

Christ the King Episcopal Church



The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 31, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome to Christ the King Episcopal Church!

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! 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.

Hearing Assist devices are available in the narthex. Please see an usher for assistance.

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

The opening of John's gospel introduces to hearers the Logos, that is Word, also Wisdom, Thought, and Reason, a pre-existent being with god “in the beginning,” enabling creation, life, and light that overcomes darkness. This Logos becomes flesh and dwells impermanently (“pitched a tent”) amid humanity as a manifestation of God's glory, full of grace and truth. Logos is a being that moves from the singularity of God to the plurality of created life. The Logos that is Jesus Christ, the Word of God, empowers believers to become children of God and also makes God known.

The Entrance Rite

The Prelude: Dr. David Ott, Organ

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 Alleluia. To us a child is born:
People **Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

The Ringing of the Bell

The Hymn in Procession *(standing)*

Hymn 83

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant ✠¹Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity & Summary of the Law

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

The Hymn of Praise: The Gloria *(S-280 found in the front of the blue hymnal)*

¹ This symbol indicates that this is a moment in the liturgy when it is customary to make the sign of the cross.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on

6 earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

12 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord

18 God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

24 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the

30 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

35 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day²: The First Sunday after Christmas Day *(standing)* **BCP 213**

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

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson³: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

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."

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

Hymn 56 (Verse 1)

The Gospel Lesson⁴: John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily *(seated)*

The Rev. Dr. Rian Adams

The Musical Response

David Ott, Organ

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

BCP 358

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.

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 *(kneeling or standing)*

Celebrant: In Christ, God's Word has become flesh dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. Let us pray to the true light which enlightens the world, that from the fullness of God all creation may receive grace upon grace, saying: What has come into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Intercessor:

Gracious God, clothe your Church with the garments of salvation and cover her with robes of righteousness, that we may be your witnesses to testify to the light.

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

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 are written by The Rev'd Lowell Grisham, OA

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Inspire the leaders of our nation and all in authority in the ways of grace and truth, that we may no longer be a people enslaved under the law but may know ourselves to be heirs, adopted as God's children.

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

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Be our light in the darkness for all the world, that the fullness of your heart may be made known for the healing of the earth.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Live among us, O Word made flesh, and reconcile this community to your light. Sanctify the outreach ministries of our parish by the power of your Holy Spirit—especially our partners in ministry at Caring and Sharing of South Walton and Point Washington Medical Clinic.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

May your people be a crown of beauty and a royal diadem in your hand, as we pray in faith for those on our parish prayer list.

Hear our gratitude for your glory manifest among us, especially for The Altar Guild of Ss. Mary and Martha.

Receive those who have died as heirs of eternal life, especially Carl Bell.

What has come into being in Christ was life,
and the life was the light of all people.

Celebrant: Loving and gracious Creator, from the beginning you have brightened our darkness with the light of your life: Let your vindication shine out like the dawn, and your salvation like a burning torch, that your Word made

flesh may bring grace upon grace to all the earth, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution *(kneeling)*

BCP 360

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence is kept.)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways. to the glory of your Name. Amen

The Priest alone stands and say

✠⁸Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you
People	And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

You can make a monetary offering via text message. Text givectk to 73256.

Now is a good time to open your Prayer Book to page 367 for the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Offertory Hymn *(sung by all)*

Hymn 96

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

The Presentation of the Gifts

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav-en-ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The Great Thanksgiving⁹: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty. Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus *(sung by all)*

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of power and might, — Ho - ly,
 ho - ly. ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, — hea - ven and
 earth are full, — full — of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless ed is he who comes — in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you send him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death**
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head

of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

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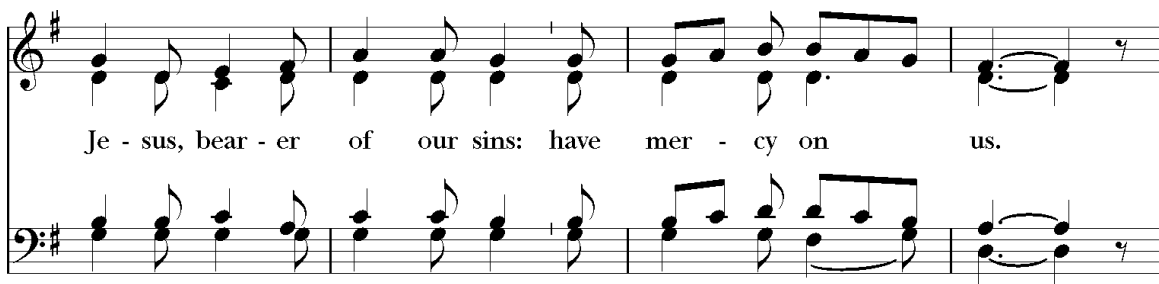
Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed
be thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, and for - give us our tres-pass-es as we for - give those who
tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp -
ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For
thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for
ev - er and ev - er. A men. A - men.

