

## Christ Episcopal Church

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020

*Christ Church is a vibrant, inclusive community that serves individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds.*

*Each person who comes to us is a special gift of God, and we seek to honor you with the return gift of our hospitality.*

## TODAY at Christ Church – All are Welcome!

*O God, show us your image in all who come here today, that we may welcome them, and You. Amen.*

**WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS** to Christ Church this day.

### **"WATCH FOR THE LIGHT" STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN FAITH ADVENT SERIES**

We will continue reading selections from Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas.

Ecumenical in scope, these fifty devotions invite the reader to contemplate the great themes of Christmas and the significance that the coming of Jesus has for each of us – not only during Advent, but every day. Whether dipped into at leisure or used on a daily basis. Watch for the Light gives the phrase “holiday preparations” new depth and meaning.

This book is available online:

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL14943963W/Watch\\_For\\_The\\_Light](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL14943963W/Watch_For_The_Light) or email [matthewlbrown@gmail.com](mailto:matthewlbrown@gmail.com) for links to daily readings.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82746480340>

Meeting ID: 827 4648 0340

- Nov 29, 2020 6:00 PM
- Dec 6, 2020 6:00 PM
- Dec 13, 2020 6:00 PM
- Dec 20, 2020 6:00 PM

## OUTREACH MINISTRY – SHELTER MEAL

Our church will be having a meal delivered on Sunday, November 29 for the residents of Interfaith Women's Shelter in Rockville. Dinner will be chili, cornbread, salad and a fruit platter with cookies for dessert along with supplies for the shelter for the week. Many thanks to the Outreach Committee and the Bargain Box for funding this meal and the supplies. Toiletry bags stuffed by the children & youth will be given to each of the women and an Advent calendar.



### THE MINISTRY OF JOY IN PANDEMIC TIMES

The Flower Delivery Team is seeking another person/couple/family to deliver the Altar flowers after the last service on the first Sunday (negotiable) of each month. This ministry can be done without being in someone else's home, just a simple masked greeting and hand-over or drop off of the flowers at the door. You will bring the priceless gift of joy to those who receive the flowers. For more information or to volunteer please contact Anna Von Arx, [advonarx742@gmail.com](mailto:advonarx742@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK at Christ Church

**Tuesday December 1**

7:00 pm Pastoral Care Committee Meeting  
(Zoom)

**Thursday December 3**

7:00 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting  
(Zoom)

### 2021 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN STATUS AS OF SUNDAY, 11/22/2020

Number of pledges (to date) - 88

Amount of all pledges - \$400,366.00



**Advent Bags** will be delivered this week to children and youth of the Church. We hope these bags will help you to celebrate Advent in your homes as a family.

## NEXT SUNDAY at Christ Church – December 6, 2020

### THE LITURGY The Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II *a service with music & Sermon* – Live Streaming

4:00 PM Sacred Ground *a virtual discussion via Zoom*

### ADULT FORUM

Our **Adult Forum via Zoom** sessions will be held at 9 AM on Sundays starting after Thanksgiving. The series, "*Make Me an Instrument of Peace*," is a free, 5-week course designed by the Episcopal Church.

## COMING UP at Christ Church



Christmas Eve 2020

**5-7 PM**

Drive By Nativity

**8 PM**

Streamed Online Service

Christmas 2020 brings a new age and adventure of reliving the nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Messiah. From 5-7 on Christmas eve, you are invited to drive through our parking lot and see the nativity brought to life by family and friends of the parish. At the end of the drive will be a station where you will receive a communion kit to take home to celebrate the coming of Christ as a family or to celebrate with the Christ Church family as we stream our 8 PM service on-line. The good news is that this service will be available to you not only live but anytime you would like to turn in these holy-days by going to our website. We look forward to seeing you this Christmas eve!

**Announcements for the Sunday bulletins are due by noon on Wednesdays. Thank you!**

❖ Thank you to all who bring Christ to Christ Church. ❖

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### CHURCHES In the Diocese

Diocesan Latino Ministry  
Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington  
Diocesan Ordination Service (Dec. 5)  
Pray for those who are being ordained

### In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

**BIRTHDAYS:** *Eleanor Davis, Bob Dunkin, William Fowler, Pete Heister, Julie Kettleman, Matthew Kinjo, Lori Nicely, Bev Piccone, Brooke Scales, Noelle Yator*

**ANNIVERSARIES:** *None listed this week.*

*If your birthday and/or anniversary have been erroneously omitted, we apologize. Please contact the church office and please complete a Data Base Update Form.*

### FOR THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Information about people on the prayer list is posted in the Narthex and hallway opposite the Vesting Room. To request prayer, please contact a member of our clergy. As with all such requests, the prayer may be for public focus or private (restricted to those on the Pastoral Care committee).

**PARISHIONERS:** Richard & Carolyn Cole, Janet Crampton, Audrey & Paul Fehnel, Anthony George-Ikoli, Lois James, Moss Kendrix, Diana Locke, Scholastique Mbuyi & family, Tawnya McKee, Evert Milla & family, Parishioners who are essential workers, Bobbie Power, Marc Roulier, Ellen van Valkenburgh, Sarah Wilhelm



For pastoral care emergencies, call The Rev Carol Cole Flanagan at 202-288-9694; or The Rev. Meg Ingalls at 352-406-9204.

#### CHRIST CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Meg Ingalls, *Interim Rector*  
The Rev. Carol Cole Flanagan, *Interim Rector*  
Jason West, *Interim Director of Music Ministry & Organist*  
Michele Craig, *Director of Children's & Youth Ministries*  
Judith Schneider, *Parish Administrator*



#### THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH

Charles Griffiths, <i>Treasurer</i> (21)	Jim Suit (22)
Emily Pearce, <i>Sr. Warden</i> (21)	Bola Adeolu (23)
Bayo Laniyonu, <i>Jr. Warden</i> (21)	Joyce Bryant (23)
Rob Follit (21)	Emily Correll (23)
Diana Locke (22)	Peter McCabe (23)