

Morning Prayer

RITE II

The First Sunday After Christmas

December 28th, 2025 • 10am



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT + SEATTLE, WA

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time worshipping at Christ Church, we are especially delighted by your presence. Your hopes, dreams, fears, and mess are all welcome in this space.

If you would like to know more about Christ Church, please fill out one of the newcomer cards in your pew and place it in the plate at the offering or hand it to an usher. You may also fill out the form online using the QR code in your pew. We look forward to getting to know you.

Children

We are a community for all ages, and children are especially welcome to run around, play, and cry in the sanctuary during the worship service. There is a corner on the north side (on your left if facing the altar) with toys and books, and all are welcome to use it. We hope you and your children feel welcome and comfortable here.

Nursery care for children up to four years old is available downstairs during the service. It is a bit confusing to find the nursery, so please ask a greeter to accompany you!

Children's safety is of total importance. Each adult working with children has passed a background check and completed mandatory safety training. No child is ever left alone with an adult.

Covid Practices

Masks are required and available at the door.

Why are we still masking?

1. Because Covid, among other airborne viruses, is still killing and disabling people, and it is preventable. Most of us will never meet the people whose lives are destroyed by careless spreading of disease in public, but that does not mean we should not protect them. Jesus taught us to heal, not to make people sick.
2. Because masking is a form of access. Masking is necessary for people whose immune systems are compromised or vulnerable: people with cancer, people with transplants, people with autoimmune diseases, pregnant people, the elderly, and babies who are not old enough to be vaccinated. We do not believe only the able-bodied should be able to attend worship safely.
3. Because we are a sacrificial tradition. Jesus died on the cross for the liberation and salvation of all, and asked us to lay down our lives for our friends. If an hour or two of mild discomfort allows all people to participate, and prevents the death and disabling of the most vulnerable in our society, then we cheerfully and wholeheartedly invite that discomfort.

Questions may be directed to Rev. Shelly: revshellyfayette@gmail.com

Air Movement and Filtration: We have upgraded our HVAC system to provide significantly increased air circulation. Additionally we have added HEPA-level filtration as well as UV scrubbers that sanitize the air in the sanctuary.

Testing for Preacher: The only person who will remove their mask during the service will be the preacher. The sermon is the portion of the service where there is no written and visual corollary. So, it is important for people to be able to hear the preacher clearly and lip reading is essential for many. The preacher will take two rapid antigen tests, 48 hours apart, before the service.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

All rise in Body or Spirit.

Opening Sentence

Presider Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Presider Alleluia. To us a child is born:

People **Come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

May all lands be joyful before you, O God, *
 serve with gladness
 and come before your presence with a song.
For we know that you are God; *
 you yourself have made us, and we are yours;
 we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.
We shall enter your gates with thanksgiving,
 go into your courts with praise, *
 give thanks to you and call upon your Name.
For you are good;
 your mercy is everlasting; *
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Presider
People

Alleluia. To us a child is born:
O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; *
 how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!
 For you rebuild Jerusalem *
 and gather the exiles of Israel.
 You heal the brokenhearted *
 and bind up their wounds.
 You count the number of the stars *
 and call them all by their names.
 Great are you and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to your wisdom.
 You lift up the lowly, *
 but cast the wicked to the ground.
 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; *
 we make music to you upon the harp,
 For you cover the heavens with clouds *
 and prepare rain for the earth;
 You make grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve humankind.
 You provide food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 you have no pleasure in human strength;
 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, *
 in those who await your gracious favor.
 Jerusalem will worship you, O God, *
 and Zion will praise your name.
 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates *
 and have blest our children within them.
 You have established peace on our borders *
 and satisfied us with the finest wheat.
 You send out your command to the earth, *
 and your word runs very swiftly.
 You give snow like wool *
 and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against your cold?
 You send forth your word and melt them; *
 you blow with the wind, and the waters flow.
 You declare your word to Jacob, *
 your statutes and judgments to Israel.
 You have not done so to any other nation; *
 to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia!

People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
 beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Reader A Reading from the first book of Isaiah.

