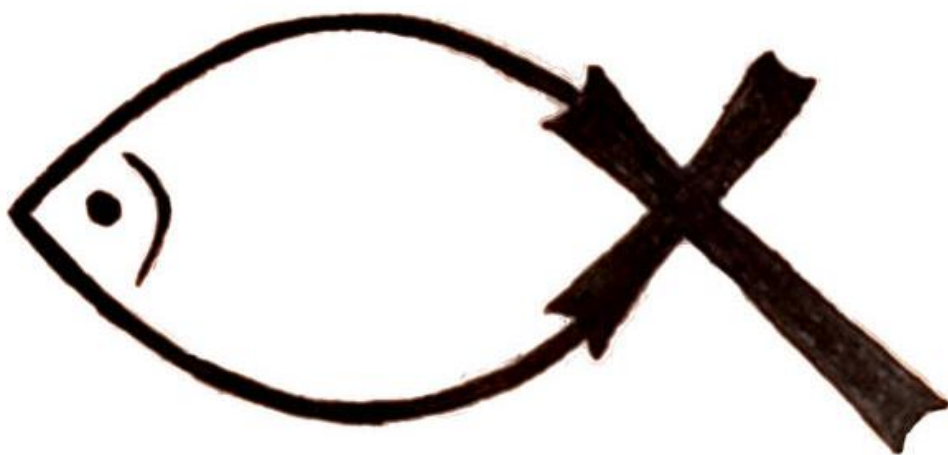


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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NEWTON

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

8:00 & 10:00 am

**omitted at 8:00 am*

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

***Prelude** Allegro (from Concerto in F major, BWV 978) J. S. Bach

***Hymn in Procession #126** The people who in darkness walked Dundee

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: Canticle 13 Glory to God 8 am: spoken; 10 am: Hymnal #S-236

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. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:5-7,9-11

8 am: spoken; 10 am: led by choir



The Lord is my light and my sal—va—tion.

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

[ANTIPHON]

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord. [ANTIPHONA]

[ANTIPHON]

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

[ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #661**

They cast their nets in Galilee

Georgetown

***The Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse Follow me; * and I will make you fishers of men.

Clergy
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Maththew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Clergy
People

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris Streeter



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 Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.

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.**



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

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***Offertory Anthem**

At the River

Aaron Copland

*Shall we gather by the river
Where bright angel's feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river
Soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace*

*Yes, we'll gather by the river
The beautiful, the beautiful river
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God*

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***The Doxology**

Hymnal #380, vs 3

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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

S-129

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.

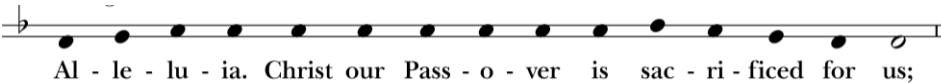
AMEN.

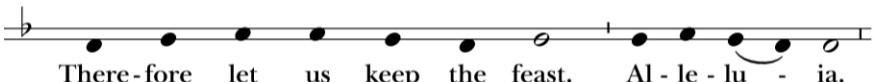
The Lord's Prayer

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

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Charles Callahan

*Communion Hymn #321

My God, thy table now is spread

Rockingham

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

The Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

***The Voluntary**

Sei Lob und Her dem höchsten Gut

Johann Krebs

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Serving in God's House Today

8:00 am

Lector: Cecelia Clayton

L.E.M.: Eric Fohl

Ushers: Bill Habermann

10:00 am

Crucifer: Brad Hodgins

Lectors: Walter Thies, Mark Hoyer,

Patricia Taggart

L.E.M.: Randy Kurie

Ushers: Nick Pachnos, Erika Clavel

Christ Church Prayer List

For those who are ill: John, Amy, Linda, Joyce, Laura, Adam, Ryan, Lindsay, Mary, Derek, Jane and Chandler

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

We rejoice with... William Dietz, Pauline Josephs, Nellie Terwilliger, Alan Mantz, Helen Dannett, Joshua Clements and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week.
Also with Don & Lisa Martin who are celebrating their Anniversary.

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

Joining us in worship & fellowship on January 18, 2026

8:00 am: 20

10:00 am: 48



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Brought to by the Sussex County Faith Community Council with the Center for Prevention & Counseling

Christ Episcopal Church
2026 Women's Retreat

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

*Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH

9AM-4PM

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Facilitated by The Rev. Danielle Baker

The Rev. Danielle D. Baker serves as Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's in Morris Plains, focusing on stewardship, spiritual growth, and service. She is dedicated to helping others discover and share their gifts through worship, teaching, prayer, and community engagement.



Monthly Parish Breakfast
Sunday, February 8
Beginning at 8:45 am



BREAKFAST TIME!

Our next monthly parish breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 8 beginning between services, beginning at 8:45 am.** Plan to join us for this time of delicious food and fellowship.



Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, February 15
9:00 am in 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 2026! **The meeting will be called to order at 9:00 am in Holley Hall.** All are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend.

Annual Reports
Due Monday, February 2

If you are responsible for an annual report, please submit it to Karrie in the church office by Monday, February 2.





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