



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST

November 28, 2021

8:00 am – In-Person without music
 10:15 am – In-Person and Online

We welcome you today, and always, just as you are: content or wiggly, confused or confident. ALL INDOOR WORSHIP REQUIRES MASKS AND 3-FT CAREFUL DISTANCING. In this bulletin the whole congregation says the texts in bold. All directions for sitting and standing are 'as you are able', because we welcome you just as you are. If you need assistance of any kind, ask a neighbor.

*Congregation share in saying the words in **bold**.
 The people stand for the procession, as able, following the prelude.*

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* C. Hampton

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O Come O Come, Emmanuel* H56



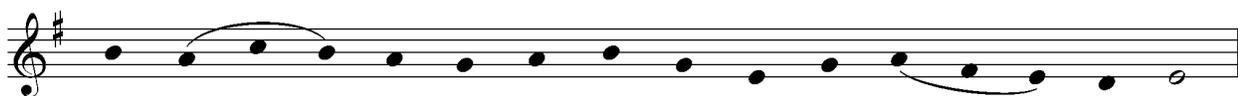
(Dec. 23) 1 **O** come, **O** come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 **O** come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 **O** come, **O** come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 **O** come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. **Re - joice! Re - joice!**



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, **O** Is - ra - el!

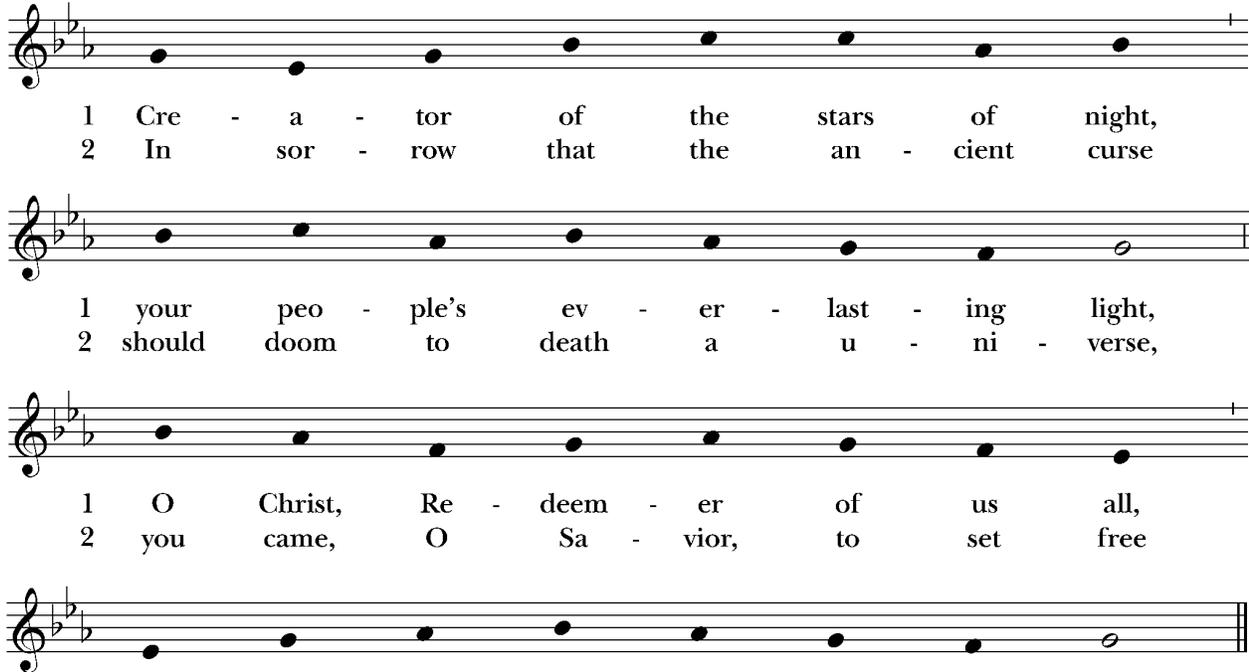
LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Creator of the Stars of Night* (vs. 1, 2)

H 60



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse

1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,

1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free

1 we pray you hear us when we call.
2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Presider says

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. *Light the candle.*

As we light the first Advent candle, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider says

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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.*

THE LESSONS

Please sit for 2 readings and the Psalm

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 25: 1-9

Said responsively by half-verse

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from the letter to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation is in 4/4 time. The Cantor part consists of two measures: a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The All part consists of two measures: a quarter rest followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B4. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Word of jus - tice,	Al - le - lu - ia,
2. Word of mer - cy,	Al - le - lu - ia,
3. Word of pow - er,	Al - le - lu - ia,

1. Come to dwell here.	Ma - ra - na - tha!
2. Live a - mong us.	Ma - ra - na - tha!
3. Live with - in us.	Ma - ra - na - tha!