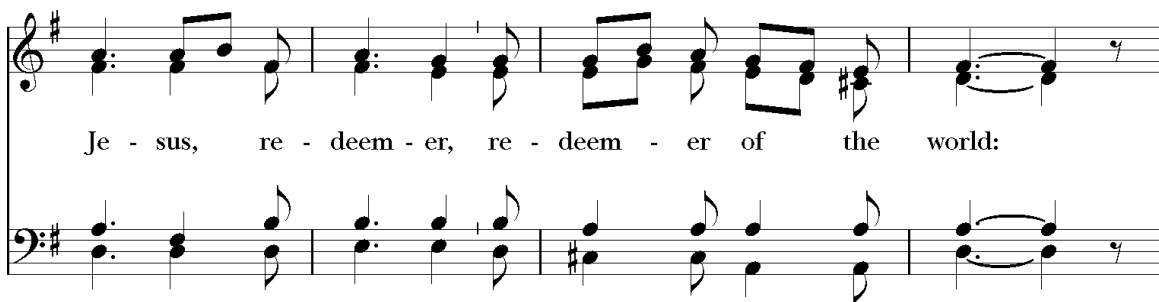
The Fraction Anthem *(sung by all)*



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation to Communion

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. To receive the Body of Christ/Bread, place one hand over the other, palms facing upwards, and the minister will place the Bread in your hand. To receive the Blood of Christ/Wine, place your hand on the base of the chalice to assist the chalice bearer in bringing the chalice to your lips (or you may dip the Bread in the Wine if you prefer). 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!

The Hymn at Communion *(sung by all)*

Hymn 82

When you return to your seat after communion, turn to page 339 in your Prayer Book in preparation for the Prayer for Mission

The Prayer for Mission *(said by all in unison)*

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body and Blood of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and to serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing¹⁰

BCP 366

The Processional Hymn

Hymn 87

¹⁰ Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) during the Blessing.

The Dismissal¹¹

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: Dr. David Ott, Organ

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

The Altar Server Guild of St. Tarcisius:

- Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Potts

The Lector Guild of St. Bede

- Lector:
- Prayers of the People Intercessor: Buffy Miller

The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Usher: Bryan Whitehead
- Greeter: Emily Caruso
- Coffee Host: Nan Jacobs

The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

- Altar: Buffy Miller

The Flower Guild of St. Therese

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¹¹ 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.

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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

¹² "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, January 1 **Church Office Closed**

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

Tuesday, January 2

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

8:30AM – Morning Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

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

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

Wednesday, January 3

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

8:30AM - Morning Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

12:00PM – Noonday Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

12:15PM – Advent Book Study & Lunch
(*Parish Hall*)

4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

Thursday, January 4

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

8:30AM – Morning Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

10:00AM – Centering Prayer (*Hughes Library*)

4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

6:00PM – Women’s Bible Study(*Parlor*)

7:00PM - Al-Anon Meeting

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

Friday, January 5

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)

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

7:00PM – Alcoholic’s Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please give a warm Christ the King welcome to The Rev. Dr. Rían Adams. Fr. Rian is a native of North Florida, and he’s the husband of Mrs. Amber Adams. The two were high school sweethearts, and two decades later, they are still best friends with an amazing 14-year-old son, Brody, and a sweet little dog, Zellie the Min-pin. Fr. Rian holds various degrees and certificates from Evangel University, Wesley Seminary, the U.S. Military Academy, Harvard Business School, and Sewanee: The University of the South. Fr. Rian’s doctoral thesis focused on how Jungian psychology combined with a theology of mercy can inform the Christian Church’s historical use of shame as a disciplinary action.

He served the United States military as a chaplain, holding the rank of Captain. He sustained injuries during Operation Enduring Freedom, which led to his medical retirement. His awards include the Bronze Star (V), the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the War on Terror campaign ribbon. Currently, Fr. Rian is doing special projects for the bishop, and together, the couple is discerning where God will lead them next!

