

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
ORDER OF WORSHIP



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 20, 2015
7:00 a.m.

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Cathedral Parish of the
Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)

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To Visitors

Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, which is the red book located in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. The Hymnal is the blue book. Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about worship at Christ Church Cathedral and opportunities for fellowship, education, and servant ministry. Please complete a Visitor's Card and leave it with an usher or place it in the alms basin. You may also visit our website, christcathedral.org, to learn more about the Cathedral. Thank you for visiting!

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

A Penitential Order

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP, p. 319)

THE DECALOGUE (BCP, p. 317)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP, p. 320)

TRISAGION (BCP, p. 324)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
 in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

PSALM 80:1-7

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| 1 | Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. | 5 | You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. |
| 2 | In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. | 6 | You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. |
| 3 | Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. | 7 | Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. |
| 4 | O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people? | | |

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

SERMON – The Reverend Canon William Mostert

A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED (*BCP, p. 326*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

THE PEACE

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*BCP, p. 333*)

The Lord's Prayer (*BCP, p. 336*)

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

ALTAR GUILD – Greer Broemel, Wilburn Johnson, Terri Scott, Jane Boram, Sandra Merritt

FLOWER GUILD – Caroline Chester

SACRISTAN – Brooks Smith

USHER – Picksley Cheek

PRAYERS

Today we pray for *Will Chappell, Roberta LaBour, Leigh MacMillan, David Paul Cotton, Linda, Clayton Reeve, Gwyn Turner, Philip Guenzer, Isabell Flynn, Linda Booth, Valerie Middleton, Dot Benneyworth, Beth Allen, Christopher Theodosiou, Patti Smith, Tom Krump, Dale Grimes, Arnold Malcolm, Mary Frances Lyle, and Barry Kolar. We pray also for those who have died, especially Pat McGeachy; and Eleanor Dew, mother of Carolyn Pearre.*

Room In The Inn Program (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) provides emergency winter shelter at more than 150 local churches. Cathedral members host 12 men every Thursday night in the Cathedral Annex Building from November 1 through March 31.

FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

Hearing assistance devices are available at the reception desk for use during worship. It is recommended that you bring your own earphones or ear buds for personal comfort.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Adult Classes:

Dean's Forum

"Introducing the Anglican Church of Southern Africa" Part 1

Presenter: The Reverend Canon William Mostert, Visiting Priest-in-Residence (The Diocese of Cape Town) (Parish Hall)

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening, by Cynthia Bourgeault

Led by Heather Rippetoe (Cathedral Annex Building)

Faith & Family Matters

"How To Create A Meaningful, Faith Filled Holiday"

Led by Hannah and John Lavey (Chapel)

Sitting with Scripture: Lectionary Readings for Listening Ears

Led by Ben Curtis, Lyonel Gilmer, Keith Meador, and Rod Murray (Room 4, Undercroft)

Sunday Book Study

Jesus for President, by Shane Claiborne, Section 5

Led by David Long (Cathedral Annex Building)

Children's Classes

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Age 3 (as of 08/15/15) through 1st grade—Cheek Hall

2nd through 5th grade—Cathedral Annex Building

Youth Classes :

6th-12th grades (810 Broadway Building)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Only a few Christ Church Christmas ornaments remain, so stop by the Wheeler Room and get yours before they are gone. Ornaments are available for \$12 as a donation to the Youth Ministry Program.



PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGIES

The Cathedral has made arrangements for FREE parking for the Christmas Eve Liturgies at 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) parking garage (located next to the Cathedral Annex building). The garage will be open 3:30-5:30 p.m. for the 4 p.m. Liturgy and will reopen from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the 11 p.m. Liturgy.

PLEASE NOTE: Lot A is reserved for the elderly and those with mobility issues.

- ◆ The SBC garage will be available **ONLY** for those vehicles displaying a Christ Church Cathedral decal.
- ◆ If you need a decal, they are available at the reception desk during regular office hours or on Sunday mornings.
- ◆ Please also note that all vehicles must be removed from the SBC garage by 1 a.m.

The SBC garage will NOT be available for the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on Christmas Day.

EPISCOPAL LAYMEN ADVENT EUCHARIST

**Tuesday, December 22
6:00 p.m.**

All men in the Diocese are invited to a special Eucharist with Bishop Bauerschmidt at the Cathedral on Tuesday, December 22, at 6 p.m. There will be a reception following, with a suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of refreshments. Please RSVP to Sean Root, s17root@aol.com.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND IS COMING!

