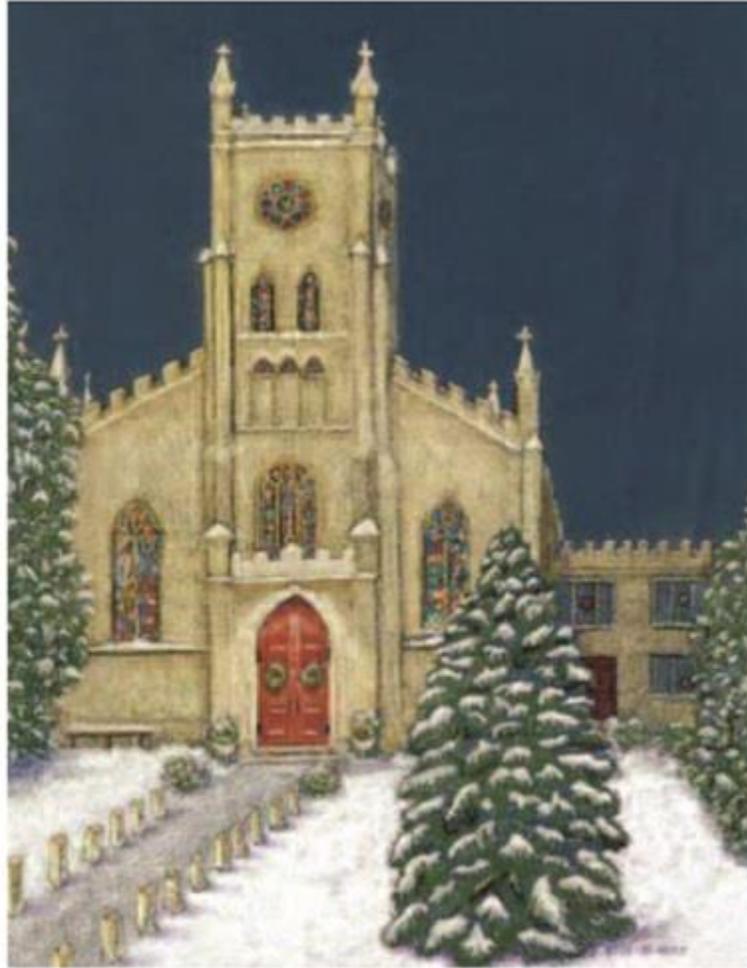


# The Epiphany



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# Welcome to Christ Church ✠ Washington Parish

Merry Christmas! We are so glad that you are with us. This bulletin has all that you need to participate in this morning'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 for more information and to contact us: [www.washingtonparish.org](http://www.washingtonparish.org). 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.

## Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

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<b>Sacristan:</b>	Lynne Mallonee Schlimm & Cynthia Thomas
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Kirsten Sloan
<b>Reader 1:</b>	Lynne Mallonee Schlimm
<b>Reader 2:</b>	Jennifer Baker Howard
<b>Musicians</b>	The Eisenbells, <i>handbell ensemble</i> , featuring choir member Jan Eisenbarth and family; Dave McCahan, <i>organ</i> ; Christ Church Choir, Richard Thibadeau, <i>music director</i> ; Mark Hegedus, <i>piano</i> ; Chris Wilson, <i>piano and baritone</i>

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

**Prelude**

**Dave McCahan, organ**

## 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, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

**Anthem**                    *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*                    Polish Carol, *arr.* Willcocks

**Second Reading**                    **Ephesians 3:1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

**Solo**                    *The People that Walked in Darkness from Messiah*                    **Chris Wilson, baritone**

## The Gospel

**Matthew 2:1-12**

Celebrant     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

    'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
        are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
        who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## Sermon

**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 Music**      *What Child Is This?*      **The Eisenbells, handbell ensemble**

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*Please see the back of the bulletin for links and more information.*

*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**

**BCP 364**

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**              *Sleigh Ride*                      **Mark Hegedus & Chris Wilson, piano**

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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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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adopt a Poinsettia, Pick Up on Tues. Jan. 5, 12pm-4pm:** The Christmas decorations will come down after the Epiphany service this Sunday and all unclaimed poinsettias will go into the dumpster. Please take pity and give a poinsettia a home. Socially distanced, safe pick up on the courtyard patio (behind the church) on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 12pm – 4pm. If you cannot make it on Tuesday for pick up and need to make other arrangements, please email Jennifer at [office@washingtonparish.org](mailto:office@washingtonparish.org).

**Stewardship Season - Moving Forward:** Thank you to the 100 households who have pledged for 2021. We have met and exceeded our goal, raising \$424,001 (goal: \$400,000). As you turn the calendar to a new year, you can still make a pledge for 2021 at <https://washingtonparish.org/ministries/stewardship/>

## Formation and Fellowship

**The Adult Forum Returns on Sunday, January 3, 10am:** The Rector, Rev. John Kellogg, will lead the Epiphany Adult Forum discussing topics based on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. In this book, the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu discuss eight “pillars of joy,” qualities they believe lead to a more joyful life. During the season of Epiphany, we will explore our own “epiphanies” and experiences involving each of these pillars. Each conversation will seek to deepen our understanding of joy as a spiritual practice. There is no need to read the book in order to participate - just bring yourself. Please note – Rev. John will need to leave the conversation at 10:30am to prepare for the 11am Worship Service. Dates/topics: January 3rd: Perspective; January 10th: Humility & Humor; January 17th: Acceptance; January 24th: Forgiveness; January 31st: Gratitude; February 7th: Compassion; February 14th: Generosity

Adult Forum Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/377727989?pwd=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWVGvjZz09>

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](mailto:pa.laymon@gmail.com).

## Outreach: Serving the Community

**Volunteers Needed for Refugee Resettlement:** Our community partner, Good Neighbors Capitol Hill, will be welcoming a new refugee family on Thursday, January 7, and Christ Church is charged with purchasing and delivering the cleaning and laundry supplies, as well as toiletries for a family of 7 (including 5 daughters). If you are able to assist with shopping or delivering the supplies, please contact Lisa Nickerson to coordinate at [lmnicker@gmail.com](mailto:lmnicker@gmail.com) or (202) 546-4668. It would be great if we could divide up the duties -- many hands make light work!

### 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (all children are welcome to participate).

Zoom Link for Children's Chapel for ages 3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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); 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); Al (friend of Keith Lopes); 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); Fran Laskofski (family friend of Jennifer Baker Howard);

**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:** Rachel Abrecht-Litchfield; Oliver Ackley; Lisa Barton; Sharon Bosworth; Aidan Chalk; Ben Chicoski; Anne Curry; Emily Earnest; Thomas Earnest; Lulu Ferland; Charles M. Free, Jr.; Amber Gove; Fletcher Hall; Tatum Hall; Max Heaton; Rafael Heaton; Jennifer Kuskowski; Lucien Marie; Jude McCarthy; Ravyn Montgomery-Vielmo; Katherine Moy; Susan Oakley; Joyce Palmer; Chris Pascuzzo; Jan Shea; Rich Shea; Bennett Svejkosky; John Sylvester; John Symington; Ryan Taylor; Andy Weber; Doris Werwie; Bing Yee; and Alexander Yellen

*(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=OG40M25pNHNhZIN2QUU4M3lXMXN5UT09>  
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