



CHRIST CHURCH
- PITTSFORD -

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we hope you leave as a friend; please complete a “welcome card” found in the pew racks. Please join us at the altar rail for Communion. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy. We hope you will return!



To use our hearing loop, activate the telecoil on your hearing aid/cochlear implant. Adjust the volume as needed.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8.00 am

9.00 am

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10.00 am

10.00 am

11.00 am

11.00 am

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Worship Service with Holy Communion

Coffee Hour

Christ Church Reads the Bible

Worship Service with Holy Communion

Sunday School workshop and nursery care

Coffee Hour

Christ Church Reads the Bible

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

11.30 am

Stretch and strengthen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

12.00 pm

Caregivers' Luncheon

5.45 pm

Vestry meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

10.00 am

Worship service

7.00 pm

Choir practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

9.00 am

Altar Guild

11.00 am

Choir practice

3.00 pm

Inclusive Christmas Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion

9.00 am

Coffee Hour

9.00 am

Christ Church Reads the Bible

10.00 am

Worship Service with Holy Communion and Christmas Pageant

10.00 am

Sunday School workshop and nursery care

11.00 am

Coffee Hour

11.00 am

Christ Church Reads the Bible

5.00 pm

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS

Ebets Judson, Mark Brummitt

We welcome the Rev. Julie Cicora to worship with us as our supply priest this Sunday.

VOLUNTARY

Ave Maris stella

Jean LANGLAIS 1907-91

HYMN 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

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

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

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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

HYMN

VENI EMMANUEL

OCOME, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

9TH CENTURY, LATIN; VER. HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN 1861

All sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 35:1-10

THE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are

of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9

LAUDA, ANIMA MEA

Sung by the choir.

BLESSED is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help *
and whose hope is in the LORD his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is *
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong *
who feedeth the hungry.

The LORD looseth men out of prison *
the LORD giveth sight to the blind.

The LORD helpeth them that are fallen *
the LORD careth for the righteous.

The LORD careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow *
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

THE EPISTLE

JAMES 5:7-10

BE patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

HYMN 615 “Thy Kingdom come!” on bended knee

WINCHESTER NEW

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:2-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

WHEN John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. “This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All sit.

SERMON

Mr. David Jutsum

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as able.

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

In hope and anticipation, we pray for the church, the world, and those in need.

A brief silence.

For the church and all messengers of the gospel, and for all who call upon the name of the Lord, that God work through us to bring peace and reconciliation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For all who call this community home, for those visiting from near and far, for those preparing for the holiday season, and for the joy of children, that we may rejoice in the advent of Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our government and the governments of the nations of the world, for first responders and relief workers, for those who care for the stranger, widow, and orphan; that God raise up leaders who work for the protection of all, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the hungry and the homeless, for the fearful and sorrowful, for the sick and suffering; that caregivers, social workers, advocates, and doctors and nurses serve with patience and grace, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the departed who were faithful to God's word, that their words and actions direct us to the one who prepares a way for us, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL CONFESSIOIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All sit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Orlando GIBBONS 1583-1625

M SOUL doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE SONG OF MARY

LUKE 1:46-55

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. Amen.

THOMAS KEN 1637-1711

PSEAUMES OCTANTE TROIS DE DAVID 1551, alt.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S. 129 SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert POWELL b. 1932

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.

HYMN 61 "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us

WACHET AUF

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand as able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

THE peace of God, which surpasses 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 Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

HYMN 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat primi toni

Dieterich BUXTEHUDE c. 1637-1707

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18: 5.00 pm
Christ Church resumes its annual festival of Christmas lessons and carols, modeled on the famous service broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge. This is one of the most popular Christmas celebrations in the English-speaking world and invites us into a deep spiritual experience. The choir sings a broad variety of music as the Christmas story is told through nine readings, leading us from Genesis to the Incarnation as told in the Gospel of John; and the congregation gets to sing everyone's favorite carols. It's a wonderful way to begin the last week before Christmas—bring a friend or three! Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CHRIST CHURCH READS THE BIBLE

Days Are Coming: waiting with Jeremiah

December 11: "Terror all around:" The voices of those under siege.

