

# Christ the King Episcopal Church



**The Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 10, 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

Listening. Waiting. Stillness. It's a common theme across our texts, which claim over and over it is in waiting and rest that we are restored. Strengthened. Reset to our original powers and purpose. Modern-day truth tellers urge us to stop. Unplug. To look up. Look around. Listen. This is how we make way for God's life to permeate ours. Quaker theologian Dr. Howard Macy writes “Waiting builds strength, in part, by moving us away from deceptive self-reliance and toward dependence on God. In stillness we not only grant God freedom to act but we also confess that we must sing ‘the Lord is the strength of my life’ (Ps 27:1).

This week's reading from 2 Peter addresses our impatience with the way things are, whether they be issues in our own lives, the life of our congregation, or the world around us. We cry out to God, “How long, O Lord?!” and the answer is “As long as it takes.” Pick up the paper to see what God is waiting on now: gun violence, dishonest politics, greed. Look in your own community and your own heart to see the work you still have to do. God's patience is mighty. God is waiting. It is our work that needs to be done.

# 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 72**

## **The Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*            ✠<sup>1</sup> 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 Trisagion**<sup>2</sup> *(S-99 found in the front of the blue hymnal)*

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #99 The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

# The Liturgy of the Word

## **The Collect of the day<sup>3</sup>: Second Sunday of Advent***(kneeling)*      **BCP 211**

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Lesson<sup>4</sup>: Isaiah 40:1-11***(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.*

*Illumination: As the prophet Isaiah urges the people of Israel, may we too prepare the way of the Lord, throwing out those things that weigh us down, distract us, and make us sleepy.*

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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."

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response: Psalm 85:1-2,8-13** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

**2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.**

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*Illumination: The coming of the Lord is not a predictable moment allowing us to procrastinate, it is the culmination of living each day and each moments with faithfulness.*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Lector* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn** *(standing)*

**Hymn 52**



## The Gospel Lesson<sup>5</sup>: Mark 1:1-8(*standing*)

*Illumination: Starting with a quotation from Isaiah, the Gospel of Mark makes clear the way that Jesus Christ fulfills prophecy and ties together the story of the Old Testament with the just-beginning story of the New Testament.*

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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<sup>5</sup> 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 Mark’s Gospel.

*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 heaven<sup>6</sup>:  
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.**

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

**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 dead<sup>7</sup>,**

**And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People<sup>8</sup>**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, through your messengers the prophets you have called your people to prepare the way and to welcome the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: Speak tenderly to your people that we may wait for and hasten the coming day, saying: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

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

**Lector:**

Indwelling God, you have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit: Inspire us to lead lives of holiness and godliness as we prepare for the new heavens and a new earth, so that as Christ comes he finds us to be a people of peace and justice.

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Holy and Mighty One, open the ears and eyes of the leaders of all the nations that they may listen to what the Lord God is saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

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

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Compassionate One, look upon the needs of all humanity: Feed your flock like a shepherd; gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom, gently leading the mother sheep, that all may know the comfort of your strength.

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Ever-present God, lift up your voice with power to herald good tidings to the people of this community to cast out all fear as we listen for the happy cry of your coming salvation.

Sanctify the outreach ministries of our parish by the power of your Holy Spirit-especially our partners in ministry at Zihuatanejo Christian Ministries in Mexico and The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Glorious One, come with might in your divine recompense to reveal your glory to all who look to you in hope, as we pray especially for those on our

parish prayer list.

Accept our glad tidings for those who offer you their gracious thanksgivings, especially for The Flower Guild of St. Therese.

Bring into your everlasting reign those who have died.

Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

**Celebrant:** Look upon your creation and comfort your people, O Holy One: Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; let the uneven ground become level and the rough places a plain, that all people may see the revelation of the glory of God, 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*

✠<sup>9</sup> Almighty 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 67

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

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Him all crea-tures here be-  
low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heaven-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!

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

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

## **The Great Thanksgiving**<sup>10</sup> *(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*

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:

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<sup>10</sup> 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.

# Celebrant and People (sung)

Score

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly,  
16 ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are full,  
21 full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na  
26 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho -  
42 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 Prayer**<sup>11</sup> (*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.**

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<sup>11</sup> 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 53**

*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 Blessing<sup>12</sup>**

**BCP 366**

**The Hymn at the Procession** (*standing*)

**Hymn 68**

**The Dismissal** <sup>13</sup>

*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

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<sup>12</sup> Many people make the sign of the cross (✠) during the Blessing.

<sup>13</sup> 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: Tom Potts and Mary Gene Dowling
- Crucifer: Carson Dossett
- Torchbearers:
- Gospel Bearer:

### **The Lector Guild of St. Bede**

- Lector: Karen Potts
- Prayers of the People Intercessor: Dale Dalbey

### **The Hospitality Guild of St. Benedict**

- Usher: Mike Gavigan
- Greeter: John Finch
- Coffee Host: Ruth Johnson

### **The Altar Guild of Ss. Martha and Mary**

- Altar: Rebecca Waters and Emily Caruso

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<sup>14</sup> "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:**

- 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 11**

**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 12**

**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 13**

**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*)

### **Thursday, December 14**

**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 15**

**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!



**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 –**

Georgia Hunter(10); Jimmy Azzolini(11); Vivian Reis(11); Samantha Torrey(14); Travis Meyer(15); Lela Magee Owen(15); Amelia Finch(16) & Renee McCalmont(16)

### **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

**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; 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](mailto: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. 17<sup>th</sup> in Sandefur Hall at 9:15AM. Contact John French at (850) 420-9803 or [jcfrench3@icloud.com](mailto:jcfrench3@icloud.com) w/questions.

**New study will be announced soon!**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup> is our last class until after the New Year. We will resume our meetings on January 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

