

Christ the King Episcopal Church



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I
December 24, 2023
8:00 am**

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church!

If you are a seasonal guest, we are delighted that you found your way to the “church in the wildwood” and we invite you to consider Christ the King as your church home away from home. If you live in the area and do not have a church home, we invite you to journey with us as followers of Christ in this wonderful community!

A note about our worship service: We understand that newcomers to the Episcopal Church might be a little lost during the worship service. Don't worry – you are in good company! Many of us did not grow up in the Episcopal Church, but were drawn to the way that our worship feels simultaneously ancient and contemporary. So if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Episcopal Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. It is most important that you experience the sights, sounds, and silence of our worship service.

The worship bulletin contains the scripture lessons for the day, and points you to page numbers in the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which is found in your pew rack. At the 10:30 service, hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*, which is also in the pew rack. There are pamphlets in the pamphlet rack in the church narthex (lobby) that give helpful information about the Episcopal Church. Feel free to pick some up and read through them.

Reading Between the Lines

Readings ask how to make room or space for God. Nathan the prophet conveys to David not God's acquiescence in David's building plans, but instead, God's promise to David to establish his throne and lineage. Luke records that in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel announces to Mary the advent of her child. Surprised, she “thinks carefully” about Gabriel's words, questioning him in dialogue how this will take place. Her query is at least as important as her *fiat*. It elicits a description of conception by means of the Holy Spirit, details of the child to be born, and the verification of the promise through the news of Elizabeth's pregnancy: “this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren.” Mary departs at once for the hill town and the house of her kinswoman Elizabeth, and her husband Zachariah, likely seeking verification. In the 14th C. Chora Church, now a museum in Istanbul, Theodore Metochites renders an icon of Mary as the container (or space, Greek: *chora*) of the uncontainable, and Christ the Savior, both the second person of the Trinity, and the church itself, as the container (or space, Greek: *chora*) of all the living.

The Entrance Rite

The Prelude: Scott Gilmore, Guitar

This is a time for silence, stillness, and centering as we prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for worship.

The Welcome & Announcements

The Invitatory *(standing)*

Celebrant Our King and Savior draweth nigh:

People O **Come, let us adore him.**

The Ringing of the Bell

The Opening Acclamation

The Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

The Trisagion¹ *(standing; said by all)*

BCP 324

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Imortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us**

¹ During the season of Advent, we say the Trisagion instead of the Gloria. Trisagion (which means “thrice holy” is a text drawn from the entrance rite of the Byzantine liturgy. The present Prayer Book is the first Anglican liturgy to include it.

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day²: 4 Sunday of Advent *(kneeling)* **BCP 160**

-You are invited to close your eyes as the priest prays the collect. Your only response comes at the very end with the "Amen."

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson³: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 *(seated)*

Illumination: The prophet Nathan receives a word from the Lord for King David, professing the great things which God commits to do for the house and family of David.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

² A collect is a short prayer that includes an invocation, a petition, and a pleading of Christ's name or an acknowledgment of God's glory. It is called a "collect" because it collects our thoughts for a particular time or season of the Church year.

³ The lessons appointed for each Sunday and for special feast days throughout the year occur on a three-year rotation known as the Revised Common Lectionary. Currently, we are in "Year B."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Canticle 15 *(read in unison)*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Second Lesson: Romans 16:25-27

Illumination: God works through the witness and testimony of his saints throughout the ages, through the prophecies of old, through the secrets, mysteries and questions of all time, through all these things, to reveal himself in glory to his people throughout all the world.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson⁴: Luke 1:26-38 *(standing)*

Illumination: In the beginning of John's Gospel, the echoes of the Old Testament greats are heard as the contemporary people try to grapple with who John the Baptist is, and whom he is proclaiming

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

⁴ The reading of the Gospel symbolizes the presence of Christ during the Liturgy of the Word. When the Gospel is announced, many people make the sign of the cross (✠) three times: on their foreheads, on their lips, and on their hearts.

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

The Homily (*seated*)

The Rev'd Richard G Proctor, OA

The Musical Response

Scott Gilmore, Guitar

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP 326

**We believe in one God.
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made.
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our Salvation
He came down from heaven⁵:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

⁵ Many people make a solemn bow at the waist during the *Incarnatus* (at the words describing Jesus' birth).

