise*, 2018 and other magazines.) It's a dance party!

The **Zumba Gold** program is a low impact version of **Zumba Fitness**. The classes are structured to accommodate beginners, older persons and individuals with physical limitations. I was motivated to seek my **Zumba Gold** instruction license after my mother fell twice in two years breaking both of her hips. She is now in a wheelchair completely dependent on my father who has severe arthritis throughout his body. Had they known what we know now about the importance of exercise to prevent brittle bones and degenerative joints, they might have had an opportunity to enjoy my father's late in life retirement. Their quality of life is significantly diminished due to their physical limitations and pain.

I am offering to teach a **Zumba Gold** class to help people find health and happiness by wiggling, shaking and shimmying with old and new friends. For those who are familiar with **Zumba Fitness** or already physically fit, the **Zumba Gold** class will offer variations of moves and options to keep you engaged, challenged and smiling.

## LET'S DANCE TO HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND FUNDING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!!!!

Make 2020 the year to get fit by dancing -- like no one is watching -- with old and new friends!

Zumba Gold classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the Murdock Room, starting January 8, 2020. Participation cost is a *recommended donation* each class of \$8 for CEC/CES community members and \$10 for non-CEC/CES members. All donations will be put toward the CEC/CES Capital Campaign (or as the Vestry and Rev. Lisa deem appropriate.)

Participants should wear workout/comfortable clothes (**bright colors favored!**) and athletic shoes or sneakers with minimal tread (no running shoes) and bring a water bottle. All participants will be required to sign a waiver and release prior to each class to protect the church, school and me from liability for injury or other consequence of participation.

Looking forward to dancing with you! Please contact me with any questions.

Lynn Perry Parker  
(301) 444-4513 (w)  
LParker@LPP-Law.com.



### Perfect For

ZUMBA GOLD® is designed to take the exciting Latin and international dance rhythms created in the original ZUMBA Fitness Program and bring them to the active older adult, the beginner participant, and other special populations that may need modifications for success.

### How It Works

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### Benefits

The ZUMBA GOLD® program creates a party-like atmosphere. It is exhilarating, easy and effective. It's great for the mind, body and soul of the active older adult population.

Come ready to sweat and prepare to leave empowered and feeling strong!



**December 2019**

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**DECEMBER 2019 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Schedule  
Services at 7:45 & 10:00 AM**

**7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*A Spoken Service*

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*A Service with Music for All People and Ages*

**10-10:30 AM** Children’s Church – Murdock Room  
*A Service for Young Children  
Using a Story-Telling Theme with Music (Dec. 1, 8, 15)*

**Nursery** 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM *for infants and toddlers  
6 months to 2 years old*

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

**9:00 AM** Studies in Christian Faith *(led by Nancy Lewin)*  
**11:15 AM** Forum Activity – Murdock Room  
**11:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday**

11:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)

**Wednesday**

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

**Thursday**

12:00 PM AA (PH LR)

4:45 PM Chorister Snacks & Rehearsal (Music Suite)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

**OTHER PARISH EVENTS**

*(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)*

- 1 NPS Rehearsal **6:30pm** (Church)  
Advent Wreaths & Crafts for Everyone **11:00am** (MR)
- 2
- 3 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 4 NPS Rehearsal **7:00pm** (Church)
- 5
- 6 Kids’ Night Out **6:00pm** (MR, DR, K) **RSVP by 12/3**
- 7 Nat’l Philharmonic Singers Holiday Concert **8:00pm** (Church)
- 8 Nativity Pageant Sign-Ups **11:15am** (CES DR)  
St. Francis Flock meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)  
Youth Group to Revelers Concert **1:00pm** (meet at PH) **RSVP**
- 9
- 10 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the January 2020 issue
- 11 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
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- 14 Youth Group Wreaths Across America **11AM** (meet at PH) **RSVP**  
Adult Christmas Party **7:00pm** (Murdock Room)
- 15 “MANNA” Sunday *(Third Sunday of each month)*  
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)  
**SOS - Serving Others Sunday 11:00am** (MR)
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- 19 Board of Governors Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
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- 21
- 22 7:45 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:00 am - Dressing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11:15 am - Carols & Cookies Fellowship (MR)  
11:15 am - Nativity Pageant Costume Distribution (DR)  
11:20 am - Decorating the Church for Christmas
- 23
- 24 **Christmas Eve Church Services**  
Children Arrive for Pageant 3:15pm (MR)  
Choristers Warm Up 3:15pm  
Nativity Pageant Rehearsal 3:30pm (MR)  
Nativity Pageant w/Eucharist 4:00pm  
Festival Christmas Music 9:30pm  
Holy Eucharist-Rite II 10:00pm
- 25 **Christmas Day – Office closed**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II, **10:00am**  
Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm**
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- 27
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- 29 Holy Eucharist – Rite I **7:45am**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II w/ Lessons & Carols **10:00am**
- 30
- 31 New Year’s Eve

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<i>PH = Parish House</i>	<i>CES = Christ Episcopal School</i>
<i>LR = Living Room</i>	<i>K = Kitchen</i>
<i>DR = Dining Room</i>	<i>N = Nursery</i>
<i>MR = Murdock Room</i>	<i>YR = Youth Room</i>



## **Advent and Christmas Service Schedule**

### **Sunday, December 1 - Advent 1**

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II with Lessons & Carols
- 11:15 am Advent Wreath Making

### **Sunday, December 8 - Advent 2**

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II
- 11:15 am St. Nicholas Celebration

### **Sunday, December 15 - Advent 3**

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II
- 11:15 am Serving Others Sunday

### **Sunday, December 22 - Advent 4**

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 am Dressing of the Crèche & Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:15 am Cookies & Carols
- 11:30 am Decorate the Church

### **Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

- 4:00 pm Nativity Pageant Service and Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 9:30 pm Festival Christmas Music
- 10:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **Sunday, December 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day**

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II with Lessons & Carols

Dear Friends,

After conversation, advice, vestry endorsement, and prayer, I have decided that we will continue one music service at 10am into the New Year. As I have said, we will work to honor elements of the 9 and 11 in the combined service. We will have Adult Formation at 9. During Advent, as a test, we will have coffee hour after the 10am service, just as we did Lemonade on the Porch in the summer. I will consult with the Fellowship Committee once Advent is over to assess the best time for the ministry of Hospitality.

Thank you,

Lisa



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