

Today, December 15th, The Third Sunday of Advent
 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with Hospitality following
 10:30 AM Vestry Meeting

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker
 Organist: Sherry Dwyer
 Lector: Barbara Franks
 Altar: Rick and Barb Ives
 Usher: Rick and Barb Ives



*The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary,
 are given and arranged as an expression of
 Thanksgiving to God
 for blessings received and prayers answered.*

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PARISH PRAYERS

Suzy Benkard  
 Janis Downey  
 Jane Farnol  
 Erin Ford  
 Peter Hill  
 Francoise Kelz  
 John Lynch  
 Larry Mac Neil

Adele Prindle  
 Wendy Grace Rossi  
 Linda Sartori  
 Addie Selfridge  
 Barbara Tucker  
 Sheldon Vetter  
 Philip Waugh  
 Joyce Weeger

December Celebrations

3 Heidi Truax  
 6 William Franks  
 18 Carol Widing

11 Barbara Ives  
 22 Jon Widing  
 24 John Lynch

A Prayer for Christ Church

**O God, who has brought us into the Church of thy dear Son, make all in our parish a family of one heart and mind in love towards thee; and grant that our common life and work may help to bring in thy kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

9:00 A.M THE HOLY EUCHARIST Rite Two

The Word of God

Organ Prelude *Voluntary in C* *John Stanley*  
 Opening Hymn Hymnal 376  
 Opening Greeting Book of Common Prayer 355  
 Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis Deo) Hymnal S-280  
 The Collect of the Day Insert

The Lessons and Sermons

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 Insert  
 Psalm Canticle 15 Luke 1:46-55 *The Song of Mary Magnificat*  
 Epistle James 5: 7-10  
 Gospel Hymn Hymnal 66  
 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11  
 Sermon *The Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker*  
 Organ Meditation *Sherry Dwyer*  
 The Nicene Creed BCP 358  
 Prayers of the People Form VI BCP 392  
 The Exchange of Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

The Holy Communion

The Hymn at the Offertory *verses 4-6* Hymnal 56  
 Offering of Gifts & Hymn 380 (verse 3) *Doxology*  
 The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer C BCP 369  
*Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy* Hymnal S-164  
 The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
 The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364  
 Fraction Hymn Hymnal S-164  
 The Sharing and Receiving of Communion BCP 365  
 Post Communion Prayer and Parish Prayer BCP 366 & Bulletin  
 Blessing  
 Closing Hymn Hymnal 640  
 Dismissal Response: Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
 Organ Postlude *Allegretto in G Minor* *G.B. Martini*

*To all who may be visiting with us this morning, we are honored by your presence and we invite you to join us in sharing and receiving Communion.*

### Christmas Memorials or Celebrations

Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one will be recognized at our Christmas Eve Service. Should you wish to be included, please fill out the Memorial Sheet with the names you would like memorialized or celebrated along with your check made out to Christ Church Episcopal Flower Fund by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### Upcoming December Events

#### Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:45 AM and 5:30 PM-Yoga in Parish Hall

3:00 PM Crazy Crafters

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday -Cubs meet in Parish hall at 6:30 PM

#### Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Advent IV and Holy Baptism

#### Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 AM Altar Guild Decorates for Christmas

#### Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Mitten Tree

Please help to adorn our Mitten Tree with new mittens, gloves and hats that will be distributed to Sharon children by our town Social Worker.

**Your pledges for the 2020 year will be accepted through the month of December. Please send them in as soon as possible so we can plan the budget for the coming year.**

### **Christ Church Episcopal**

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Third Sunday in Advent  
The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:00 A.M.

Greetings and Welcome

### Mission Statement

We are called to be one with God and each other by living the Gospel with love and compassion.