Litany of the Word, by Bernadette Ferrell

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 21: 25-36

All stand.

Clergy Person The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

THE HOMILY

The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand

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: 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 the 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, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

All stand, or kneel, as you are able. Clergy person begins:

In this Advent season, let us make ready our hearts for your coming offering our prayers together.

Lay reader continues the prayers:

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; ***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of Your word and sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

We pray today for the name on our prayer lists: Michele M., Brynn G., John H., Scott T., Mark D., Lisa, Nancy A., Jane B., Katharyn H., Jesse F., Ray S., Doris, Chris G., Gabriel, Rev. Sue, Little Vincent, and Oma. For those serving in the military: Richard W., Eric C., Michael S., Chris W., Mark R., Michael B., Marshal N., Nicole G., Joshua R. David B., Tony G., Mark, Timothy N., Jerome S., William S., Austin, Neil S., Rob., Evan H., James R., Robert W. And for those who risk

so much as first responders: Jim N., Rob H., Frank D., Tom H., Joan H., David III, Michael D., Marianna, Rob H., Josh P., Doug C., Art R., Lee E., Jesse F., Mitchell H., and Wayne M.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy – remembering especially this week William “Bill” Whaley. ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for those suffering from this pandemic, for those on the front lines of treating it, and we pray for our own needs and those of others. *Please offer your own prayers at this moment.*

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence with your love in our hearts and your courage in our minds, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming in your welcoming embrace through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

All kneel. A clergy person then says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence. Then all together say

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 Presider stands and says

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.***

All stand.

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a safe sign of reconciliation and care.

OFFERTORY AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Adam Lay Y-Bounden”

Philip Ledger

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As you are able, please stand

Presider

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

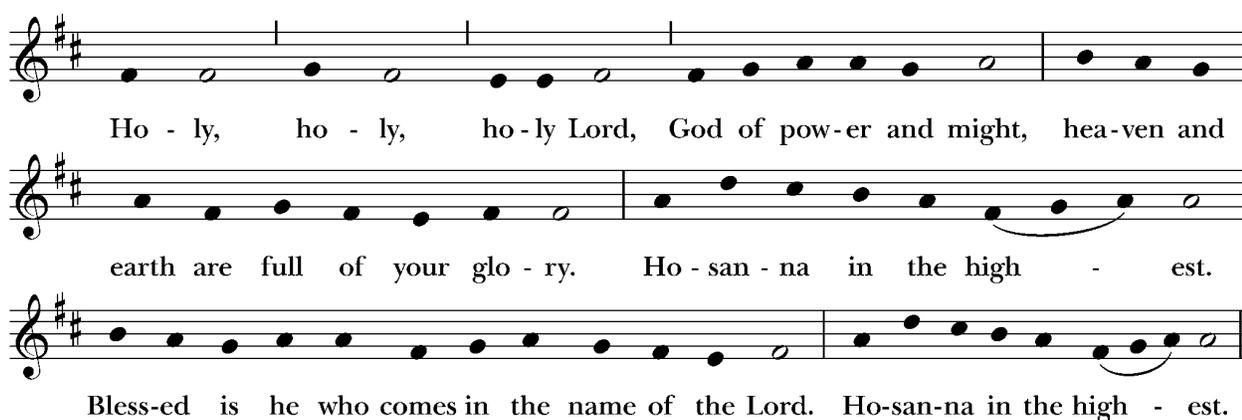
But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

(Hurd) S 124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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." **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever, AMEN!

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore, let us keep the Feast.**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Lamb of God

(Hurd) S 161

Today we hold in love two young friends coming to share in the Holy Eucharist for the first time. May these words be written in their hearts forever: Come: the table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and suffering; those with whom Jesus identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The people receive communion around the altar. If the steps are a difficulty, please alert an usher for assistance. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving communion, you are encouraged to come forward and receive a blessing.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now, has been, or will be celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.

Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we call on you to come spiritually into my heart and soul. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.
We distribute communion outside the red doors from 11:30 to noon each Sunday.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand

Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING

May God, who forever comes to you, draw you to his love, draw you to his peace, draw you to himself; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you forever and for always. *Amen.*



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

DISMISSAL

Clergy Person Dismisses the People. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Gregorian March

A. Guilmant

Invitation to Communion from Iona Community.

