



The mission of Christ Church is to be a diverse, inclusive community, which, through its lively worship of Jesus Christ and witness in His name, serves the Christ in all persons and stands as a beacon of hope in the heart of Detroit.

We have been at this location in the city since 1845 and continually strive to be a beacon of hope through our outreach, worship, and hospitality. A number of Detroit's founding families established this church. Today, we are a contemporary, open and affirming, multi-racial, multi-ethnic congregation, enlivened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ in the world around us. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some were received into it as adults, and some of us are just discovering or exploring it now. We are straight and LGBT, single, married, divorced, and remarried, with and without children. We are a neighborhood church for city residents, and also a destination congregation for those from surrounding areas or across the Canadian border. We are all here because prayer and worship strengthen us in our daily lives, and because we have found community, acceptance, mission, and love. We hope you too will find a home among us.

All blessings,

The People of Christ Church Detroit

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S FLOWERS AND ART

"What? Do I see flowers by the altar in Advent? I thought we used only greens!" Hold on, you are right. There is a good reason for this outrage and it won't last long. You see, Advent follows the same pattern we see in Lent, the other and historically earlier, major period of fasting, contemplation, seeking to put things in better perspective and undertake general preparation. As we experience in the disciplines of Lent, so also will Advent lighten from more somber tones this Sunday. It's called Rose Sunday as well, not after the flower but for brightening and warming up from dark, cool blues or purple to blush and pink. In some parishes there will be a single rose on the altar as one of several tributes and appreciation for the life and example of Mary, the God-bearer. As we do not yet have a rose colored array of vestments and frontals, an easy way to reflect the uptick in mood is to add a light flowering to our winter greens and bare branches. The Isaiah reading is a perfect lead with ancient, simple, beautiful, poetry. "The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom." Our floral offerings try and capture the joy expressed in Isaiah's poetic verse. The greater celebration will certainly come on Christmas Eve and flow throughout the twelve days of Christmastide but we have this taste today!

– Richard Thomas, *Floral Iconographer*

The cover art is called "The Days Are Surely Coming" (2012) by Mike Moyers, who describes it as "an abstract depicting Advent prophecy and promises kept" and adds that the "ring with the blue pattern alludes to a robe and crown for the coming Messiah." Advent is a time of "already" and "not yet": we know that Jesus is King, and last week we celebrated his humble, merciful majesty—and here at the beginning of Advent and a new church year, we follow the prophets' lead in seeking the kingdom anew. How is it that the baby we await is actually, and already, the true King? "The Days Are Surely Coming" is reprinted with permission under the Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial License of Vanderbilt University.

– The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, Rector

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email announcements to Beth Ann Tesluk, Associate for Communications, at bethann@christcd.org by Wednesday, December 18th. Bulletins are printed on Thursdays.

Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,16-18; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

SUSTAINING PRAYER LIST Please continue to pray for these persons:

Pat Ald, Ed Beverly, Harold Cherry, Donna Cillette, Asha Dhanarajan, Kathryn Ellis, Sarah Esse, Bill Fleming Sr., Christine Franklin, Mary Gaines, Carol Gilbuly, Anna Herold, Lauren Keils, Nan Keils, Mark Klein, Julia Lenhard, Karen Mason, Ruby Mays, Thelma McCrary, Brigitte Meide, Loretta Meide, Joseph Mondalek, Donald Moses, Deana Peck, Lori Rikken, Parker Roberts, Bill Solomon, Michael Thompson, Rosenhitba Wallace, Karen White.

J2A Bazaar TODAY 9:30am & 11:45am: Support our J2A class AND get in a little Christmas shopping at the J2A Holiday Bazaar! Silent auction, a bake sale, and all proceeds go towards funding their next pilgrimage.

Christmas Music & Flower Dedications: Dedications for Christmas Music & Flowers must be received by the office by no later than Tuesday, December 17th in order to be acknowledged in the bulletin. Dedication cards are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to Christ Church Detroit, and put "Music" or "Flowers" in the memo line. You may also donate online. A \$50 minimum donation is requested.