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the ~~✠~~ resurrection of the dead⁶,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People⁷

Celebrant: Extend your greeting to your favored ones, O God, and let your Holy Spirit overshadow us, that we may proclaim your love to our generation, as we await the coming of Christ, saying: Let your faithfulness and love be with us; for your love is established for ever.

⁶ Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) at the words, “We look for the resurrection of the dead,” a reminder that resurrected life is promised to all who have been baptized in Christ.

⁷ The Prayers of the People is written by The Rev’d Lowell Grisham, OA

Intercessor:

Gracious and Loving One, build your Church into a house that shall be made sure forever before you, that we, like Mary, may respond in faithfulness and be bearers of the Christ Child unto all the world.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

for your love is established for ever.

Eternal and Infinite One, raise up just leaders, and guide the nations of the world, that all people may live in their own place, and not be disturbed; and that evildoers shall afflict them no more.

We pray for Joe, our President; Ron, our Governor; and the members of the Walton County Commission.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

for your love is established for ever.

Compassionate One, let the prophetic writings be made known to all the nations to bring release and comfort to all who are oppressed, to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry with good things.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

for your love is established for ever.

Loving One, empower your Holy Spirit to come upon this community, that we may be the servants of the Lord and live graciously according to your word.

Sanctify the outreach ministries of our parish by the power of your Holy Spirit-especially our partners in ministry at Kairos Prison Ministry, Cursillo, and Beckwith Camp & Conference Center.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

for your love is established for ever.

Gracious One, visit all for whom we pray with your mysterious love, and honor the intercessions of your people as we pray for those on our parish prayer list.

Hear our glad tidings as we offer you our praise and thanksgiving, especially for our nursery and Sunday school staff.

Raise up into your glorious eternal presence those who have died.

Let your faithfulness and love be with us;

for your love is established for ever.

Celebrant: Holy One, let your Word of perfect love cast out all fear, for the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages is now disclosed; guide us that we may joyfully bring about the obedience of faith in the power of the Spirit, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (*kneeling, 2nd option*) **BCP 331**

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is kept

**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.**

The Absolution and The Comfortable Words

✠⁸ 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.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

The Peace

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the bread and wine are brought forward and presented at the altar by the Oblations bearers. You can make an offering via text message or QR code, see the green "Give" card in the pew rack.

The Presentation of the Gifts *(standing)*

At this time, the collection plates are brought forward and presented at the altar.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord:
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

⁸ This symbol indicates that this is a moment in the liturgy when it is customary to make the sign of the cross.

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Celebrant and People

**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.**

⁹ All of the Eucharistic prayers in the Prayer Book are Trinitarian, which means that they all speak of the God we worship as Christians: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each prayer begins with a section of praise to God the Father and Creator of all. This is followed by a section that remembers and makes present the saving work of Jesus, the Son of God. Finally, we invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit to make this Holy Communion real and effective in our own lives.

The people kneel or stand

Then the celebrant continues

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; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the in which he was betrayed, he took the bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, " Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

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,

The Lord's Prayer

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 Bread¹⁰ and The Agnus Dei

BCP 337

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy on us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy on us.**
Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
People **have mercy on us.**

¹⁰ After the Lord's Prayer, the Celebrant lifts the consecrated bread and breaks it, symbolizing Jesus' broken body on the cross. Bread must be broken in order to be shared. Here, we celebrate and give thanks for Christ's gift of himself for us.

The Prayer for Humble Access

BCP 337

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 us the crumbs under thy Table. But thou are 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.*

The Communion of the People

All are invited and encouraged to come forward to the altar rail during communion. All baptized Christians, regardless of tradition/denomination, are welcome to receive communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Those who are not baptized or who are baptized but do wish not to partake in the Eucharistic Elements, cross your arms over your chest, and you will receive a blessing from the priest. If you are interested in the sacrament of baptism, please see Fr. Richard after worship...he'd love to have a conversation with you!

On Sundays when we send out a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, the following is said:

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we 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 share in one bread, one cup.**

The Prayer for Mission *(in unison)*

BCP 339

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 Blessing¹¹

BCP 339

The Dismissal¹²

Celebrant *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord*

People **Thanks be to God.** (*Alleluias are only added during the great 50 days of Easter*)

The Postlude: Scott Gilmore, Guitar

¹¹ Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) during the Blessing.