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CCRP EVENTS & INFORMATION

Whoever you are, for whatever draws you to join Christ Church today, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about how to connect and grow through the ministries of the Episcopal Church in this region, and Christ Church Ridley Park, please find the Connect Card under “Dive In” or “Join” on our website: ChristChurchRidleyPark.org.

Email Scams- Please be aware of scam emails posing to be Reverend Jane or other CCRP staff. The staff at Christ Church will **NEVER reach out over email requesting urgent help** to send money or purchase gift cards. We will never ask for a digital file of the parish directory. If you ever receive an email where something seems fishy do not hesitate to call the church to validate accuracy! Valid staff email address are listed on our website.

Family Promise/ Interfaith Hospitality Network is looking for people to make dinner Monday to Friday for 6pm for their families, right now numbering 5 adults and 11 children. Please direct questions to Deacon Dennis, or Delco Director Joe German at 610-389-0793.

Brookhaven Family Shelter is asking for help. They need: Paper towels, Toilet paper, cleaning supplies, trash bags- tall kitchen bags, large black or green trash bags and contractor type bags. We will designate a tub by the green doors for these items.

November Congregational Challenge- It’s nearing the end! We hope you enjoyed your search for abundance in daily life.

Sponsor Altar Flowers- Sponsor altar flowers to beautify the sanctuary with God’s handiwork. Altar flowers are often shared “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone special and can be displayed the Sunday around a meaningful date. Information on sponsored flowers gets included in the bulletin as well. If you are interested in sponsoring, please go to our website and look under “Give” in the top right menu bar.

2022 Calendar/ Episcopal Church Year Guides are here! They are available for pick-up at the church, check by most of our entrances. Maybe grab 2 and deliver one to someone you know who has been worshipping with us at home online.

November Book Club- meeting for discussion Tuesday the 30th at 5pm.

Outreach Christmas Collection- This year we are collecting for two local organizations, thank you in advance for your generous giving. Donations can be dropped off to the church to fill the front pews with our giving-spirit!

Ridley School District- Hoodies & Coats, various sizes and styles for Elementary up to High School students. (Dec. 10)

Fair Acres- Assorted Items, full list and detailed information in the digital church communications. (Dec. 20)

Pumpkin Patch- We were once again bold and brave. At the request of Pumpkin Patch USA, we accepted delivery of a full truck of pumpkins. That’s over 2,200 pumpkins! We managed to sell all but a dozen or so of the pumpkins giving us record-breaking gross sales of \$23,132.00! Our profit is \$8,096 with 12% going to buy books for the Kara Barnard Youth Literacy Fund as well as donations to the Cross Country team and the Boy Scout troop.

Advent Materials- Family Advent kits, Advent candle/prayers, and Heaven & nature Sing devotionals are available for pick-up to guide your at-home Advent practices. Come and grab yours!

CCRP Leadership

The Reverend Jane A. Gober, Rector
The Reverend Dennis Bingham, Deacon
Mackenzie Alexander,
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Joining From Home? *Worship is like art, it is a representation of the relationship of God, community, and self. So, if it is an art, we should use our imagination and body. First, get ready. Turn off distractions and give the whole time to something greater than ourselves. Second, light a candle, place art, or arrange flowers near your screen. During the prelude breathe deeply and stretch your body. During the service: stand, sit, kneel, make the sign of the cross, and bow. Lastly, find something ‘artistic’ and not distracting to do with your hands to keep the tactile part of this blessing real in your body.*



Advent & Christmas

FESTIVE FELLOWSHIP

Following the 10:15 am service throughout Advent

Holiday cookies, coffee, and tea upstairs in Musselman Hall. Come grab a sweet treat, warm mug, and catch up with your church family after worship.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING

December 12, 5:00 pm outdoors

Bundle up and enjoy an evening of illumination. You are encouraged to bring an ornament that represents your household to hang on the tree (ex: something homemade, your favorite team to cheer on, or your pet). Together we will gather around the tree to sing carols, welcome Light, and warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. Contribute to the well-wishes garland which will wrap the tree in our hopes and prayers. You will also get to enjoy musical performances from some of our local musicians. All are welcome, invite family, neighbors, and friends!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

December 14, 7:00 pm

An evening service for all people experiencing told and untold grief this Advent season. Join us in-person or through live stream for an evening of reflection, acceptance, and holding out for healing and hope.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Check online or in the direct mailing for more information

December 24

6pm- Family-focused service, not live-streamed, with hymns and choir and an interactive micro-pageant sermon.

9pm- Live-streamed, choral prelude, choir, organ

December 25

10:15am- In-person & live-streamed. Communion distribution outside following service.

December 26

NO 8am

10:15am in-person & livestreamed

ADVENT & EPIPHANY WORD

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