CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLINTON PARISH
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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:00 AM
DECEMBER 13, 2015

The Rev. Cassandra Mateo Burton, Rector
We welcome you as we join together in worship.
The Eucharist will be celebrated using Rite I.

PRELUDE “Organ Piece in G Major” [A. Hesse]

PROCESSIONAL “Prepare the Way” (Bereden väg för Herren) The Hymnal 1982, #65

1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
2. He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior’s rule embrace.

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
By The Rev. Sheila N. McJilton, St David's Episcopal Church, Wilmington, DE. © 2006

Reader #1: Today is the third Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader #2: How does this happen?

Reader #1: God’s light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God’s divine love and light.

People: “Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us. Let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Reader #3: A reading from the prophet Zephaniah: “Jerusalem, the time is coming, when it will be said to you: ‘Don’t be discouraged or grow weak from fear! The LORD your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love.’”

Reader #1: We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, and then we lit two candles. Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, we light three candles.

First, second, and third candles are lit. While this is being done, the following is read:

Reader #2: Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus, the Messiah who will show us the way back to God.

People: The Messiah is on the way to us. As we prepare for his coming, may we repent of our sins. May we remember our baptisms with water. May we be ready to be baptized with God’s Holy Spirit and fire. May we be ready to help our Lord proclaim the good news of God’s love to all people, so that the world will be filled with joy. Amen.
OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

KYRIE “Kryie” [AVON GILLESPIE]  
*Lift Every Voice Hymnal, # 237*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.
THE DECALOGUE

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.

**Lord, have mercy upon us,**

and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

THE COLLECT

*The Celebrant says*

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE LESSONS**

The people sit.

A reading from the Book of Zephaniah 3:14 – 20 *(LECTOR)*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.
Canticle 9 *The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*  
*The people respond after the asterisk.*

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.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 4: 4 – 7  
*(LEM 1)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**People Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** “Baptized in Water” [Eugene Hancock]  
*Lift Every Voice Hymnal, #121, stz. 1 – 2*

*Hymn on next page.*
1. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the
2. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the
3. Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the

1. Blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation,
2. Tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising,
3. Sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father,

1. Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.
2. Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.
3. We are his children, Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3: 7 – 18

People:  

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

After the gospel


People:  

HYMN “Baptized in Water”  

Lift Every Voice Hymnal, # 121, stz. 3

Hymn begins on page 8.

THE SERMON  

The Rev. Cassandra Mateo Burton
THE NICENE CREED  

(LEM 1 and People)

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.

INTERCESSION

(LEM 2)

Let us pray for the following:

For the Anglican Communion:
Pray for Windward Islands - (West Indies) The Rt. Revd. Calvert Friday

For the Diocese:
Episcopal Church Women
The Memorial Scholarship of the Episcopal Church Women
United Thank Offering

For the healing of body, mind and spirit:

Marge Travis  Cynthia Allen  Lynne Lau
Karen Dunlop  M.W. Maine  Ray Pilllard
Cheryl Owens  Hilda Norwood  Ernie Norwood
Malachi Burton  Desirae Hurley  Bob Lau
David Watson  Joyce Ramsey  Jessica Hershman
Ruth Vincent  Scott Vining  Robert Holmes
John Travis  Diana Morris  Ruth Forbes
Lauren Maggio  Christine Bileduy  Sharon Kramarich
Jumpee Stafford  Nancy Maine  Connie Inge
Dee Watson

For those who are homebound:  Helen Dean, Jacqueline Jackson, Natalie Kearns, Laura Mack, Lillian Rutherford, Fern Shuler

For those serving in the US Armed Services:
Christopher Conti – Son of Cynthia Allen
Chris Orrison – Husband of Kim Orrison
Luke Travis – Grandson of Marge Travis
Demarais Roach – Godson of Ernest Norwood

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(LEM 2)

The Leader and People pray responsively
Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; 
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; 
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; 
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; 
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; 
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; 
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. 
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; 
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. 

Silence 
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN  
Celebrant and People

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

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 830, # 50

PRAYERS FOR THOSE TRAVELING

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 831, # 53

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Offertory Hymn “Say He Will Come” [R. LAU] The Choir

The Doxology “Praise God” (Old 100th) The Hymnal 1982, # 380, stz 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer I

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

**THE SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy” [**ARR. RICHARD PROULX**] **The Hymnal 1982**, # S130

_Hymn on next page._
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna
The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

THE GREAT AMEN “Amen” [CARL MAULTSBY, The Saint Mary Mass]

Hymn on next page.
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *Celebrant and People*  
*Lift Every Voice Hymnal, #264*  
*ALBERT HAY MALOTTE*
Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.


Hymn on next page.
Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE FRACTION

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.

THE COMMUNION All are invited to the Table of the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“My God, Thy Table” (Rockingham) The Hymnal 1982, # 321

Hymn on next page.
1 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.
2 O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul savior's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.
3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come and gather from their world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall variation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.
4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

“Soon and Very Soon” [ANDRAE CROUCH] Lift Every Voice Hymnal, #14

Hymn on next page.
1. Soon and ver-y soon we are goin’ to see the King,
2. No more cry-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
3. No more dy-in’ there we are goin’ to see the King,
4. Soon and ver-y soon we are goin’ to see the King;

Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, we’re goin’ to see the King!

