

Christ the King Episcopal Church



**The First Sunday in Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 3, 2023
10:30 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.

Making Connections

Each year, at the beginning of Lent, on Ash Wednesday, we receive the Church’s most powerful and direct invitation into the life of faith (BCP, 264). Our collect today stands to serve in the service manner and is a clear reminder of what our work should be in the days and weeks ahead. “Dear People of God: The season of Advent provides a time in which we who, because of notorious distractions and fear of death have strayed, are called out of that bright chaos into a still night. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Advent: by self-examination, prayer, and worship, now in the time of this mortal life. May God give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, which blur and distort the mysteries of death and new life, and grant us the armor of light, that we may wait in service and devotion, making way to receive the Christ child again. *Amen.*”

The Entrance Rite

The Prelude: 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 & Entrance Rite *(standing)*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Our King and Savior now draws near:	.
<i>People</i>	Come, let us adore him.	

The Ringing of the Bell

The Great Litany *(kneeling)*

BCP 148

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and

Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion;
by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection
and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in
the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that
it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church
Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and
deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy
Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may
set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy
harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace
to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of
the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such
as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of
all the saints, we may attain to thy
heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the day¹: First Sunday of Advent*(kneeling)*

BCP 159

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

¹ 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.

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.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The First Lesson²: Isaiah 64:1-9 *(seated)*

Illumination: Isaiah called out to God on behalf of the people. They have spent long enough in exile and oppression, they are desperate to be rescued and to be cherished, they see how their own behavior has brought them here, and they are ready to repent.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

² 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 A."

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

**18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Illumination: The Corinthians are encouraged by the opening words of Paul's letter, that God's Holy Spirit is active in their midst and is a witness of their faithfulness.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn *(standing)*

Hymn 56 (Verses 1 & 2)

The Gospel Lesson³: Mark 13:24-37 *(standing)*

Illumination: There are sequences to nature, and there are signs of changes coming, but for the coming of the Son of God, there is no sure sign. Jesus gives warnings to be always prepared and vigilant.

Celebrant ✠The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³ 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. Since we are in Year A, the Gospel lessons are from Matthew’s Gospel.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily *(seated)*

The Rev'd Richard G. Proctor, OA

The period of silence that follows the sermon is a good time to open your Prayer Book to page 358 so that you will be ready for the Nicene Creed.

“The Lord is my Shepherd”

Lacey Mabry, Soprano

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 heaven⁴:
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 dead⁵,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

⁴ Many people make a solemn bow at the waist during the *Incarnatus* (at the words describing Jesus' birth).

⁵ 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.

The Peace *(all stand)*

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory *(seated)*

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.

Now is a good time to open your Prayer Book to page 361 for the Eucharistic Prayer

The Offertory Hymn and The Presentation of the Gifts Hymn 433

During the last verse of the hymn, the people stand and 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.**

The Great Thanksgiving⁶ *(standing)* Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

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.**

⁶ 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Because you sent your 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 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:

Celebrant and People (sung)

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

The Lord's Prayer⁷ *(spoken)*

**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. Amen.**

The Fraction

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

⁷ The music for this setting of the Lord's Prayer was composed by the Rev'd Carl Bright, who served as the first Rector of Christ the King Episcopal Church 1989-2003.

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 Communion Hymn *(seated)*

Hymn 54

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 *(standing, read in unison)*

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Hymn at the Procession *(standing)*

Hymn 497

The Dismissal⁹

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: Buffy Miller and John Tait
- Crucifer: Lilah Finch
- Torchbearers: Cannella Kellenberger & Avery Porter
- Gospel Bearer: Carson Dossett

The Lector Guild of St. Bede

- Lector: Nan Jacobs

The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Usher: Kate Owen and Brian Kellenberger
- Greeter: Maggee Dossett
- Coffee Host: Rachel Azzolini

The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

- Altar: Jenny Adams

⁸ Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) during the Blessing.

⁹ 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

¹⁰ "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.

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:

- 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?
- We pray the Great Litany on two specific Sundays of the Church year – the 1st Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday in Lent. Why do you think that is?
- When we pray the Great Litany, we omit the Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Confession (later in the service). Why do you think that is?
- 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?

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 4

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)
8:30AM – Morning Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
8:30AM – Parent's Bible Study (*Parlor*)
4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

Tuesday, December 5

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, December 6

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*)
3:30PM – CtK Kid's Club (*Parish Hall*)
4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
5:30PM – Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
5:30PM – Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Thursday, December 7

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, December 8

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)
8:00AM – Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
7:00PM – Alcoholic's Anonymous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Christmas Poinsettias If you would like to dedicate a Poinsettia in memory of, in thanksgiving for or in honor of a special someone for Christmas, please put \$25.00 in the envelope provided in your pew and mark on the envelope how the dedication should be listed in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Email Stephanie with any questions
office@christthekingfl.org

