

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
ORDER OF WORSHIP



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 27, 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

The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 323*)

GLORIA (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; 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 – Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

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.

PSALM 147

- 1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 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!

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 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.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – John 1:1-18

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.

READINGS FROM THE TRADITION

A Christmas Carol

G. K. Chesterton
(1874-1936)

A poem “Nativity”

John Donne
(1572-1631)

A reading from “For the Time Being”

W. H. Auden
(1907-1973)

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 – Sandra Merritt, Terri Scott, Adam Hutson, Greer Broemel

FLOWERS – The Cathedral Flower Guild

SACRISTAN – Bill Koch

USHER – Pickslay 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, Barry Kolar, Mildred Elmore, Patti West, and Ann Teasley.* **We pray also for those who have died, especially Art Wheeler, friend of Pam Lasley.**

Traveler's Aid (*one of the agencies the Cathedral supports*) is a part of the Nashville Rescue Mission that helps stranded out-of-towners find refuge from the streets, and assists with their return to friends and family outside the Nashville area by providing bus passes and guidance for their travels.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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. You can register your child through January 3 at goo.gl/k6fFsd. Save \$35 and sign up today!

Join the Discovery Team: We'll need to fill 50+ volunteer slots throughout the weekend. We especially need male and overnight leaders and meal hosts. Check out how you can serve! 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.

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.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS 2016

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."
Proverbs 29:18

The 2016 Every Member Canvass is presently about \$325,000 away from its goal of \$2.1 million. As of 12/22, recorded pledges totaled **\$1,774,505** with half 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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

A JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE WITH GORDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016 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!

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.

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 Gina Williams at ginakwilliams@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!



SCOTT DETTRA
ORGAN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016
4:00 P.M.

Organist and Director of Music at Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas, Scott Dettra also maintains an active performance schedule.

Sponsored by Gene Russell

Free and open to the public

Childcare provided. Reception following the concert.

Christcathedral.org/sacredspace for more information.



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. The theme of this Women's Retreat will be "*Listening as a Spiritual Practice.*" It will be led by our very special guest speaker, the Reverend Danielle Thompson, who 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 13-16, 2016

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL IN YOUR WILL?

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 27

Christmas I

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

No Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:20 p.m. – Coffee Minute

6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @6 Liturgy

12:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Room In The Inn

FRIDAY, January 1

New Year's Day

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Cathedral offices closed

MONDAY, December 28

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

SATURDAY, January 2

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

TUESDAY, December 29

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY, January 3

2 Christmas

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

No Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:20 p.m. – Coffee Minute

6:00 p.m. – Breaking Bread @6 Liturgy

Wednesday, December 30

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, December 31

New Year's Eve

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Cathedral Office Hours

12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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

CELEBRANT AND PREACHER

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

ASSISTING

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

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