

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 10, 2017  
7:00 a.m.

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Diocese of Tennessee (Episcopal)



## 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](http://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*)

KYRIE

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, "Cry out!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Here is your God!"  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;  
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

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.”

SERMON – The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt

*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 – Susan Standbrook, Elise McMillan, Dede Clements, Hilary Hill

FLOWER GUILD – Kelsey Urness

SACRISTAN – Brooks Smith

USHER – Picksley Cheek

## PRAYERS

**Today we pray for** Katheryn Stevens, Roberta LaBour, Max Steele, Sereana, Bob Allen, David Pearce, Stephanie Vlahos, David Paul Cotton, and John Lewis.

**We pray also for those who have died,** especially Evelyn Campbell Hooper, mother of Art Hooper.

**This week we also pray for the Matthew 25 Ministries,** which provides transitional housing and support services to homeless men who have the potential to establish self-sufficiency within the 60-day period of the program.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of the 26 children and educators who died in the Sandy Hook School shooting five years ago this weekend.

**SERMON NOTES:**

# CHRISTIAN FORMATION

9:45-10:45 a.m.

## ADULT CLASSES

The Dean's Forum (Parish Hall).

"Past And Present In The Diocese Of Tennessee"

Presenter: The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop of Tennessee*

**Centering Prayer** (Cathedral Annex Building)

*Into The Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation* by Martin Laird

Led by Arlene Wilson, Susan Hilderbrand, Laura Copeland, John Wellborn, and Benetta Ligon

**Faith & Family Matters** (Chapel)

Led by Maura Ammenhauser

**Sitting with Scripture:** (Room 4, Undercroft)

Led by Ben Curtis, Paul Elledge, Lyonel Gilmer, and Rod Murray

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Age 3 (as of 08/16/2017) through 1st grade (Cheek Hall in the Undercroft)

2nd through 5th grades (Cathedral Annex Building)

**YOUTH CLASSES** (810 Broadway Building)

Sunday School Break-Out Groups

6th-12th grades

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7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

**CELEBRANT AND PREACHER**

The Right Reverend John C. Bauerschmidt, *Bishop of Tennessee*

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

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