



HOLY EUCHARIST
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 1, 2024
(ADVENT 1, YEAR C)

*Ushers will pass the collection plate during the Offertory midway through today's service, and you are invited to make a donation to support Christ Church. If you prefer, you can give online by scanning the QR code or texting an amount to **914-351-2001**. Thank you so much for supporting Christ Church!*

- 8am Worship begins on page 323 in the Red BCP
- 5pm Worship begins on page 109 in the Red BCP

Collect of the Day (8am)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day (5pm)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 Ad te, Domine, levavi

The Psalm is said responsively by whole verse beginning with the Reader.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
* remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

8am: Glory be to thee, O Lord

5pm: Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape

all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

8am: Praise be to thee, O Christ

5pm: Glory to you Lord Christ

Prayer List

The Prayer list will be printed in the bulletin each week, rather than read aloud. Names of recently departed people will be read aloud, as will those who are hospitalized or gravely ill, and of course you are always invited to say aloud any name you wish.

Our prayers are asked for: Kristen, Cherrie, Ari, Amina, Jennifer, Marion, Elaine, Cheryl, Scarlett, Amy, Alice, Barbara, Janet, Sandy, Beth, Ingrid, Didi, Joseph, Tim, Chris, Marilyn, Alison, Bob, Robert, Allison, Hildy, Jordan, Cathy, Tom, Bill, Mike, Sara, David, Drue, and M&D.

Our prayers are also offered for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Matthew, Allen, and Mary our Bishops, and for our Rector Matthew and our Deacon Chisara, and for all bishops and other ministers.

We pray for those in our Armed Services especially: Dylan, Gus, Chuck, Sam, Helen, Joseph, Philip, Jake, Matthew, Robert, Nicholas, Mitchel, Alec, Jonah, Tia, Tyrese, Terrence.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Poppy Sampson (December 1) Christopher Ganpat (December 2), Charles Kolin (December 3), Morgan Nakatani (December 3), Will Douglas (December 4), Breah Roberts (December 4), Sydney West (December 4), Jim Young (December 5), Anne Cooper (December 6), Lavinia Scroggins (December 6), and Evan Felicetti (December 7).

NEW OR VISITING?



Welcome to Christ Church! Please take a moment to scan this QR code and fill out our online visitors form. If you prefer there are hard copies of this form in the pew – please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the Announcements. This will help us keep in touch with you.

HOW TO GIVE



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PLEDGE FOR 2025 TODAY



Our 2025 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please make a pledge to support Christ Church financially in 2025! Our goal is 150 pledges totaling \$450,000. Pledge online today using the QR code. Hard copies of Pledge Cards are in every pew and in the Narthex.

CHRIST CHURCH APP



*Download our **Christ Church App** from **Church App - Tithe.ly** to your mobile device. Enter our zip code **10803** to find the church. You can then use the app for all things Christ Church.*



Christmas Schedule

Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 5, 12pm

Women's Connection Christmas Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 14

At the McGrory Family Home

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Wednesday, December 18, 7pm

With the Parish Choir

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22, 5pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 4pm

With the Parish Choir & Modus Operandi Chamber Orchestra

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 10pm

With the Parish Choir & Modus Operandi Chamber Orchestra

Christmas Day Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 10am

With Choral Quartet

For detailed information on these events, see below under "Coming Events".

This Week at Christ Church

Today, The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am – Said Eucharist Rite I (Church)

10:00 am – Choral Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Sunday School & Nursery Care (Ranck Building)

5:00 pm - Confirmation Class (Church / Library)

5:00 pm – Said Eucharist (Church)

Monday, December 2

8:30pm - Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, December 3

10:30 am - Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 4

5:15 pm - Holy Eucharist (Church)

6:00 pm – The Men’s Group Bagging Lunches and Dinner

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am The Rector’s Bible Study on Saint John the Evangelist (Zoom)

10 AM Lectionary Bible Study (Library)

12 pm – The Senior’s Christmas Luncheon

5:00 pm – Children’s Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Saturday, December 7

5:00 pm – A New York Lamentation : A Play Presented by the Diocese of New York (Church)

Sunday, December 8, The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - Said Eucharist Rite I (Church)

10:00 am - Choral Eucharist Rite II (Church)

10:00 am - Sunday School & Nursery Care (Ranck Building)

11:30 am – Daughters of the King (Library)

5:00 pm - Said Eucharist (Church)

5:30 – 7:30 pm - Saint Lucia Festival & Concert in NYC (info below)

Parish Updates

Stewardship (as of November 25)

We have 89 Pledges for \$440,940. Please make your pledge for 2025.

Our Goal is 150 Pledges for \$500,000.

Artist of the Month: Rosario Villavicencio

The Artwork in Hoag Hall is for sale throughout November and December.