JANUARY 8-10, 2016

Register: If you have a student in grades 6-12, sign them up for Discovery Weekend. We want every student involved in this weekend! Cost is \$100. It's really important to register early due to Advent Season, family vacations, etc. so we're offering an early bird price of \$65 through today! You can register your child at goo.gl/AiyV2e. Save \$35 and sign up today!

Join the Discovery Team: We'll need to fill 100+ volunteer slots throughout the weekend. Currently we need volunteers for: overnight leaders, logistics, meal team, etc. Visit the link to sign-up. goo.gl/k8vjz2

Pray: Please begin praying for this weekend and our youth community at Christ Church Cathedral and make plans to attend the Parish-Wide Prayer Service on Saturday, January 9, at 7 p.m. in the Nave.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS 2016

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18

The 2016 Every Member Canvass is presently about \$475,000 away from its goal of \$2.1 million. As of 12/14, recorded pledges totaled **\$1,624,797** with 52% of pledging households increasing their pledge. Many, many thanks to all who have pledged so far. Budget deliberations are beginning, so if you have not recorded a pledge, please consider giving of your first fruits as a visible sign of thanksgiving and praise. Please pledge online at christcathedral.org/giving/pledge or mail your pledge card to the Cathedral business office at 900 Broadway, Nashville 37203. Every gift, large and small, contributes to the building up of the Kingdom of God at Christ Church Cathedral. Pledge today!

YEAR-END PLEDGES AND OFFERING CHECKS

Please help the Cathedral keep accurate records of your giving by indicating your intention on your check. A notation of the year will be sufficient for pledges (**2015 or 2016 pledge**). Please also make a notation if the gift is for Christmas flowers, Christmas music, Christmas offering, or any other fund.

Checks received by Thursday, December 31, will be credited in 2015, or if mailed, IRS regulations require that the envelope be postmarked by Thursday, December 31, in order to be credited this year.

THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR BAPTISM IS JANUARY 10, 2016



Baptism will be celebrated at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Liturgies on January 10. If you or your child would like to be baptized, please contact the Reverend Canon Gene Manning, 615.255.7729 or gmanning@christcathedral.org, by **Monday, January 4**. Baptism rehearsal will be Saturday, January 9, at 9 a.m.

ICON WRITING WORKSHOP

JANUARY 25-29, 2016

Writing icons is an ancient contemplative, spiritual practice dating back to the early Christian church. Create an icon in this week-long workshop led by iconographer Teresa Harrison. The \$495 fee includes all materials and lunch. **Registration deadline is today.** Contact Susan Dupont, susan.dupont@gmail.com or 615.828.1948 to register.

WEAPON-FREE: The Cathedral clergy and Vestry have declared the Cathedral to be a weapon-free place of worship, prayer, study, and fellowship, as a sign of Eucharistic peace. Please leave any weapons you are licensed to carry at home or in your car when you visit Christ Church Cathedral.

TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GO TO christcathedral.org/give.

SAVE THE DATE!

**A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH GORDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 3:00 P.M.**

Make plans to join us for a joint service with Gordon United Methodist Church, located at 2334 Herman Street, 37208, on Sunday, January 17, at 3 p.m. The Service will commemorate Martin Luther King Day and will be continuation of our series on racism and reconciliation, *Seeing The Face of God In Each Other*. More details coming soon!



**SACRED SPACE FOR THE CITY
WINTER SYMPOSIUM
JANUARY 15-17, 2016**

**FEATURING SHANE CLAIBORNE
“WHAT IF JESUS MEANT WHAT HE SAID”**

Using biographical stories to animate Biblical truths, Shane Claiborne will offer his version of God’s revolution—a revolution that is gentle and magnetic, and big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free.



Friday, January 15

Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m.,
Program 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 16

Lecture 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Dinner reservations, payment required and
request for Childcare by Monday, January 11.**

Go to goo.gl/qnNT7B for reservations.

Sunday, January 17

Shane Claiborne will be our guest preacher at the 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Liturgies and speaker at 9:45-10:45 a.m., the Dean’s Forum.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Wednesdays, Cathedral Annex Building, 6 p.m.
For All Newcomers and Inquirers: Are you interested in baptism, confirmation, or simply learning more about being a Christian in the Episcopal Church? Are you coming to Christ Church Cathedral from another tradition or from another Episcopal Church? *Journey in Faith is for you!*

CHURCH IN THE YARD (CITY): SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2:00 P.M.
Every first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m., Christ Church Cathedral serves a meal to the hungry at the Church of the Holy Trinity (615 6th Ave. S.). You are invited to come and assist in this servant ministry. For more information, please contact Anna Masi at annamasi01@gmail.com.