Hymn continues on next page.
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank” (Winchester New)  The Hymnal 1982, # 76

Hymn on next page.
1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry an-
2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin, make
3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose

1 announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken,
2 straight the way for God within, and let each heart pre-
3 refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we
4 bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father

1 for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
3 waste a way like flowers that wither and decay.
4 light restore earth's own true likeness once more.
5 we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.
SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

O God, give me clean hands, clean words and clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard right against the easy wrong. Save me from habits that harm. Teach me to work as hard, and play as fair in thy sight alone as if the whole world saw. Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me. Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself. Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE “Praise Him! Praise Him! [C. Allen]

Assisting in the Service:

Organist: Carolyn Bryant

Acolytes: Don Appold, Amanda Clark, Mahalia Morris

Lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20, 2015:
Micah 5: 2 – 5a; Psalm 80: 1 –7; Hebrews 10: 5 – 10; Luke 3:7 – 18

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR
DECEMBER 13 – DECEMBER 19, 2015

Today 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist I
AA Meeting 7:30 PM – Dun Hall

Monday

Tuesday 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM Thrift Shop Work Session
AA Meeting 1:00 PM – Dun Hall

Wednesday

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Region VI Delegates with Bishop Budde – Dun Hall

Thursday OA Meeting 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM choir room

Friday AA Meeting 1:00 PM – Dun Hall

Saturday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Thrift Shop
10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 20, Advent IV 9:00 AM, Service of Advent Lessons & Carols
December 24, Christmas Eve 2:30 PM, Lighting of the Luminaries
  3:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
  5:00 PM, Sinful Feast
  6:00 PM, Live Nativity
  6:30 PM, Choir Concert
  7:00 PM Festival Eucharist
December 27, The First Sunday after Christmas 9:00 AM, Service of Christmas Lessons & Carols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.
† ECW will hold their annual Cookie Exchange this morning
† Messiah Sing-Along today, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary. Bring your copy of Handel’s Messiah, and join musicians from the Washington Philharmonic and local Episcopal churches to get in the spirit of the season.
† On Wednesday, December 16th, Christ Church will host a meeting of Southern Maryland (Region VI) delegates with Bishop Budde concerning re-districting in the diocese.

HOWARD’S REST BRICKS. Just a reminder, that purchases of bricks for Howard’s Rest will be very much appreciated.
ANNUAL REPORTS. Reports for 2015 activities are due in the office. Please email your group’s reports to the church office at christchurchclinton@verizon.net no later than Dec 20th to ensure inclusion in the Christ Church Annual Report for 2015.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual meeting of the Christ Church parish will take place on Sunday, January 17th, immediately following the service.

CHOIR. The choir is now meeting on Saturday mornings at 10:30 AM. Anyone who loves to sing, especially Christmas music, is welcome to join the choir.

MITTEN TREE. Please bring mittens and scarves for the Christmas Mitten Tree. This year’s recipients will be Jenna Beck’s 2nd grade class.

THANK YOU. The family of Anita Barclay thanks the congregation for the many cards, acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy, and support during her illness and subsequent death. She very much appreciated being included in the church family. The Barclay and Gross Families.

UNITED THANK OFFERING. If you have a donation for UTO (United Thank Offering), please give it soon, as our Diocese has a deadline to send to national. These funds go to selected projects in the world which work to alleviate hunger and suffering. If you write a check make it out to ECW, with the marking UTO. If cash, place in an envelope labeled with your name (if you wish your donation to be recorded) and UTO – it may be placed in the offering plate or given to Connie Russell.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Requests may now be made for flowers in 2016. Please see Gail Russell to donate. The cost remains $20/vase or $40 per Sunday.

POINSETTIAS. Poinsettas may now be donated for Christmas Eve. Forms are available at the back of the church, and must be returned this morning. The cost is $12 per plant.

COFFEE HOUR. Anyone interested in sponsoring a coffee hour should add their names to the sign-up sheet. Contributions of cut-up fruits, cheese and crackers or dishes to share are always appreciated.

THRIFT SHOP. The Thrift Shop will be open both Saturday December 12th and 19th, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. There’s a great assortment of Christmas decorations, wrappings, and gift ideas for all.

FUEL FUND. On the first Sunday of every month you can contribute toward the fuel bill. Please utilize the envelopes labeled “Fuel Fund” in the pews. Thank you again for contributing to the Fuel Fund throughout the month.
TRACT RACK. Copies of the *Our Daily Bread* for December – February are now available in the tract racks. Donations for these resources are welcome – use the envelopes in the racks.

CHRIST CHURCH CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION. Christ Church has been assigned a phone number for free conference calls. This is the number to be used when inclement weather causes cancellation of a Sunday worship service or for church organization meetings. The number is 641-715-3200. When prompted, please enter 941656. Please join and invite your relatives, friends and neighbors.
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Mission Statement

Don’t put God in a box. With God all things are possible.