

Christmas Eve



December 24, 2020 + 5:00 pm

Welcome to Christ Church ✠ Washington Parish

Merry Christmas! We are so glad that you are with us on this special night. This bulletin has all that you need to participate in this evening's service.

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." To contact us, see the last page of this bulletin or go to our website for more information. On the website, hover over ABOUT US and select Contact Us. The office email is linked (or [click here](#) to send an email). Also, visit us on Facebook ([Christ Church on Capitol Hill](#)).

Breathe deep. Open your eyes and your heart. God is in this place.

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

Prelude at 4:45 pm

Carols

Joy to the World

Lucy Cosgrove, *violin*

Away in a Manger

Good King Wenceslas

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymn 105

God rest you, merry gentlemen
[*music on next page*]



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
 2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
 3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."
 this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Keyborad and guitar should not sound together.

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Organ

Noel Variations

Dave McCahan, *organ*

Solo

Magnificat

John Flink, *baritone*

Hymn

Good Christian friends, rejoice

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

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Solo

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

Matt Dannan, *trombone*

Opening Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O come ye, O come ye to
 2. God from God, Light from light e-ter-nal, lo! he ab-hors not the
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion, sing, all ye ci-ti-zens of
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap-py morn-ing; Je-sus to thee be

Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten Son of the Fath - er;
 heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;
 glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880) and others
 Music: *Adeste fideles*, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;

out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David.) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Kellogg

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 Anthem

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Polish Carol, *arr.* Willcocks

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(Christ Church Giving QR Code.)

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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.**

Candle Hymn

Silent night, holy night

[music on next page]

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)
 Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

Blessing

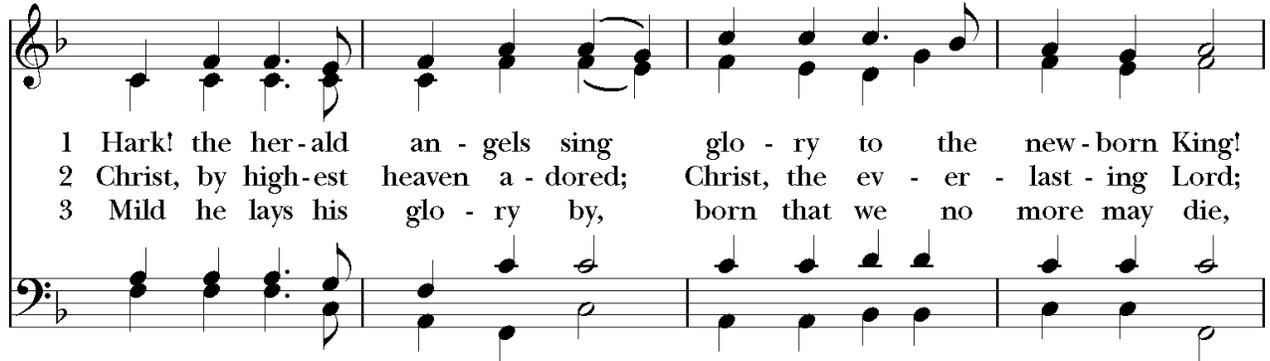
May God, who sent his angels to proclaim our Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and give you grace to carry the good news of Christ into the world; and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Closing Hymn