Advent Diaper Drive: The Outreach Committee is sponsoring the 6th Annual Advent diaper drive for Crossroads. Our goal is to collect 15,000 diapers during Advent! Approximately 5,500 diapers have been donated so far—thank you! Please continue to bring in diapers and other supplies through Christmas Eve. Contact Eileen MacDonald or Calebria Webb with any questions, or to contribute money if you would like us to purchase diapers on your behalf. Adult diapers are welcome as well.

Advent Vespers: Our final evening prayer service in this series will be this Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00pm at Trinity Episcopal *aka* Spirit of Hope (1519 MLK Jr Blvd, Detroit). This Tuesday, Rev. Anthony Estes will preach, Rev. Emily will co-officiate, Calebria Webb will sing, and Ed Maki-Schramm will play piano. These lively and contemplative liturgies are rooted in Anglican and African American traditions of music and poetry, from spirituals through contemporary voices.

2020 Pledge Cards and Envelopes: There is still time to make your pledge for 2020! Pledge cards may be found in the pews, or you may pledge online at <http://christcd.org/pledge-card/>. If you have made your pledge, you will find your box of customized envelopes by the Atrium entrance. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Rivertown Neighborhood Association Holiday Party: Join our downtown neighbors this season for their holiday party meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 5-6:30 pm! The meeting will be held at Detroit Vineyards, 1000 Gratiot. Come enjoy a meet and greet at Detroit's urban winery and participate in a 50/50 raffle benefiting Pope Francis Center. For additional information and to RSVP, contact Calebria Webb, cwebb@christcd.org or by calling the church office.

Meals on Wheels – Christmas Day: Help serve seniors with Meals on Wheels on Christmas Day. We plan to serve around 200 meals and need your help! The sign-up sheet is located on the board in the atrium, and you may contact Margo Norris (313-618-9890) or Calebria Webb for additional information.

January 5th Coffee Hour: Sign up in the Atrium to help with a special coffee hour, celebrating the lives of Erv & Tish Brown. Assistance is needed especially with set up and clean up. For more info, please contact Josephine Mashour or Josephine Powell (license123@aol.com).

Prayer Requests: If you have a name to add to the Prayers of the People, please contact Sarah Tribelhorn, Associate for Operations, at sarah@christcd.org. We also have a box (at the Atrium entrance) to receive your private written prayers, which will be remembered by the Thursday Meditation Group. Please continue to pray through the week for those named in both the Prayers of the People and the Sustaining List in the bulletin.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 15 8:15am & 10:30am **The Third Sunday of Advent**
8:30-9:30am Breakfast (Ledyard Hall) – *open to all, \$5 suggested donation*
9:00am Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
9:15am Youth Choir Rehearsal (Church)
9:30am & 11:45am J2A Christmas Bazaar (Atrium and Ledyard Hall)
9:30am Youth Sunday School (Lower Level)
9:30am Adult Bible Study (Sibley House)
- 17 6:00pm Advent Vespers (at Trinity Episcopal / Spirit of Hope: 1519 MLK Jr Blvd, Detroit)
- 19 11:00am Meditation (Cary Lounge)
5:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Church)
6:00pm Vestry Meeting (Cary Lounge)
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9:30am Adult Bible Study (Sibley House)
11:45am Coffee Hour (Ledyard Hall)
11:45am Hanging of the Greens (Church)
- 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
4:00pm Pageant Rehearsal
5:00pm Children’s Candlelight Eucharist with Pageant
9:00pm Bach’s *Sleepers, Awake!* Cantata with Choir & Orchestra
9:30pm Festival Candlelight Eucharist with Choir & Sermon
- 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
8:30am Meals on Wheels (Ledyard Hall)
- 25-27 *Office Closed: In the case of any pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Emily (312-339-9686).*
- 29 **9:30am The First Sunday of Christmas: A Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist**
The regularly scheduled 8:15am & 10:30am Eucharists, Nursery, Sunday School, Breakfast, and Coffee Hour will not take place on this day. Instead, enjoy this special combined service with lots of Christmas music.

In the New Year...

Inurnment of Tish Brown & the Rev. Ervin A. “Erv” Brown, 15th Rector, 10:30am, January 5

Annual Meeting, 12:00pm, January 26

Shelter Week, February 1-8

Opera MODO performs *Dialogues of the Carmelites* at CCD, February 21-22

Apollo5 performs at CCD, March 1

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