

Today, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Rite II

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Worship Assistance:

Altar Guild: Cathy Casey

Minister of Communion: Liza Smith

Ushers: Judith Schwerin and Cathy Casey

Lectors: Judith Schwerin

**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



The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary,  
are given and arranged as an expression  
of Thanksgiving to God  
and in memory of Lindsay Bugbee Crosby.

**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 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST AND BAPTISM

Rite Two

**The Word of God**

Organ Prelude *Sherry Dwyer*  
Opening Hymn Hymnal 72  
Opening Greeting *The Book of Common Prayer* BCP 299  
Collect for the Day Insert

**The Lessons and Sermon**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16 Insert  
Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18  
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7  
Gospel Hymn Hymnal 76  
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25  
Sermon *Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker*  
Organ Meditation *Sherry Dwyer*

**Holy Baptism**

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate BCP 301, 2, 3  
The Baptismal Covenant BCP 304, 5  
Prayers of the People BCP 305, 6  
Thanksgiving Over the Water BCP 306, 7  
The Baptism and Christening BCP 307  
The Welcome BCP 308

**Owen Tucker Yarboro**

The Exchange of Peace: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

**The Holy Communion**

Hymn at the Offertory Hymnal 99  
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer A BCP 361  
*Sanctus Holy, holy, holy* Hymnal S-129  
The Lord's Prayer BCP 364  
The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364  
The Sharing of Communion BCP 365  
Post Communion Prayer and Blessing BCP 365  
Closing Hymn Hymnal 73  
Dismissal Response: *Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia* BCP 366  
Organ Postlude *Sherry Dwyer*

*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.*

**Up Coming Events**

**Monday, December 23rd**

10:00 AM Altar Guild decorates church for Christmas

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

8:45 AM Yoga in Parish Hall

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day. Merry Christmas. The Office will be closed.

**Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Worship

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.

**December Celebrations**

3 Heidi Truax

6 William Franks

18 Carol Widing

11 Barbara Ives

22 Jon Widing

24 John Lynch

**CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL  
SHARON, CONNECTICUT**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 22, 2019

Holy Eucharist and Baptism

9:00 A.M.

**Mission Statement**

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

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