¹² The service concludes where we began, in the midst of a world where there is great suffering and need. But, we are centered, as Christ was, in a life to be lived and shared. The Eucharist is the work of the people of God together. It is not a service confined to Sunday mornings. Rather, it is a way of life.

Special thanks go out to the ministers of our worship services today:

The Altar Server Guild of St. Tarcisius:

- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dave Reis

The Lector Guild of St. Bede

- Lector: Mark Mahaffey
- Prayers of the People Intercessor: Carole Duncan

The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Usher:
- Greeter:
- Coffee Host: Meredith Spector

The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

- Altar: The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

Sermon Points to Ponder and Notes:

- Which of the assigned scripture texts did the preacher focus on?
- Did the theme of the sermon relate at all to the current season of the Church year (Advent)? If so, what Advent-related themes emerged?
- What was the primary approach(es) of this sermon?
 - Pastoral (I felt comforted or reassured/ “comforting the afflicted”)
 - Prophetic (I felt challenged/ “afflicting the comfortable”)
 - Educational/Didactic (I learned something new about scripture, Church tradition, etc.)
 - Transformational/Inspirational (I feel ready to make a change in my life/outlook/priorities)
- What was the Good News/ “God’s promise to God’s people” communicated in the sermon?
- Notes:

Liturgical Points to Ponder and Notes:

- If you normally attend the 10:30 Rite II Service, how did you experience the Rite I liturgy and music?
- What looks/sounds/feels different today/this season of the Church year? How might these differences relate to the themes/mood of the season of Advent?
- How did the Prayers of the People relate to/connect with the assigned collect and scripture lessons for the day?
- How did today’s music relate to/connect with the assigned scripture lessons and/or the season of Advent?
- How did you experience the Great Thanksgiving/Eucharistic Prayer with the Celebrant (priest) facing Eastwards (towards the altar/cross rather than towards the congregation)? Did it change your perspective/experience of the prayer?

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Vestry (Vestry meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend.)

Dale Dalbey	Rector's (Sr.) Warden
Don King	People's (Jr) Warden
Brian Kellenberger	At-Large
Meredith Spector	Parish Life
John French	Adult Formation
Sallie Peebles	Pastoral Care
Jim Moomaw	Worship
Mark Mahaffey	Outreach & Mission
Ruth Johnson	Secretary/Tree House Liaison

Tom Potts - Treasurer

¹³ "OA" stands for the Order of the Ascension, a dispersed Episcopal, Benedictine religious community that helps ground and center its members in their daily life and their roles as parish leaders and developers. Members take a promise "to seek the presence of Jesus Christ in the people, things and circumstances of life through stability, obedience and conversion of life." Fr. Richard entered the novitiate process with OA in 2019, and took his life vows in May 2023.

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

7:00PM – Women’s Primary Purpose AA Meeting (*Conference Room*)

7:00PM - AA Meeting (*Youth Room*)

Wednesday, December 27

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

Thursday, December 28

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

7:00PM - Al-Anon Meeting

7:00PM – Women’s Primary Purpose AA Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Friday, December 29

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

8:00AM – Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study

7:00PM – Alcoholic’s Anonymous

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve

8:00am - 4th Sunday of Advent with Holy Eucharist

2:00pm - Family Service and Children's Pageant with Holy Eucharist (nursery provided)

4:30pm - Feast of the Incarnation with Holy Eucharist (nursery provided)

7:30pm - Feast of the Incarnation with Holy Eucharist

No Sunday School or Children's Chapel

Monday, Dec. 25th - Christmas Day

10:30am - Feast of the Incarnation with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Dec. 31st – New Years Eve

8:00am - 1st Christmas with Holy Eucharist

10:30am - 1st Christmas with Holy Eucharist (nursery provided)

No Sunday School or Children's Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medicine Bottle Reminder Please bring empty medicine bottles and also empty vitamin bottles to CtK. Tommy Fairweather makes sure that all bottles have the information on the bottles taken off. Just bring them to the church! Thanks!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sonya McKenzie(26) & Max McCord(27)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Parishioners: Catherine Dickson; Sallie Peebles; Tommy Fairweather; Emily Vick; Rick Sroufe; Lynn Crevar; Carl & Jo Bell; Jacquie Childs; Marlise Reis; Ann Schultz; Dawn Whitty; Buffy Miller & Lark Harbeson; Dooley Culbertson