Vestry Nominating Committee

Etta Gumbs has completed her first term as Warden and our Vestry class of 2022 has completed their first term. Please thank Etta, Jennifer Bland, Stephen Dolan, and Robert Boyer for their service. All are eligible to serve a second term and have decided to run for their seat and a second term. Barbara Zambelli and Carol Ipsen have asked to be our Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Andrew Des Rault has volunteered to serve as the Alternate Delegate. Members of the Vestry are elected at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held Sunday, January 26, at 11am. Vestry members and Delegates must be 18 years of age or older who have been baptized and belong to the Parish. They must also have been regular communicants at its worship and have financially contributed to its support within the past twelve months. If you feel called to serve on the Vestry or as a Delegate, would like to

recommend another parishioner, or have questions about the vestry or diocesan convention, please reach out to JD Calder, Sr. Warden.

Please Check Your Junk E-Mail

We have updated our communications systems and how we are sending emails to smaller and more targeted groups. Doing that might mean some of our emails are going into your Spam or Junk folders. Please take a moment to check your Junk/Spam email folder in case you have missed an email from Fr. Matt or other members of the staff.

We need Coffee Hour Hosts: Volunteer today!

Are you interested in hosting Coffee Hour? There are two ways you can host Coffee Hour at 10am.

- 1) Provide food (snacks for adults and kids, milk, juices, etc.) that totals about \$75-\$150.
- 2) Donate \$200 to the Coffee Hour Fund, and we will cater it for you.

You can sponsor an entire coffee hour on your own or join forces with others to get to the total food or dollars needed. Contact Marie Main if you want to Donate for a catered Coffee Hour. If you want to sign up to provide food, simply sign up on the sheet in the parish hall.

Outreach & Service

New York Cares Coat Drive – Until December 31

A coat is not a luxury - and it's getting cold out there. Christ Church is an official drop-off/donation site for NYC Cares Annual Coat Drive. If you have gently-used or new coats for children or adults, please bring them to the church's donation boxes, which are located at the lower parking lot entrance inside the glass doors. Hours are 9-5, seven days a

week, through Dec. 31. Please help to keep New Yorkers safe and warm this winter.

Calling all cooks to Help with the Soup Kitchen RSVP By December 1

The Women's Connection is Seeking Volunteers to make food for the Mount Vernon Soup Kitchen. We will be cooking for 100 people - So many volunteers are needed. We are signed up to make a meal for the Soup Kitchen on Thursday, December 5, 2024. Please let us know if you would be happy to make: BAKED/ROASTED CHICKEN PARTS (please not spicy) or ROASTED POTATOES. It's is EASY. You cook in your own home. Please deliver the food to the church undercroft kitchen by noon on Dec. 5. Please label it and include your name. If you need someone to pick the food up from your home, just let us know. We will have someone pick it up. We will let you know how many to cook for once we hear from everyone. Please RSVP to Barbara Zambelli at bzambelli1@aol.com by December 1.

Men's Group Bagging Lunches and Dinner - Wednesday December 4, 6pm

The Outreach Committee partners each month with our Men's Group and the Church of Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle making and service bagged lunches. Once a month on Wednesday at 6pm the Men's Group make and wrap 120 sandwiches and bag 60 lunches that will be served the next day. Members of the group gather afterwards for dinner. The next day (the first Thursday of each month) members of our Outreach Committee deliver and help serve bagged lunches at Trinity Saint Paul's Church in New Rochelle.

Outreach Request - Food Pantry

Parishioners are invited to donate any of the following items on or before the FIRST Sunday of each month.

- Healthy cereal (grocery store size, no Costco or BJs boxes)
- Shelf-stable milk *

14-16oz. cans of fruit, corn, peas, or beans

6oz. cans of tuna

1lb. packages of rice *

Pasta and 14-25 oz. PLASTIC jars of spaghetti sauce

Reusable bags such as Fresh Direct Bags!!!

Pet Food for the Animal Drive

PLEASE - NO odd, old, opened or expired food.

Outreach Request - Sharing Shelf Donations

The Sharing Shelf of Westchester is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 to address clothing insecurity and meet basic hygiene necessities of area low-income children and teens. The Shelf works to provide feminine hygiene products that will help fight period poverty and give dignity, comfort, and self-esteem to girls and young women in our area. There is a pink donation box inside the double glass doors at the lower parking lot; please help with a donation of unopened boxes of menstrual products.

Obizi Medical Mission Fundraising

Deacon Chisara is participating in a Medical Mission Fundraiser as part of her month long trip to Africa in December & January. He is asking for your support. Obizi USA will conduct a Medical Mission in Obizi on December 19 - 21, 2024 at Central School Obizi. Deacon Chisara asks for your support and assistance to ensure a successful medical mission in Obizi. Please Zelle your financial support to: *Zelle:* *Obizi USA account Obiziusa@outlook.com Indicate “medical mission” in remarks. Medical Mission website- <https://apharmda.com/obizi-usa> For more information, please reach out to Deacon Chisara.

Coming Events

Seniors Christmas Party - Thursday, December 5, 12pm

Join our Seniors (of all ages) for a festive lunch in the Hall featuring a reading of The Night Before Christmas and singing of popular Christmas Carols. Catered Lunch with wine, \$35 per person.

