

CHRIST CHURCH

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON
The Presentation of our Lord Jesus in the Temple

February 2, 2025

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please keep conversation to a minimum.

*Prelude Lumen ad revelationem Henri Nibelle

*Processional Hymn #517 How lovely is thy dwelling place Brother James' Air

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise: Cantic 13 Glory to God 8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal # S236

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Sequence Hymn #382

King of glory, King of peace

General Seminary

*The Gospel Acclamation



Verse *A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your

salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed~ and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Candace Sandfort

The Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers for the church and the world.

A brief silence

Radiant God, shine on your church and shower us with the gift of grace, so that we may bring to all peoples the good news of the boundless riches of Christ.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

Radiant God, kindle in the hearts of world leaders a desire for justice and righteousness, so that they may defend the cause of the poor and seek economic prosperity for all.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray for those who labor in the night. We give thanks for the work of all caregivers, health care professionals, fire fighters, police officers, emergency dispatchers, snow-plough drivers, and all who serve while we sleep. Let us never forget that our common life together is built on the service of others. **God of light, show us your glory and hear us.**

Radiant God, through the revelation of your Son we stand before you without fear and lift up to you all in need.

The names of those for whom prayers are intended may be offered aloud or silently.

We ask you to hear the prayers we offer in Jesus' name, including those listed on our prayer list, and answer them in your good way, according to your steadfast love.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

We pray to you for those we love but see no longer. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

God of light, show us your glory and hear us.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.



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*Offertory Anthem

O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings

R. Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork!
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

*The Doxology

Lass uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



The Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus

8 am: spoken; 10 am: S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar; God of Isaac and Rebecca; God of Jacob, Rachael and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

***Communion** Of the Father's Love Begotten Wilbur Held

***Communion Anthem** In Peace and Joy I Now Depart David Fetler
*In peace and joy I now depart at God's disposing.
Full of comfort is my heart;
So the Lord hath promised me;
Death is but a slumber.*

Thanksgiving after Communion *Please stand or kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.
People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

***Closing Hymn #344** Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessings Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal

Celebrant Lord, you now have set your servants free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***The Voluntary** Lord God, You Have Now Set Your Servant Free (Song I) *H. Willan*

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Andy VanOrden

Ushers: Mitch Hillard

10:00 am

Lectors: Geri Livengood, Alex Zander,
Lori Parks

L.E.M.: Pauline Josephs

Ushers: Mike & Denise Streeter

Crucifer: Tracy Zillmer

*Please contact Karrie Miller in the church office to have names
added or removed from our prayer list.*

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: Antonia, Fred, Georgeann, Gizelle, Frank, Emily, Ruth, Linda, Bill, Nathaniel, Kevin, Lauren, Tricia, Kathy, Chris, Patrick, Marie,Carolynne, Ryan, Lorraine, Patricia, Francis, Rick Jr., Patricia, Antonia, Albie, Daryl, Diana, Joyce, Linda, Andrew, Maureen and Michael

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker, Dean, Michael, Angel and Nicholas.

We rejoice with..., Scott Mello, Jack Ciccolella, Lewis Beatty, Maci Nannery, Noah Maruska, Joe David, Violette Wehrli, Rachel Genung, Barbara Wortmann, Brian Szelestra and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Joining us in worship & fellowship on January 26, 2024

8:00 am: 25

10:00 am: 116

Announcements & Events

Church Directory Updating

We are in the process of adding photos to our directory and we need your help. You can either submit your own photo to be included, or sign-up to have your picture taken.



To submit a photo, please send a current photo of yourself or your family to Karrie in the church office, office@christchurchnewton.org. It should be a 'jpg' and at least medium size. If you need help, you can contact Katie Reilly at kreillydirectory@gmail.com and she will respond to help you with instructions.

If you want to have your picture taken by a professional photographer, we have set up the following dates for photos to be taken in the Parlor on February 2nd, February 9th and February 16th. Sign-up sheets are available in the Hospitality Area.



Confirmation Classes
Beginning Monday, February 17
6:30-8:00 pm
Church Parlor

Classes in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation begin on Monday evening, February 17. Dinner will be provided. Join Father Chris as we explore the important aspects of our faith and prepare for the regional Confirmation service here at Christ Church on Saturday, May 10. If you have not yet registered for Confirmation, please reach out to Chris directly or contact the church office.



Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, February 23
9:00 am
Holley Hall

Join us for the annual meeting of the parish as we reflect on the year that has past and look with joy to the possibilities God has in store for us in 2025! **The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 am in Holley Hall.** All are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend.

During our Annual Meeting, we will elect parish representation to our Vestry, along with delegates to Diocesan Convention. The slate of candidates, as approved by Vestry, are:

Warden: Geri Livengood (2 Years)

Vestry Member: Patricia Taggart (3 Years)

Convention Delegates: Mark Hoyer, Nick Orichio, Luz Quintero

Alternate Convention Delegates: Geri Livengood, Mary Ann Risley

Annual Reports
Due Monday, February 10

If you are responsible for an annual report, please submit it to Karrie in the church office by Monday, February 10.



YOU ARE INVITED TO
2025

Christ Episcopal Church
Women's Retreat

Sing to the Lord a New Song:
Faithfully navigating Spiritual Transitions

Saturday, March 8, 2025

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Facilitated by

The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

Location: Crossroads Retreat Center

29 Pleasant Grove Port Murray, NJ 07865

Cost: \$50 Includes lunch, coffee, tea, snacks

Scholarships Available

For registration, payment and information contact

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Christ Church Calendar: Week of February 2, 2025

- Sunday February 2 – The Presentation of our Lord Jesus in the Temple
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9:00 am **Parish Breakfast**
9:30 am Sunday School Classes
10 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag (*Meeting at 12 noon in Parlor*)
- Monday February 3 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
9:00 am Vita Tax (Norwescap)
7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Group (*Sanctuary*)
7:30 pm Sussex County Oratorio Society
- Tuesday February 4 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
7:00 pm Sussex County Youth Orchestra
- Wednesday February 5 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm*)
- Thursday February 6 (*Church Office Hours: 8 am to 12pm*)
10 am Thursday Morning Worship Group
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Friday February 7
- Saturday February 8
- Sunday February 9 – The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
8 am Holy Eucharist (Rite II, spoken)
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
9:30 am Sunday School Classes
10 am Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism (Rite II, with music)
Fellowship & Coffee following
11:45 am Sunday Brunch in a Bag



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The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes, 11th Bishop of Newark

The Rev. Christopher M. Streeter, Priest-in-Charge

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Diana Greene, Organist

Deborah Mello, Youth Choir

The Rev. Jenny Streeter, Christian Formation

Sue Mittelstadt, Children's Ministry

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