PRESTON TAYLOR PREVIEW AND VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 4:00-6:00 P.M.: Preston Taylor Ministries seeks to glorify Jesus by empowering children to discover and live their God-inspired dreams through joy-filled friendships and love for learning. Join PTM staff, volunteers, and new friends for a preview of PTM, followed by a volunteer orientation. PTM is located at 4014 Indiana Avenue 37209.

2015 MS. CHEAP PENNY DRIVE: You are invited to participate in the Seventh Annual Ms. Cheap Penny Drive for Second Harvest Food Bank. It’s easy—just pick up Penny Drive cans at the church, and take them home and/or to the office to raise awareness and money to fight hunger right here in Nashville. **Nissan will match all donations received by December 31**, so remember to bring your filled cans to church with you before the end of the year!

Listening as a Spiritual Practice



Montgomery Bell State Park

On the weekend of February 26-28, 2016, all women of Christ Church Cathedral are invited and encouraged to attend the annual Women’s Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park. This weekend is a rare opportunity for the women of our congregation to come together in fellowship and friendship and to spend deliberate time thinking, praying, listening, and talking about our faith and lives.

Spiritual practices are how we respond in prayerful, worshipful, and disciplined ways to God’s presence in and around us. Christ Church Cathedral’s upcoming Women’s Retreat, **“Listening as a Spiritual Practice”**, led by our very special guest speaker, the Reverend Danielle Thompson, will explore how being attentive to the voices of God, self, and others is a vital part of our spiritual life. We will engage topics such as discernment and decision-making, attention and distraction, and especially the art of receiving and telling stories. Whether your daily life is full of quiet or noise, and whether you prefer silence or sound, this retreat aims to help you listen well to the call that is happening all around us.

The Reverend Danielle Thompson is Assistant to the Rector at St. Mary’s-on-the-Highlands Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama where she directs the parish’s pastoral care and outreach ministries. Danielle was sponsored for ordination by Christ Church Cathedral and has served as a parish priest and seminary chaplain in Chicago and New York. Danielle relocated to Birmingham in 2015 with her husband Josh Davis, an Alabama native, and two young sons, Joshua and Jem.



REGISTER ONLINE AT 2016cccwomensretreat.eventbrite.com

Contact Monica Flynn Urness mflynnurness@comcast.net or Glenda Chambers glenda0627@gmail.com for more information.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IN YOUR WILL?

2015-2016 Christmastide at the Cathedral

Thursday, December 24, 2015

7:15 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.

Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Childcare provided)
Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Childcare provided)
Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Music begins at 10:15 p.m.)

Friday, December 25, 2015

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Blessing of the Children

Sunday, December 27, 2015

7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Carols
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Carols
Breaking Bread @6

Monday, December 28, 2015

12:15 p.m.

The Holy Innocents

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

12:15 p.m.

5th Day of Christmas

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

12:15 p.m.

6th Day of Christmas

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Thursday, December 31, 2015

12:15 p.m.

7th Day of Christmas

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Friday, January 1, 2016

12:15 p.m.

The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Sunday, January 3, 2016

7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Breaking Bread @6

Monday, January 4, 2016

7:15 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

11th Day of Christmas

Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

7:15 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

12th Day of Christmas

Morning Prayer
Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Chapel)

Cathedral offices will be closed December 25 and January 1.

The Cathedral will be open Saturday, December 26, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Cathedral offices will be open Monday, December 28; Tuesday, December 29; Wednesday, December 30; and Thursday, December 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer (except December 28 through January 1)

NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON DECEMBER 27 AND JANUARY 3.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Regular Liturgies and Christian Education will resume on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

SERMON NOTES:

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 20

Advent IV

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
7:30-8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Christian Education
9:45-10:45 a.m. – Centering Prayer
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
12:20 p.m. – Coffee Minute
6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @6 Liturgy

MONDAY, December 21

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, December 22

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. – Laymen's Liturgy

Wednesday, December 23

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
4:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:00 p.m. – Solemn Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Christmas Music begins at 10:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, December 25

Christmas Day

Cathedral offices closed

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:00–11:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Children
5:00 p.m. – Room In The Inn

SATURDAY, December 26

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Cathedral Tours

SUNDAY, December 27

Christmas I

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:20 p.m. – Coffee Minute
6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @6 Liturgy

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015
7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Canon Gene B. Manning, *Sub-Dean*

PREACHER

The Reverend Canon William Mostert, *Visiting Priest-in-Residence (The Diocese of Cape Town)*

Names and contact information for the Cathedral staff
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