

The First Sunday after Christmas



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Welcome to Christ Church ✠ Washington Parish

Merry Christmas! We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you.

Christ Church is a vibrant faith community; the announcements at the back of the bulletin will give you a sense of the opportunities here to grow and serve. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will look here.

If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website (washingtonparish.org) and complete the [Newcomer Welcome Form](#) under the section on the homepage titled "I'm New Here." Contact information is on the last page of this bulletin or on our website under

“About Us.” Please follow us on Facebook ([Christ Church on Capitol Hill](#)) and sign up for our weekly emails for worship information, news and events.

*Let this bulletin be your guide through the service;
it includes everything you need.*

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Prelude

Second String Orchestra on the Hill

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All **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.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

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

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

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Second Reading**Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

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

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

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

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Paul Laymon

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray.

Leader Holy Child of Bethlehem,
angels proclaimed your birth to shepherds at their labors;
we pray for all people in their daily life and work:

for those called to shepherd your people,
and for those who carry your love into the world.
May we see your glory in the world around us and,
like the shepherds, may we bear witness
to your presence among us.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Child of Bethlehem,
born in a stable
when your parents found no room in the inn,
we pray for all who are without shelter,
for all who know poverty,
and for all who offer what they have
to meet the needs of others.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Child of Bethlehem,
welcomed into your mother's loving arms,
we pray for all who are lost and alone -
who have no arms to hold them;
for those who are sick or in need -
who depend upon loving arms to care for them,
especially those we name now.
We pray also for those whose arms are now empty -
who mourn loved ones gone,
and for those who are no longer with us
but have been welcomed into your loving arms,
especially those in whose memory the sanctuary is adorned and for those we
name now.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Child of Bethlehem,
a refugee in Egypt, whom Herod sought to kill,
we pray for all who live with danger,
for all who are persecuted,
and for all who are far from their homes.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy Child of Bethlehem,
in you God was pleased to dwell,
help us, we pray,
to see the divine image in people everywhere,
and to honor the divine image in ourselves.
Forgive us where we have sinned,
strengthen us where we are weak,
heal us where we are blind.

Lord, in your mercy.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Holy Child of Bethlehem,
you were born into our world,
that we might be reborn into eternal life.
May we daily live as children of God through your love,
as you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory

Celebrant Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Music

Second String Orchestra on the Hill

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At the presentation:

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

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All **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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim our Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and give you grace to carry the good news of Christ into the world; and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Liturgist Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Via Zoom Meeting (teleconference or telephone)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/265300284?pwd=T1N1UUg1ZkM1anBRZINETGMwY3NzUT09>

Via telephone only: 646-558-8656 (Meeting ID 265 300 284) Password: **WayofLove**

Use of Zoom: you can copy and paste the link above into your browser. You can use any device that can access the internet: smartphone, tablet, laptop/computer with a camera. You do not need to download an app to gain access to the meeting.

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The Church Office and Building are currently closed for the COVID-19 shutdown.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Watch Christ Church virtual services on our website: We are pleased to offer a new way to watch virtual services on the Christ Church website under washingtonparish.org/watch. You will find a button – Watch Online – on our home page and on the menu on top. You will also find a copy of the service bulletin on this page. If you do not have a Facebook account or miss a

live service, you can watch the services live or view a recording from the most recent service. You may also watch past services as well as access the Sermon Archives on the Watch page.

Church Staff will be taking time off between Christmas and New Year's Day. Wednesday Morning Service on Dec. 30, 7:30am and Thursday Evening Compline on Dec. 31, 8:30pm will continue as usual.

Charitable Giving and Tax Bill/End of Year Giving: For 2020 tax purposes, financial gifts must be made online via our [website](#) by December 31st or postmarked by December 31st if mailed to the church office. Mail sent to the church continues to be received and deposits made. If you have not fulfilled your 2020 pledge and you are in a position to uphold your financial commitment to Christ Church, we would greatly appreciate receiving your gift by December 31st.

Stewardship Season - Moving Forward: We are pleased to announce that we have hit and exceeded our goal! We have raised \$418,101 toward our goal of \$400,000, including 53 increased pledges and 8 new pledges. Thank you to the 96 households who have responded and made pledges for 2021. If submitting your pledge is on your To Do list, please submit it before the end of the calendar year as to assist the Finance Committee and Vestry prepare a responsible and informed budget for next year. You may pledge online at <https://washingtonparish.org/ministries/stewardship/> or mail in the pledge card you received in the mail.

Formation and Fellowship

The Adult Forum Returns on Sunday, January 3, 10am: The Adult Forum series will take a break on Sunday, Dec. 27 and will resume on Epiphany on Sunday, January 3 with a new topic to be led by the rector, Rev. John Kellogg.