Friends & Family: The Macrae Family; Ashley Roberts; Bonnie Wilson; Anne Sparks; John L. Jernigan III; The Kovach Family; Carol Bomar; Gloria Guthals; Robert Barnett; Judy Fairweather; Rita Shilling; Burrell Elliott; Tammy Follis; Teeny Carson; Cooper Akin; Henry Pegram; Emily Davis; Cristina Fernandez; Brandon Yates; Rosella Sacco; Tricia Spencer; Alex Porterfield; Evie Butler & Judy Owen

Parishioners Serving in the Military and their families: Austin Tucker; Wilson Hunter; Cinnamon Kellenberger; Anthony Portz; Eric Alexander (Don and Jacquie Childs' son) & John McKenzie (Sonya McKenzie's son)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

CtK Kids Club

Wednesday Dec 6 was our end of the year celebration!

We will resume rehearsals on Jan. 17th.

Children's News:

We have a lot to offer on Sunday mornings here at Ctk!

Sunday School for ALL ages from 9:15-10:15am

Nursery for ages 0-4 year olds is open 9:15AM.

8-noon Children's Chapel for K-4th graders is during our 10:30am service.

Children will begin the service with their family and go to Chapel with Ms. Katie after the Children's Message. We will return to the service during the Peace.

Youth News:

Youth Group meets every Wednesday

Drop off begins at 5:30 p.m. with pick up at 8 p.m. Any questions, text Ms. Lauren at 334-701-7777 or email

ctkyouth@christthekingfl.org

Youth Group- Dinner, Fellowship & Bible Study (\$5 suggested donation)

ADULT FORMATION **JANUARY**

Parents Bible Study “Habits of the Household” introduces simple habits and easy-to-implement daily rhythms that will help you find meaning beyond the chaos of family life as you create a home where kids and parents alike practice how to love God and each other. **We will resume our study on January 8th.**

This is a Class for Parents w/ Young Children: Mondays, 8:30am-10:00am! We meet in the parlor on Mondays from 8:15-10:15! RSVP to Rachel Meyer rachel.danielle.meyer@gmail.com

Noonday Prayer, Lunch, and Discussion: Wednesdays, 12:00-1:30. Lunch provided. Join Fr. Richard every Wednesday for Noonday Prayer in the Church followed by lunch and discussion in Sandefur Hall. We will be discussing The Rev’d Tish Harrison Warren’s book “Advent: The Season of Hope.” This book is the first of a series in the recently-released *Fullness of Time* series, which focuses on the seasons of the Church year. From the book cover:

“We tend to think of Advent as the season of anticipation before Christmas – and while it is that, it’s also much more. Throughout its history, the church has observed Advent as a preparation not only for the first coming of Christ in his incarnation but also for his second coming at the last day. It’s also about a third coming of Christ to meet us in our present moment, to make us holy by his Word and sacrament.”

Fall Women’s Bible Study Join Rev. Emily Proctor (and Church Historian Justo L. Gonzalez) on a 13-week journey with the Gospel of John on Thursday evenings. For more information, email Emily at Emily.Rose.Proctor@gmail.com or text 850-783-0237.

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina/Book Study on Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm. This class will resume on January 4th.

Thursdays offer several ways to increase our community spirituality. We begin in the library at 10:00 am for 20 minutes of Centering Prayer. We then pray a passage of *lectio divina* at 10:30. (This is a quiet method of letting scripture speak to you.) At 11:00 we read and discuss *Intimacy with God*, by Thomas Keating. If you would like more information about Centering Prayer please contact Linda Boland lindaboland@simpatico.ca

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study: Every Friday

8:00-8:30 - Breakfast and fellowship

8:30-9:30 - Bible Study and prayer. We are currently studying The Gospel of Matthew. The Bible Study is led by Darold Smith, who is using William Barclay’s Commentary “The Gospel of Matthew.” Contact Darold Smith

aristacraft@yahoo.com for more information.

CAMPUS MAP



1. SANCTUARY
2. CHURCH OFFICES
3. SANDEFUR HALL
4. HUGHES LIBRARY
5. PARLOR
6. EDUCATION BUILDING: CONFERENCE ROOM
7. EDUCATION BUILDING: YOUTH ROOM
8. NURSERY
9. PLAYGROUND
10. THE TREE HOUSE EPISCOPAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL

