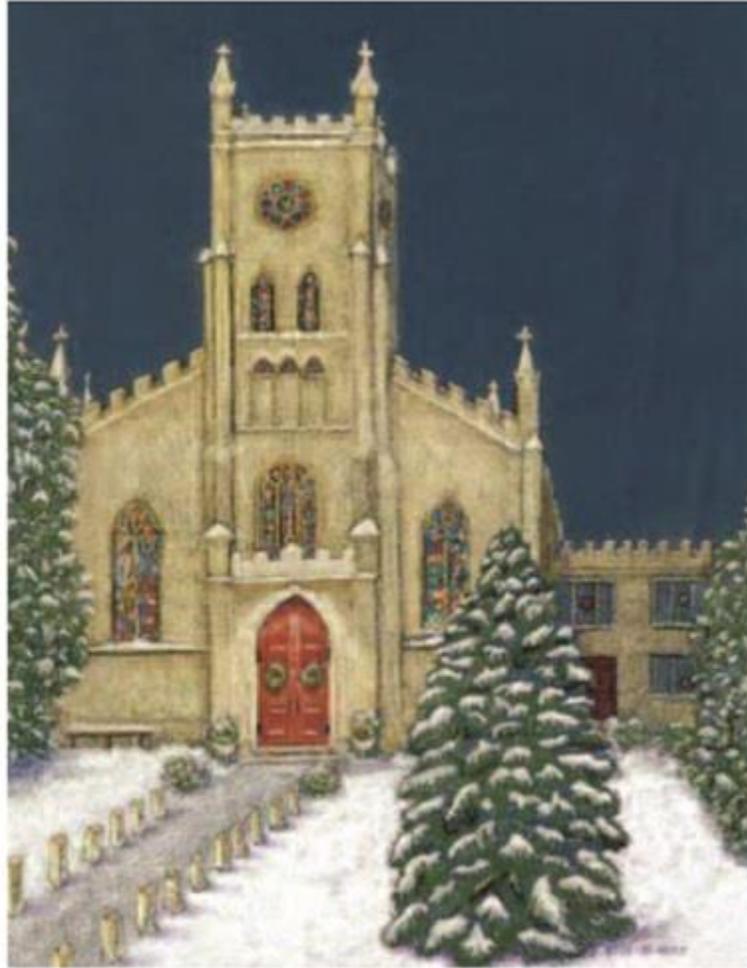


The Baptism of Our Lord



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Welcome to Christ Church ✠ Washington Parish

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

Prelude

Laurie Gethin, *clarinet*

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Psalm 29*Afferte Domino***BCP 620**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

The Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

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."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

The Rev. John Kellogg

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give to this congregation patience and wisdom as we search for a new rector; make us a community of love to support each other during the search process and to welcome that person we choose as our new rector through your help and guidance.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession and Absolution

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit**

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(The Celebrant prays an absolution)

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 Hymn

God of grace, and God of glory

Hymnal 594

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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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

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Matt Dannan, trombone

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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.

Praise God for Those Who Serve Today

Officiant and Preacher: The Rev. John Kellogg
Sacristan: Gary Abrecht & Cynthia Thomas
Liturgist: Cheryl Stadel-Bevans
Readers: Ben Chicowski; The Fletcher/Pascuzzo Family; Andrea Harles
Flowers: Jocelyn de Castro
Video Operations: Sherwyn Santos, Edgar Román, and Bill Pollock
Musicians: Laurie Gethin, *clarinet*; Matt Dannan, *trombone*

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of Special Meeting and Annual Meeting, February 7, Noon, by Beth Mullin, Vestry Clerk: There will be a Special Meeting of the Parish via Zoom on Sunday, February 7, at 12:00 noon. At this meeting, there will be a vote on proposed changes to the Parish bylaws to allow the Annual Meeting to be held electronically and other minor changes. If an electronic meeting is approved, the Annual Meeting will begin immediately following the Special Meeting. A copy of the proposed bylaws changes is available [HERE](#) and an explanation of the changes are available [HERE](#).