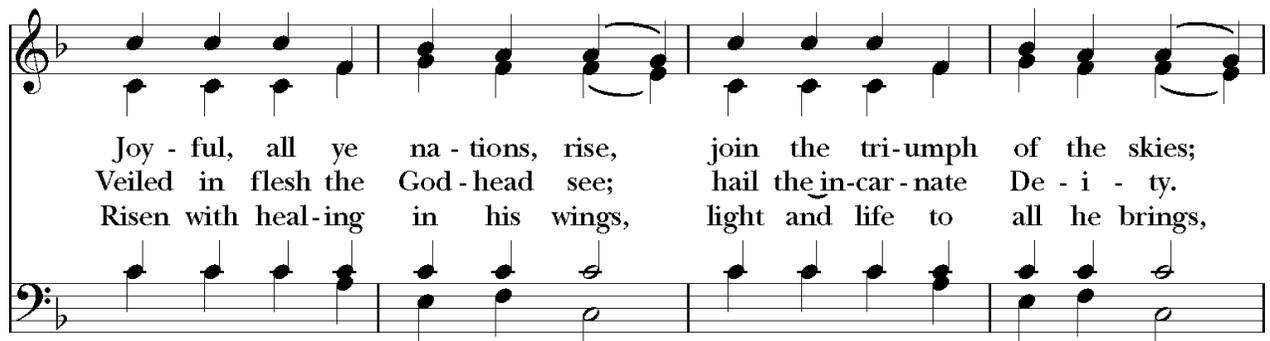
Hark! the herald angels sing



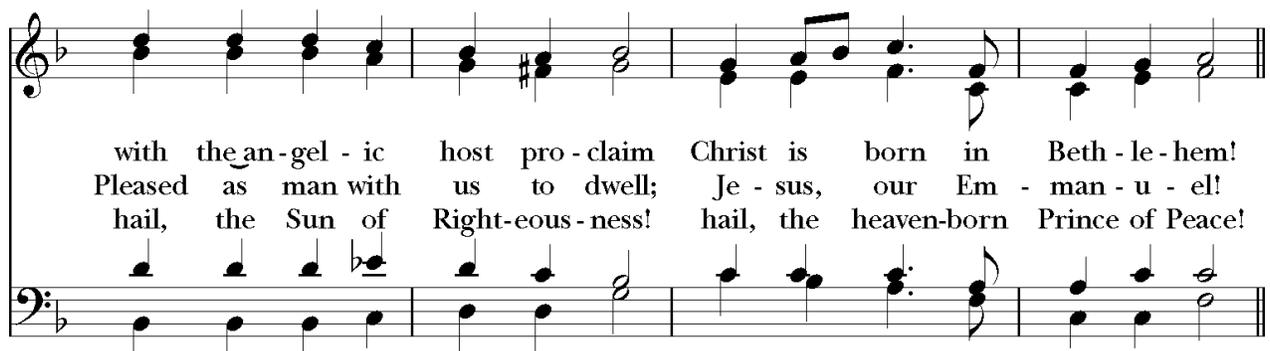
1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. John Kellogg

Sacristan: Bill Woodward

Liturgist: Karen Wilson Román

Reader 1: Robin Blackwood

Reader 2: Cynthia Thomas

Musicians: Lucy Cosgrove, *violin*; Dave McCahan, *organ*; John Flink, *baritone*; Matt Dannan, *trombone*; Laurie Gethin, *clarinet*; The Eisenbells, *handbell ensemble* featuring choir member Jan Eisenbarth and family; The Christ Church Choir, Richard Thibadeau, *organist and music director*.

CONTACTS

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcing a new way to watch Christ Church virtual services: 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.

No Thursday Evening Compline on Christmas Eve: The Thursday Compline will resume on Thursday, December 31 at 8:30pm.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Service, 10am, via St. Mark's Facebook Live Stream: Join our Capitol Hill and Episcopal neighbor on Christmas Day for a worship service, including communion, via their Facebook page. Search for "St. Mark's on Capitol Hill" or @wearestmarks on Facebook.

The Washington National Cathedral Christmas Organ Recital, Friday, December 25, noon: Cathedral organists Thomas Sheehan and George Fergus present a program of festive Christmas music on the Cathedral's Great Organ. Make a cup of cocoa, wear your holiday-appropriate ugly sweaters and socks and celebrate Christmas with us! *REGISTRATION REQUIRED*. Visit the [Cathedral's website](#) to receive an email confirmation.

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.

Nativities from around the world: While we are not able to gather together during Advent and Christmas, we are sharing the church's collection of creches from around the world via Facebook postings, including photos, donor information, country of origin and a prayer. Please follow along via our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchDC>).

2021 Liturgical Calendar Available for Pick Up: The 2021 liturgical calendars have arrived and are available for pick up in the storage tote in the courtyard (behind the church). We have a limited supply this year so please only take 1 per household. First come, first claimed.

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=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWWTGVjZz09>
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**)

Outreach, Serving the Community

Thank you to our Volunteers: Thank you to Joe Thompson, Deborah Schmid, Stephanie Schmid, Barb Crandall, Linda Mellgren and John Payne for purchasing and delivering a bounty of food to our Outreach Community Partner, Progress for Christ Food Pantry in time to make our neighbors in need Christmas dinner festive and fulfilling. Thank you to Joe Thompson for also shopping and delivering cleaning supplies and toiletries for a newly arrived Afghan family as part of our refugee resettlement partnership with Capitol Hill Good Neighbors.

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); Rachel Oelslager (friend of Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield)

For the repose of the soul: 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=OG40M25pNHNhZlN2QUU4M3lXMXN5UT09>
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=UETpb1V3MDNpM0Y0eUZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
Meeting ID: 376 730 107 (Password: **WayofLove**)

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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