Fr. Rian enjoys photography/painting, poetry, and playing live music. In the poetry book *Love, War, and Soul* on Amazon, he chronicles his struggles with Combat Post Traumatic Stress after military service. Music is another creative outlet—he’s a wanna-be guitar player because, as his wife jokes, he’s “just a session man” and doesn't actively play with a band at present.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Leslie Hicks(6)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Parishioners: Renee McCalmont*; Joan Bell; 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

In Memorium: Carl Bell

Friends & 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

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**

CTK Adult Christian Formation Class Sunday Mornings in Sandefur Hall 9:15 – 10:15AM All CTK Parishioners are encouraged to attend **Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024** Baptism Forum - This forum is for ALL parishioners at CTK. As we celebrate the baptisms of Channing and Lola Zee Gardner on this day, we will use this time to dive deeper into the Sacrament of Baptism, and how we understand it in the Episcopal Church. The more we understand this foundational sacrament of the Church, the more we will be empowered to live as faithful members of Christ's Body.

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.”

Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina/Book Study on Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm.

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

A Journey Through Genesis

Winter/Spring Thursday Evening

Women's Bible Study Wish you knew the Bible better? Want to be inspired by the tenacious faith of people who wrestled with God (literally!)?

Join Rev. Emily Proctor (and The Good Book Club) on a journey with the book of Genesis on Thursday evenings in the Parlor at 6 p.m., beginning Jan 11.

For more information or to reserve a copy of the study guide (A Journey through Genesis, \$15) email Emily at

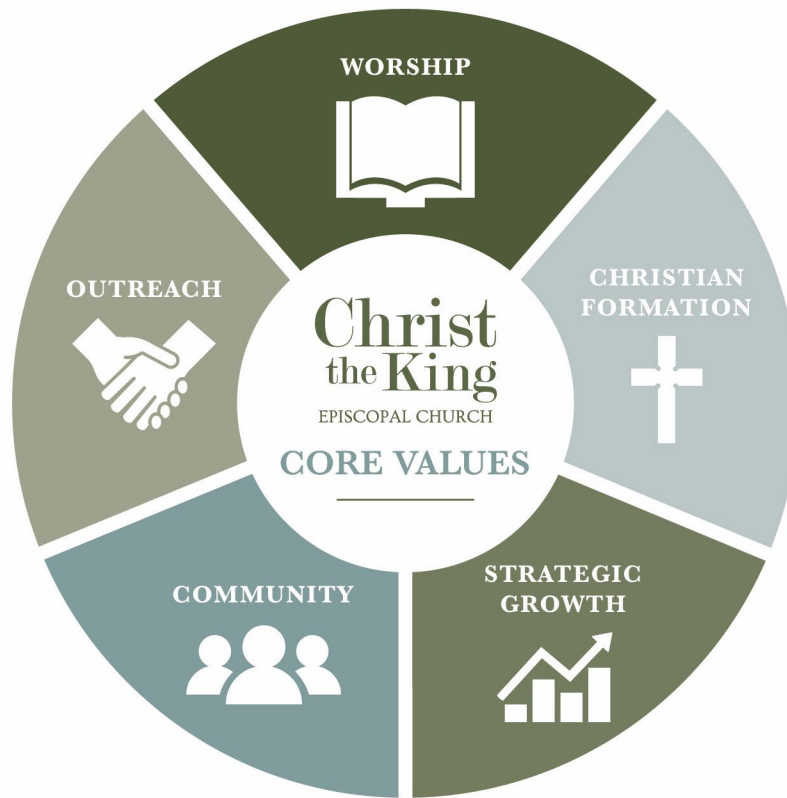
Emily.Rose.Proctor@gmail.com or text 850-783-0237. More resources also available at <https://www.goodbookclub.org/>.

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.



1) Worship:

Our worship is grounded in the traditional Anglican triad of scripture, tradition, and reason. Our lovely space, liturgy, and music help focus our hearts and minds on a God who is at the same time in this world and beyond.

2) Outreach:

At the end of our worship services, we are dismissed with the words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” We seek to do so by being in solidarity with those in need in our local, diocesan, and global communities by providing both hands-on and financial support.

3) Community:

While our worship is directed towards loving God, and our outreach is directed towards loving our neighbors, we also value the relationships we have within our own parish family. A sense of belonging, feeling connected, and loving and caring for one another is a large part of who we are and what makes Christ the King feel special.

4) Christian Formation:

We value the lifelong formation and development of our spiritual, intellectual, and social selves. Whether it is at the Tree House Episcopal Montessori School, Sunday forums, or weekday small groups, we believe that God calls us to be lifelong learners.

5) Strategic Growth:

Our growth strategy is focused on nurturing disciples not adding members. While we take seriously Jesus’ command to “go and make disciples,” we recognize any growth must take into account our stewardship of our physical plant as well as our ability to remain meaningfully connected with one another.

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