A New York Lamentation - Saturday, December 7, 2024, 3pm

Presented by the Episcopal Diocese of New York Reparations Commission at Christ Church. In this play by the Rev. Chuck Kramer, six historical figures from New York's slavery era meet to tell their stories. From supporters of slavery to abolitionists to formerly enslaved men and women, each has to reckon with the evil they witnessed and, in some cases, participated in. This play is being presented around the Diocese of New York in Autumn 2024.

Saint Lucia Festival & Concert in NYC -December 8, 7pm

The Christ Church Women's Connection is heading to NYC. Celebrate the Swedish festival of Saint Lucia on Sunday, December 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a traditional Saint Lucia procession and concert at Scandinavia House, 58 Park Avenue, four blocks south of Grand Central Terminal. Learn about the history of Saint Lucia and enjoy music by members of the Swedish community in New York. Tickets are \$30 per person, must be purchased in advance and are available online at <https://www.scandinaviahouse.org/event/holiday-concert-3/> To RSVP and for more information, contact Jean Gruener at gruenerjean@me.com OR call or text her at 914-426-4118.

Christmas Cookie Exchange - December 14, 2pm-4pm

Our Annual Cookie Exchange will be hosted by Courtney McGrory (see your directory for the address). Please bring homemade cookies to share and exchange. The afternoon will feature other food and

refreshments as well. Please RSVP to Courtney McGrory at ckmcgrory@gmail.com

Christmas Lessons & Carols - Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm

Join us for Christmas Lessons & Carols on Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm. Lessons and Carols features Christmas readings from the Bible and cherished and well known Christmas Carols sung by our amazing parish choir led by Dr. Justin Bischof, and favorite Christmas Carols for the entire congregation. It is a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season. There is no cost to attend, though donations are appreciated. The service will be followed by a festive reception in our Parish Hall. Are are welcome and bring your friends!

Christmas Pageant – December 22, 5pm

Our Annual Pageant is one of the treasures of the church year. Our parish is beginning preparations for our annual Christmas pageant, which will be taking place this year on Sunday, December 22nd at 5pm. As with all years, the pageant is open to all children in our parish (and beyond), as we have plenty of different roles & costumes for all age levels. There will not be any advanced rehearsals for the pageant except for the day of, where we'd ask all children and parents to arrive to the church at 3pm for a rehearsal + costume fitting (includes singing). If you are interested, please let Evan Felcietti know as soon as possible, so we can begin to get a headcount. Thank you so much!

Children's Choir

Weekly Children's Choir (2nd to 5th grades) rehearses Thursdays from 5:00-5:30 pm. The Sunday and Holy Day singing schedule for the Children's Choir includes Christmas Eve at 4pm, Easter Sunday at 9am, and at the 10am service on Sundays November 24, January 26, March 2, March 30, April 29, May 18, and June 8. The choir is growing, and we would love for your child to join us! Please talk to our Music Director Dr. Justin Bischof for more information.

Youth Group

Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers next meets Wednesday, December 18 from 5:30pm to 7pm. Speak to Evan Felicetti for more information.



Friends of Music Concert Season 2024-2025

Five concerts celebrating the 5th Anniversary of Christ Church's Juget-Sinclair organ. Four internationally acclaimed concert organists who are also leading New York City area Episcopalian organists. A wine and cheese reception will take place after the concerts. To purchase tickets please use this QR code.

Wednesday January 29th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Orchestral Concert by Modus Operandi Orchestra MOO; Justin Bischof, artistic director & conductor; David Enlow, organist.

Wednesday March 26th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by David Enlow, Organist & Choirmaster, Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

Wednesday May 7th 2025 7:00 - 8:15 pm - Organ Concert by Stephen Tharp; Artist-in-Residence (2015-2024); St. James Madison Avenue.

CHRIST CHURCH

Episcopal/Anglican

Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
The Reverend Deacon Chisara Alimole, *Deacon*
Ms. Marie Main, *Parish Administrator*
Dr. Justin Bischof, *Director of Music & Organist*
Mr. Evan Felicetti, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mr. Walter Roberts, *Verger and Sexton*
Mr. Ed Blue, *Sexton*

Parish Officers & Vestry

The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, *Rector*
J.D. Calder, *Senior Warden*; Etta Gumbs, *Junior Warden*
Allison Bodenmann, *Treasurer*; John Fox, *Assistant Treasurer* ;
Jean Gruener, *Clerk*
Jennifer Hawks Bland, Stephen Dolan, Robert Boyer, Charlette Finch,
Curtis Chase, Jack Kraft, Andy DesRault, Robert Landis, Barbara Zambelli

Worship Schedule

Every Sunday at 8am & 10am: Holy Eucharist
Sundays as announced at 5pm: Holy Eucharist or Evensong
Wednesdays & Holy Days as announced at 5:15pm: Holy Eucharist

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As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth
and committed to serving God through worship and
service to our community and the world.*