A WORKING DRAFT list of voting members can be viewed [HERE](#). If you are not listed or are listed as an associate member and want to be considered a member, please [contact the Rector](#). Membership at Christ Church is as follows: 1) must be 16 years old one month before the meeting; 2) actively participate in the life of the church; 3) contribute to the parish in a manner recorded by the treasurer or known by the Rector; and, 4) be recorded in the parish records as baptized.

To view these documents, please visit the "Document Library" section of our website.

<https://washingtonparish.org/about-us/document-library/>

Save the Date – Parish Virtual Annual Meeting, February 7, noon: Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will be hosting the 227th Annual Meeting via Zoom. We will need a quorum (30 people) to elect new Vestry members, report on the financial status of the parish, and look forward at 2021. The Christ Church [roster/membership](#) will be posted virtually this year and we ask you to double check the list to **make sure you are on the roster**; if you wish to be added, please contact Rev. John Kellogg (rector@washingtonparish.org) regarding membership.

[An Epiphany Story by Kate Abbott:](#) Parishioner Kate Abbott was inspired in 2020 at the Epiphany service imagining the story of the Magi, and wrote a short story from one of their points of view. Kate has approved that we share this lovely piece with the congregation.

<https://washingtonparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Epiphany-Short-Story-by-K-Abbott.pdf>

K9 Membership at Congressional Cemetery (dog walking membership program): Christ Church's cemetery has an off-leash, dog-walking membership program with a long wait list. As part of the lease agreement, five current Christ Church members can skip the waitlist (several years long) to join the K9 Corps this year. (To be eligible, you must be a current Christ Church member as determined by participation and support of CCWP.) K9 Corps members must pay the annual fee and follow all dog-walking rules. For more information, visit the K9 Corps [website](#). If you are interested, send an email with your contact information to Jennifer Baker Howard at office@washingtonparish.org by **Jan. 31st** and indicate if you are already on the

waitlist. Rev. John will review the list of interested candidates/eligible members; this opportunity will be first come, first served.

Stewardship Season - Moving Forward: Thank you to the 102 households who have pledged for 2021. We have met and exceeded our goal, raising \$427,201 (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 Continues through Feb. 14, 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 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=RmtHamFoYW5FcEZjN3pTMWNWTGVjZz09>

Meeting ID: 377 727 989 (Password: **WayofLove**)

Adult Formation/Education Winter Offerings via Diocese: The Episcopal Diocese of Washington’s School for Christian Faith & Leadership has announced its January - March offerings (listed below by start date). This information is also available in the [School for Christian Faith and Leadership Newsletter](#). Consider [signing up here](#) to receive future School newsletters (bi-monthly) for more classes, seminars, and other offerings to build your faith and connection to God.

Winter 2021 School Offerings

(listed by start date)

Jan 8 [Yoga & Prayer Looks to the Light](#)

Jan 13 [The Prayer: The Foundation for Discipleship](#)

Jan 14 [Discover-Embrace-Become \(catechumenate\) Informational Session](#)

Feb 23 [Find Your Spark](#)

Feb 24 [Grace in the Wilderness: Lenten Practices in a Time of Disruption](#)

Mar 11 [Faith Formation in a Changing Church](#)

Mar 22 [Gather Us In: Leading Transformational Small Groups](#)

Friday Film Series on January Break: A reminder that the Friday Film Series is on break until Friday, Feb. 12 when it will resume for the Valentine's Day Film and then launch the Lent Film Series on Fri. Feb. 19.

First Friday Book Club, Fri. Feb. 5, 7pm: Please join us via Zoom for the next Book Club to discuss the February book, *The Fire Next Time* by James Baldwin.

First Friday Book Club Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83718189178?pwd=MDRVUHVVDTHhSakZDL29IOEpsV29ZQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 1818 9178

(Password if prompted: **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); Mitzi Schroeder (sister-in-law of Alison Brooks); Becky Bowen (niece of Jack Jacobs); Mandy Brown (friend of Nancy Broers); Matthew Hall (husband of Jack Jacobs); Kristin (daughter of Jan and Rich Shea)

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=UEtpb1V3MDNpM0Y0elZ1eWU1Wkwwdz09>
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