

Christ the King Episcopal Church



**The Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 17, 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.

Central Themes in today’s Readings

Themes of grace and comfort on this Gaudete Sunday combine with encouragement and joy even for exiles, “to provide for those who mourn in Zion – oil of gladness instead of mourning,” and for Mary. A teenager in a tiny Galilean village, who sings, “My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” Paul encourages prayer practices that have become the fabric of monastic life, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing.” The poetic language and poignancy of Psalm 126, sung perhaps by captured Israelite prisoners in Babylon, begins by describing conditions of deprivation and exile, building upon them by giving voice to a dream of restoration. All Truth and Reconciliation work starts with truth. No reconciliation or hope is possible without acknowledging true accounts of the past.

The Magnificat allows us to recognize the prophetic voice of Mary before she gives birth to Jesus. In it, she describes God’s strong arm acting on behalf of the humble and meek, and against the proud and powerful, and she will teach Jesus this theology of reversal. In fact, Advent is a Marian month. In it we observe the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Annunciation, and stories of Jesus’ birth. Syrian Christian Tradition celebrates in the Sundays before Christmas a series of annunciations: to Zechariah, to Mary, to Elizabeth (Mary’s visitation), and to Joseph with the nativity of John the Baptist. In John’s Gospel, John the Baptist is a voice of witness attesting frequently and emphatically to the primacy of Jesus, and to Jesus’ designation as Lamb of God, the sacrificial Passover Lamb who takes away the sins of the world (1:29). In John’s Gospel, Jesus dies on Passover.

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)*

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

The Ringing of the Bell

The Hymn in Procession *(standing)*

Hymn 66

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant ✠¹ Blessed 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 Trisagion² *(S-99 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.

² During the season of Advent, we sing 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 also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the day³: Third Sunday of Advent*(kneeling)* **BCP 212**

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson⁴: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*(seated)*

Illumination: To those who suffer and are oppressed, to the poor who have no hope, God proclaims justice, compassion, deliverance, and restoration. All will be set right.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

³ 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.

⁴ 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."

to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
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.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 126 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."

**4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Illumination: The Thessalonians are given a last charge, told how to behave to the glory of God.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn *(standing)*

Hymn 52

The Gospel Lesson⁵: John 1:6-8, 19-28*(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 John.

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

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.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither

⁵ 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 John's Gospel.

the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily (*seated*)

The Rev'd Richard G. Proctor, OA

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 heaven⁶:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

⁶ Many people make a solemn bow at the waist during the *Incarnatus* (at the words describing Jesus' birth).

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 dead⁷,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People⁸

Celebrant: Gracious God, you have spoken through your prophets and called us to make straight the way of the Lord: Visit us with your grace to cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations, as we pray: God has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁷ 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.

⁸ The Prayers of the People is written by The Rev’d Lowell Grisham, OA

Intercessor:

O God of peace, you have called your people to rejoice always and to pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances: Sanctify your Church and her members that our spirit and soul and body may be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

God of Righteousness and Mercy, you love justice and hate wrongdoing: Guide our leaders and all in authority, that they may bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, repair the ruined cities and cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

God has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

God of Compassion, look upon the needs of the world: Proclaim the year of your favor, and clothe your children with the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness.

God has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

God of Grace, be among us in this community that we may be a people whom you have sanctified to testify to the light and to become oaks of righteousness.

Sanctify the outreach ministries of our parish by the power of your Holy Spirit-especially our partners in ministry at Point Washington Medical Clinic.

God has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

Receive our prayers for those for whom we pray in intercession, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Hear our gratitude as we offer our thanksgivings, especially for the members of our Sanctuary Choir.

Comfort all who mourn, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit, as we remember before you those who have died, especially Diane Macrae.

God has done great things for us,

and we are glad indeed.

Celebrant: Loving God, your Advent people look expectantly for the coming of Christ: As the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, nurture our prayers and the thoughts of our hearts, that we may receive with joy the goodness of your strength and live in the power of the 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

✠⁹Almighty 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 *(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.*

The Offertory Hymn

Hymn 65

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

⁹ This symbol indicates that this is a moment in the liturgy when it is customary to make the sign of the cross.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here be-
 5 low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heaven-ly
 9 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 13 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 Thanksgiving¹⁰ (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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

¹⁰ 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.

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

11
16
21
26
41

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 Prayer¹¹ (*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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

¹¹ 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.

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. Gluten free wafers are available. 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 Communion Hymn *(seated)*

Hymn 343

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 Blessing¹²

BCP 366

The Hymn at the Procession (*standing*)

Hymn 76

The Dismissal ¹³

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

¹² Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) during the Blessing.

¹³ 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: Peter Evans and Courtney Holman
- Crucifer: Griggs Justiss
- Torchbearers: Anderson King and Berkeley King
- Gospel Bearer: Cannella Kellenberger

The Lector Guild of St. Bede

- Lector: Emily Proctor
- Prayers of the People Intercessor: Nan Jacobs

The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict

- Usher: Tom and Carolyn Huff
- Greeter: Sharon Ghioto
- Coffee Host: Cinnamon Kellenberger

The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary

- Altar: JoAnn Kellogg

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¹⁴ "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.

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

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:

- How did you experience Gaudete Sunday? Did the Rose vestments, altar appointments and wreath candle impact you in any way?
- 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?

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 18

8:00AM – A.A. Meeting (*Youth Room*)
8:30AM – Morning Prayer (*Sanctuary*)
4:00PM – Evening Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

Tuesday, December 19

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 20

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*)
5:30PM – Youth Group (*Youth Room*)
5:30PM – Vestry Meeting (*Conference Room*)

Thursday, December 21

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 22

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

We are so grateful for the generosity of so many! Because of your kindness, 60 angels will have a truly blessed Christmas. We continue to support Caring and Sharing in this season of giving. Utility donation ornaments now adorn our Christmas tree. You may return a check to our office and we will deliver it for you, or donate directly to Caring and Sharing online with their QR code on the ornament. Thank you for joining us in our outreach mission!

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 –

Ruthie Cherry(17); Amanda Bartling(18);
Aubrie Porter(19); Kaila Spector(20);
Barbara Sheffield(21) & Bill Schultz(23)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

In Memorium: Diane Macrae

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; Christy Herndon; 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.

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 TODAY in Sandefur Hall at 9:15AM. Contact John French at (850) 420-9803 or jcfrench3@icloud.com w/questions.

New study will be announced soon! December 11th was our last class until after the New Year. We will resume 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

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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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