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.

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9

Isaiah 12:2-6

**Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Galatians.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 20

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E - ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy, Our sin for -

giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia. Je - sus is liv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia.

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Presider
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The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Christ.

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.

Presider
People

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All rise in Body or Spirit.

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

<i>Presider</i>	The Lord be with you..
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.
<i>All</i>	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Suffrages

Presider Help us, O God our Savior;
People **Deliver us and forgive us our sins.**
Presider Look upon your congregation;
People **Give to your people the blessing of peace.**
Presider Declare your glory among the nations;
People **And your wonders among all peoples.**
Presider Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
People **Never forget the lives of your poor.**
Presider Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;
People **And your favor to those who are true of heart.**
Presider Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
People **So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

The Collects

Presider Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:14-15*

Christ Church exists because of all our offerings - time, labor, money, prayer, creativity, kindness. At this time, you are invited, not pressured, to make a financial offering to support our vision, and as an act of gratitude for God's abundance in your life. Your one-time, weekly, or annual gift to us funds our street ministries, allows our staff to grow, bolsters our discipleship and formation, and keeps the lights on. You may donate online at christchurchseattle.org, clicking the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church at 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. You can also donate via text; text the amount you wish to give (5, 10, etc.) to 206-222-7262. Thank you. We are grateful for your generosity.

All rise in Body or Spirit as gifts are brought forward.

Prayers of the People

Presider Holy God, we come before you with our prayers and our burdens. We acknowledge that we currently stand on unceded territory of the Duwamish, a people still here. This land has held thousands of years of prayers before us. We stand here because of the violence of white settlers, who used Christ as a justification for their crimes. We offer repentance, in the form of paying rent to the Duwamish. We ask for the help of our colonized and crucified Christ to guide us into right action and continuing amends.

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition the People respond:

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Philip our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who live and work in this community especially those who live outside, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Paul and Liz, Frank and Judy, James, David, Richard, Mary, Pat, Northsea, Edie, Kay, Marie, Nora, Joanne, Laura, Ellie, Kaila, Carolina [ca-ro-lee-na], Kathleen, Hamied [ha-mee-ed] and his family, and Reverend Shelly. We pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Silence

Presider For yours is the majesty, O Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Prayer

Presider Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Daily Bread

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 28, 2025 - The First Sunday after Christmas

10:00am - Morning Prayer - Danielle Hope, *preaching*
11:30am - Street Chaplaincy

Sunday, January 4, 2026 - The Second Sunday after Christmas

10:00am - Morning Prayer - Edie Burkhalter, *preaching*
Social Hour after service in Wilson Hall
11:30am - Street Chaplaincy

Office Hours will be irregular until the new year. Please feel free to reach out to Basil over email and they will get back to you as soon as they see it!

Street Chaplaincy

Help give comfort to our unhoused neighbors!

Street Chaplaincy is a ministry that walks around with basic supplies and snacks for our unhoused neighbors around the University District after church services every Sunday, rain or shine.

Come walk with us today and discover how this ministry unfolds each Sunday. We meet in Wilson Hall at about 11:30am and walk the neighborhood from noon to 1:30pm. We'd love to show you more about this important work.

If you would like to volunteer to help with street chaplaincy, use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-street>

Board Game Night 2026 Update

Our board game night is moving to a new schedule! Starting in January, we're going to meet quarterly on Thursdays (previously monthly on Mondays). The first quarterly game night will be on Thursday, January 15th, at 7pm. Game night will NOT happen in December. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Morning Choir Hiatus

Pick-up choir will be on hiatus through the holidays and will resume in 2026. Thank you all for sharing your voices and making 2025 such a joyous year of song!

Fiber Arts Group 2026 Update Monday, December 1st at 5:30pm

Our fiber arts group will be moving meetings to the second Tuesday of the month starting in January. The first meeting will be on 1/12 from 5:30pm to about 7:00pm here at CEC in Wilson Hall.

If you have any questions, please contact Basil in the office at office@christchurchseattle.org or 206.633.1611 information.

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