Join us this Christmas for a new tradition! “**The King is Coming**” is a new family devotional with wooden Advent Boxes that help families and children anticipate the coming of Christ. Each box is \$20. Text Katie for more info 850-687-0730

Let's help Caring & Sharing of South Walton make the holidays even more fulfilling for our neighbors in need by donating **non-perishable breakfast items**, such as: cereal, oatmeal, breakfast/granola bars, grits, pop tarts, etc. Kindly place your donations in the C&S box in the Narthex. Gift Cards are also greatly appreciated and can be delivered directly to Stephanie in the church office. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

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 –

Joan Mars(3); Gus Neely(5); Genevieve Torrey(5); Paige DeMeester(7); Sam McInnis(7); Wilson Hunter(8); Anna Klyce Tait(8); Terry Weaver(8); Norah Etheredge(9)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Parishioners: Tommy Fairweather; Emily Vick; CoCo Holman; The Huff Family; Rick Sroufe; Dale Holman; Lynn Crevar; Carl & Jo Bell; Jacquie Childs; Marlise Reis; Ann Schultz; Dawn Whitty; Buffy Miller & Lark Harbeson; Dooley Culbertson

Friends & Family: Ashley Roberts*; The Cowen Family; The Bradley Family; Bonnie Wilson; Anne Sparks; John L. Jernigan III; The Kovach Family; Carol Bomar; Gloria Guthals; Robert Barnett; Judy Fairweather; Rita Shilling; Burrell Elliott; Christy Herndon; Tammy Follis; Teeny Carson; Jason Stanley; Rebecca Balkcom; 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 is our end of the year PIZZA PARTY!
We will resume rehearsals on Jan. 17th.

Christmas Eve Family Pageant
Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2pm
If your child would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant please text Katie at 850-687-0730. All children K-4th graders are welcome! Nursery provided for 0-4 years old.

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 opening from 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.

Contact Katie for more info!

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 **DECEMBER**

What is the Season of Advent really all about? Watch out. God is on the way! It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our own devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now. *In Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*, Rev. Dr. Will Willimon introduces you to the God who does just that, bringing heaven to earth and changing everything. In Advent we celebrate and anticipate the earth-shaking, life-transforming good news that God is coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way. Join us for this four-week study into Will Willimon's *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the Incarnation* DVD series from Sunday,

Nov. 26 through Dec. 17th in Sandefur Hall at 9:15AM. Contact John French at (850) 420-9803 or jcfrench3@icloud.com w/questions.

“Habits of the Household” - A Class for Parents w/ Young Children:

Mondays, 8:30am-10:00am! “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 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

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.

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.

Sunday Services

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Nursery & Children's Church meet during this time

Weekday Morning

Prayer

8:30 AM Monday-Thursday

Weekday Evening

Prayer

4:00 PM Monday-Thursday



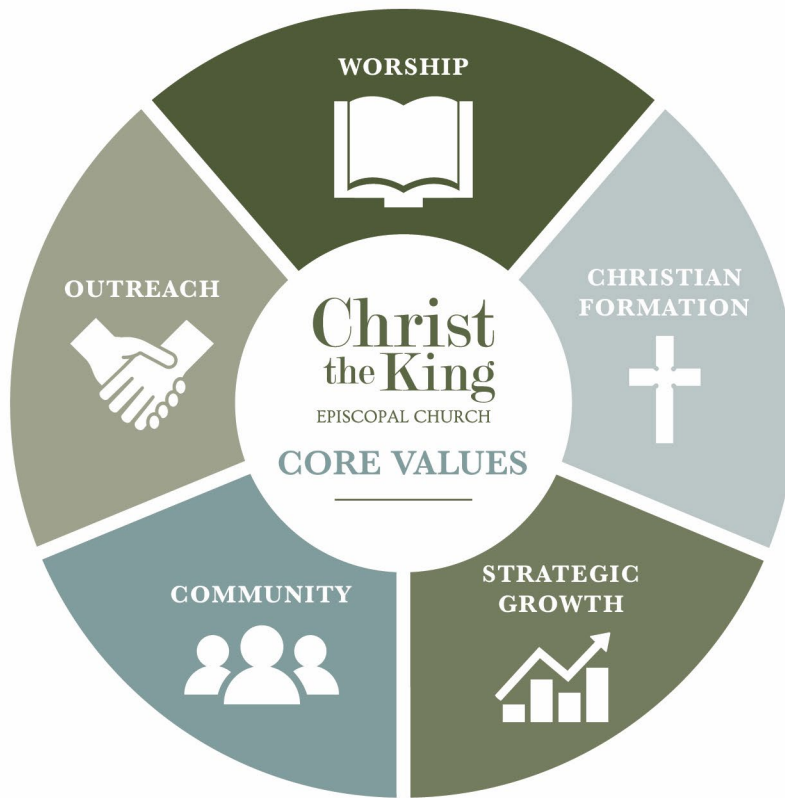
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1) **Worship:**

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