December 18: "A New Covenant:" New lamps for old both at home

I am a Jeremiah scholar (albeit more by circumstance than conviction to begin with), yet in 14 or so years at Christ Church, Pittsford, I have never once dedicated a series to this book alone. My reasons are several. It is the longest book in the Bible (counting by verses, that is, and ignoring the Psalms)—a full semester on this book barely scratches its surface, let alone three Sundays. Add to this the fact that it is extraordinarily complicated (to the point of incoherence, some might say). And what can be fathomed is largely bleak and curse filled anyway. In short, since Jeremiah neither the easiest nor the most edifying read, why would I inflict it on you all? Well, now that I am leaving, it seems timely to do so. But this would be more than a mean-spirited hit and run.

Despite what I have said so far, Jeremiah offers a remarkable example of the innovations (theological, political, and technological) necessary for a community to survive. And as such, it forms a resource for religious innovations to follow, including the establishment of a Church. To read Jeremiah is to wait and see what new things could possibly—just possibly—occur.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The **Christmas Pageant** will be presented on December 18 during the 10.00 service! It's not too late to participate! Please E-mail Liz for more information: sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com

Attention Sunday School families! You are invited to participate in a **holiday toy collection** for the Friendship Children's Center in Rochester. The center serves children ages 2-12. The collection will take place at church November 13-December 11.

The Inclusive Christmas Service (formerly Special Needs Service) will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 3.00 pm. Youth and college-age volunteers are needed to make the day a success. Please email sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com if you are interested in participating.

OUTREACH: CHRISTMAS 2022

The Outreach Committee would like to support the following organizations for Christmas:

Baby Love and **CASA**: Size 1 diapers, long-sleeve infant and newborn onesies.

Cameron: Hats and Gloves

Family Promise: Christ Church has been assigned a family. Cash donations from the parish will be used to purchase gifts for the family and their five children.

Friendship Center: The Sunday School is supporting the Center with a toy drive for ages 2-12. A collection box is located outside the church office. Durable, non-electronic toys are preferred.

A Meal and More: Shampoo

Cash and Gift cards from Walmart, Aldi's, and Target are gratefully accepted for our Christmas Outreach Collection for Cameron, CASA, and Family Promise.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Tom Judson, recovering successfully from heart surgery;
Yasuo Onishi, father of Anna Onishi, general health problems;
Mims Lawless, died;
Tony Sorge, health concerns;
Ron Young, health concerns;
Beverly French Taylor, mother of John French, health concerns;
Mayumi Jutsum, wife of David Jutsum, health concerns;
Amy, daughter-in-law of Tom and Carol Wright, serious health issues;
Alec Sutherland, serious health concerns;
The Rev. Dr. Sonia Waters, stage 4 colon cancer;

ONGOING:

Scott Ornt; Tom Blum; Karl Hendrickson; Frances; Bella O'Neil; Austin Kellogg;
Barry Balonek; Janet Campbell; Trevor Smith; Olivia; Susan Finlay; Judi Bachelder;
Tom Wright; Beth; Steve; George Tice; Wayne Denlinger; David Miller; Sarah
McCurdy; Sarah Koopus; Anu Abhyankar; Dick Seils; Jean Snyder and family; Bill
Yeneralo; Panek Family; Linda Green; Joel Krenis; Gladys Wiedrich; Natalie
McComb; Susan Watt; Tom Frank; Eleanor Guldbeck; Jeannie Young; Carol Bates;
Chrystal Dudley; Mike Scharf; Lisa Crocket; William Jackman; Ella Dyson; Sue
Thomas; Laura Despard; Lee McKee; Marjorie Russer; Duane Attinkson; Patricia
Lee; Gene Johnson; John McCleod; Bill Shield; Matt Eggars; Angelina Gentry.

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