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NOVEMBER 29, 2020

The First Sunday of Advent

AT CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN
11AM

In preparation for the service, we invite your quiet prayers and ask that you please silence your cell phone.

PRELUDE

(Please stand.)

THE OPENING SONG *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.*

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

As the Advent candles are lit the minister and people say

Celebrant: Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: O come let us adore Him!

THE ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

THE TRISAGION

Holy God, Holy and Mighty.

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE LESSON *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER *Psalms 80:1-7*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph like a sheep; *
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us again, O God; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angry with your people that pray?
- 5 You feed them with the bread of tears *
and give them plenteous tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us again, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

(Please stand.)

THE SEQUENCE SONG *Cornerstone*

***My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.***

Refrain

Christ alone. Cornerstone.

Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face,

I rest on His unchanging grace.

In ev'ry high and stormy gale,

My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone.

Faultless stand before the throne. (Refrain)

THE GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-37*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. vAnd then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(Please be seated.)

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, *Associate Rector*

(Please stand.)

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

(Please kneel.)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Mark Lawrence, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service (especially Donald, our President; the members of Congress; the Justices of the Supreme Court; and all state and local authorities.) Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, [especially _____,] in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, we give thanks for the Seafarers ministry which serves the 65,000 crew members on cargo ships that pass through the Charleston harbor each year. As these crewmen are far from home for months at a time, inspire and enable the Seafarers volunteers to continue to offer them friendship and kindness, transportation to shops and attend medical appointments, as well as computer access to reach out to their families so far away. Lord, please bless the Christ Church volunteers who help with Seafarers and our congregation's participation in this year's Christmas Box Ministry collection for 2020.

O mighty and most merciful God, in this time of the coronavirus pandemic and all other perils of our world, we flee to you for strength and protection. Deliver us, we beseech you, from our peril; give skill and success to all those who minister to the sick, by prospering the means made use of for their care and cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. - 1928 Book of Common Prayer, adapted

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

**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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

(Please stand.)

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

(Please be seated.)

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People: And of your own have we given you.

OFFERTORY SONG *God of the Watching Ones* (Dengler)

***God of the watching ones, the waiting ones, the slow and the suffering ones,
the angels in heaven, the child in the womb.***

***Grant us your healing peace, your gift of love, the hope of eternal life,
the flower of Jesse, the rose yet to bloom.***

We are the watching ones, waiting in the night for shadows to vanish, revealing wondrous light.

We are the hopeful ones, longing to see the Savior, the Son of Man who comes to set us free.

Come, long-expected One. Come, promised One. Messiah.

Come, anointed One. Come, Love's Son from heaven, divine incarnation, God's great mystery.

Come, set us free! Come, set us free! Set us free!

(Please stand.)

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Please remove your Communion wafer from your plastic bag at this time.

THE MASS OF CREATION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. All things are of your making, all times and seasons obey your laws, but you chose to create man in your own image, setting him over the whole world in all its wonder. You made us the steward of creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We praise you, Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power, God of 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, hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father, in your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, You, in your mercy sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again. (repeat)

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all the saints into the joy of your eternal Kingdom.

By him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

Celebrant and People

Amen, amen, amen (repeat)

(Please kneel.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Let us now receive the gifts of God for the people of God.

Celebrant and People

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.**

**To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(Please stand.)

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

*He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.*

*O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for all men and women serving in the military; and for Bishop Qampicha and the Diocese of Marsabit, Kenya, especially our Tree Church Partners in Game, Elebor, Maikona, Goro Rukesa, and Badasa; and for our Haitian partners in the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Are you or a family member in need of prayer? Please contact the Church Office at 843.884.9090 or email khunter@christch.org to be added to the Prayer List for 60 days.

John Auld
Chuck & Jan Aydlette
Pat Barrie
Scott Barrie
Joshua Bellacicco
Jennifer Blevins
Sterling Bolling
Lionell Cantrell
Scott Coker
The Crowley Family
Dan & Betty Ann Davis
Jody Doar
Roger Donley
The Duvall Family
The Elvis Family
Susan Eschbacher
Al Fisher
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Penny & Kelly Jenkins
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Bill & Louise Miller
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The Nolan Family
Gary & Ellen Pruitt
The Quinn Family
The Rambo Family
Roy & Martha Seay
The Shelley Family
The Sloan Family
Pam Stroud
The Williams Family
Nancy Willms

Those with job loss or reduction in hours and pay

Expectant Mothers

Christie Cavett
Mary Gray Lewis
Maybre Osborne

Homebound

Frances Cheatham
Pat McCullough
Louise Perry
Becky Tuten
Grace Young

Deployed Military

Brian Boyer
Michael Dean
Mary Emily Slott

We extend our sympathy to ...
the Congdon family in the death of Chelsea's father, Bernard Voltz.



THE PEOPLE OF ADVENT

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

*The Rectors' Forum continues in Advent from
10:10 - 10:50am in the Parish Hall*

Advent 1 (Nov 29)

*Joseph
Fr. Ted*

Advent 3 (Dec 13)

*John the Baptist
Fr. Ted*

Advent 2 (Dec 6)

*Mary
Dr. Koch*

Advent 4 (Dec 20)

*The Christmas Gospel
Dr. Koch*

Register for this class in the weekly Service/Discipleship Registration

Christmas Services

For descriptions of these services, please visit ChristCh.org/Christmas. Registration is required. We encourage you to register early as space is limited.

CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24

3 & 4:30pm

Children's Worship
Parish Hall

6pm

Traditional Worship
Church & Parish Hall

10:30pm

Midnight Mass
Church

CHRISTMAS DAY - DECEMBER 25

10am

Historic Worship
Historic Church

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

TUESDAY MORNINGS - 7-7:55AM - PARISH HALL

• THE BEST BREAKFAST IN TOWN! •

Fellowship & Study of the Gospel
(Bring a mask!)

upcoming events



Join a team from Christ Church to ensure safe and healthy homes for our neighbors east of the Cooper. If you can swing a hammer or operate a skill saw, we have a job for you!

EAST COOPER FAITH NETWORK

FIX IT PROJECT

DEC 12 | 9:30AM | 2924 BOBO ST, MT PLEASANT

Deck demolish & rebuild and construction of an HVAC stand for a sweet lady in our community. Please RSVP to this build by Dec 8 to Howard Althen at howardalthen@gmail.com.

DEC 4-6 | ECFN GROUP BUILD

Bathroom floor and exterior wall repair - please RSVP to Howard or Greg Jones at ecfnjones@gmail.com.

Men of Christ Church December Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 6:30PM | MEN'S SHED

Join the men for fellowship and a Christmas themed dinner featuring guest speaker, Kenny Wilson, who will be speaking on "Tough Parenting."

Bring a mask & social distance.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST STUDY

December 5 • 8:30 am
Parish Hall

This is a great opportunity for all to gather for fellowship and prayer as they dive into a deeper study of the Gospel. The best breakfast in town for only \$4.





DECK THE HALLS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 9AM

Join with your church family as we prepare the worship spaces and property for Christmas. Masks & social distancing guidelines will be followed.



Scan the code to register or register at ChristCh.org/deckthehalls

CHRISTMAS FLOWER & GREENERY THANKSGIVINGS AND MEMORIALS

please tear off and attached to your payment

The Flower Guild is busy preparing to decorate the church to welcome our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If you would like to offer a Thanksgiving or In Memory of a Loved One donation to be noted in the Christmas bulletins, please complete a this form, attach a check, and place in the alms basin. The cost per gift is \$15. The deadline is December 15.

Name _____

In Thanksgiving For _____

In Memory of _____