Adult Forum Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/377727989?pwd=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWVGZz09>

Meeting ID: 377 727 989 (Password: WayofLove)

Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group, 9am: A long-standing Christ Church tradition, the Saturday Morning Men's Spirituality Group meets every Saturday at 9am for conversation and reflection. The group has returned to hosting this meeting on Zoom due to the colder weather and spike in COVID infection rates in the area. If you are interested in receiving the Zoom link, please email Paul Laymon at pa.laymon@gmail.com.

Children and Family Ministries

Children's Chapel, 9am, via Zoom: Please join Rev. Mary Miller Flowers for stories and music appropriate for children ages 3 – 2nd grade (all children are welcome to participate).

Zoom Link for Children's Chapel for ages 3 – 2nd grade is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/141023266?pwd=US9SUnG2SnMzYTFJWitWSEt2Qklqdz09>

Meeting ID: 141 023 266 (Password **CCWPKids**)

Sunday School for grades 3rd – 5th (and older children welcome) will meet at 10am via Zoom for 40 minutes to focus on the stories of Jesus.

Zoom Link for Sunday School for 3rd – 5th grade is [here](#):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222800831?pwd=clhzNGVnVTh5eGo3OEpVeJNjV1hzZz09>

Meeting ID: 882 2280 0831 (Password **CCWPKids**)

PRAYERS AND BIRTHDAYS

For prayer requests for parishioners: Linda Norton; Russell and Annelise Atkinson

For prayer requests from parish members and friends of the larger community: Emily Lewis (aunt of Marian Connolly); Cindy Hambleton (mother of Carole Anne Hawkins); Jurate Butkute (friend of Bill James); Kathie Crandall (aunt of Del Crandall); Noah Piper (friend of Lauren Welch); Jane Penn (sister of Charles Free); Linda Hine (friend of Katherine Patterson); Tom Howard (son-in-law of Sandra Hanbury); Fran Laskofski (family friend of Jennifer Baker Howard); Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks); Lolita Brown (friend of Andrew Lyons); Emily and Robin (friends of Jack Jacobs); Becky Bowen (niece of Jack Jacobs); Ellen Finn and Buenos Vecinos families (outreach community partners); Al (friend of Keith Lopes); Bart Bedsole (nephew of John Payne); Mandy Brown (friend of Nancy Broers); Jennifer Norton (daughter-in-law of Linda & Randy Norton); Marilyn Wheaton (niece of Linda Norton)

For the repose of the soul: Rachel Oelslager (friend of Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield); B. Michael Parrish (friend of Richard Thibadeau)

For those expecting a child: Allison Spaid Atherton and Garrett Atherton (January); Jamie and Rob Schafer (pending adoption)

For those celebrating their birthdays this month: Socorra De Castro; Don Denton; Sarah Evans; Emma Gambis; Etienne Gambis; Andrea Harles; Dorothy Hughes; Jennifer Jameson; Christopher Koppel; Lydia Lyons; Sean McAlister; Tom Mitchell; Raine Montgomery-Vielmo; Ellen Psychas; Doris Robinson; Colin Román; Jamie Schafer; Juliette Schafer; Jon Schans; Kirsten Sloan; Helena Spangenberg; Jeremy Spangenberg; Joel Spangenberg; JW Verret; Renate Weber; Luca Zappala

(If you would like to add someone to the Prayer list or your birthday, [email](#) the Church Office.)

Additional Worship Opportunities During the Week

All additional worship opportunities and formation events are held as Zoom meetings via video and/or telephone conference call via (646) 558-8656 and enter the Meeting ID number.

Wednesday Morning Prayer, 7:30am: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead Morning Prayer; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/960678710?pwd=OG40M25pNHhZIN2QUU4M3lXMXN5UT09>
Meeting ID: 960 678 710 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Thursday Compline, 8:30pm: The text for the service will be broadcast on the screen or follow along in The Book of Common Prayer online. Volunteers needed to lead the service; guidance in advance provided.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/376730107?pwd=UETpb1V3MDNpM0Y0eIZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
Meeting ID: 376 730 107 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Financial Support to Christ Church + Washington Parish:

As you are financially able, please support Christ Church during the shutdown by continuing your pledges and financial gifts. We are all still here with and for each other, and we continue to have expenses for salary, insurance, benefits, bills, etc.

You may give to Christ Church in one of four ways:

- (1) Using the QR code below, make a one-time gift or set up recurring, automatic gifts from your bank account or via credit card to the Christ Church's Annual Fund via our secure database. You will use your email address to log in and create a password.



- (2) one-time donations via our website: <https://washingtonparish.org/donate-to-christ-church/>
- (3) by phone – Text 73256, in the message field type CCWP (Christ Church's keyword) and the gift amount (e.g. \$20, \$100, etc.). You will receive a text with a link to a secure site to complete your gift via bank account, credit card, or debit card. Click the link to complete your donation. You will receive a receipt by email. Standard text message rates apply if applicable.
- (4) by sending a check to Christ Church - Washington Parish, 620 G Street SE, Washington, DC 20003