



CHRIST CHURCH
- PITTSFORD -

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
THE OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER

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. 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, NOVEMBER 27, 2022
TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8.00 am	Morning Prayer
9.00 am	Coffee Hour
9.00 am	Christ Church Reads the Bible
10.00 am	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	Sunday School and nursery care
11.00 am	Coffee Hour
11.00 am	Christ Church Reads the Bible

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10.00 am	Worship service
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

9.00 am	Altar Guild
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8.00 am	THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Worship Service with Holy Communion
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS

David Durham, Pat Hainen, Patty Bouchard

USHERS

Cork Young, Kim Schaff, Suzanne Lee, Wes Harris

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts: renew us in faith, hope, and love.

Officiant

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ISAIAH 40:3

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All **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. Alleluia.**

Officiant Our Savior draws near.

People **Come, let us adore him.**

All sit.

VENITE

PSALM 95:1-7

Sung by the choir.

COME, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 120

AD DOMINUM

Sung by the choir.

WHEN I was in trouble, I called to the LORD; *
I called to the LORD, and he answered me.
Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips *
and from the deceitful tongue.

What shall be done to you, and what more besides, *
O you deceitful tongue?

The sharpened arrows of a warrior, *
along with hot glowing coals.

How hateful it is that I must lodge in Meshech *
and dwell among the tents of Kedar!

Too long have I had to live *
among the enemies of peace.

I am on the side of peace, *
but when I speak of it, they are for war.

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

Read by David Durham.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH.

THE vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people do not understand. Ah, sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, offspring who do evil, children who deal corruptly, who have forsaken the LORD, who have despised the Holy One of Israel, who are utterly estranged! Why do you seek further beatings? Why do you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they have not been drained, or bound up, or softened with oil. Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by foreigners. And daughter Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a shelter in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. If the LORD of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

Here ends the Lesson.

THE SECOND LESSON

Read by Pat Hainen.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER.

THIS is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles. First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!" They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Here ends the Lesson.

HYMN 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

THE GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

JESUS said, "In those days, after that suffering, 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. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 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 forth 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 tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; 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 slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Here ends the lesson.

SERMON

Mr. David Jutsum

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All stand as able.

**I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 SUFFRAGES

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. **We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. **For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on us 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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *All sit.*

ANTHEM

Paul MANZ 1919-2009

PEACE be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins; who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy to our Lord, Almighty God: who was, and is, and is to come. Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below: for Christ is coming soon. E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come; and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

From REVELATION 22

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

DOXOLOGY: HYMN 380, v. 3

All stand as able.

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.

INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Read by Patty Bouchard.

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

That God may establish among the nations his scepter of righteousness and raise up wise and courageous public servants.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen.

Lord have mercy upon us.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Lord have mercy, upon us.

Officiant

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN 58 Lo! he comes with clouds descending

HELMSLEY

VOLUNTARY

Toccata: Vom Himmel hoch

Garth EDMUNDSON 1892-1971

—*From heaven above to earth I come*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN: THANK YOU!

Interim results as of 11/15:

Pledges received: 103

Total pledged: \$248, 274

By now everyone should have received their pledge cards. Last year, we had some trouble with the post office and delivery of the mail. If you have not yet received your pledge packet, please call the office at 585-586-1226. If you have not returned your pledge, please do so by November 27 so that we can prepare the 2023 budget. Pledge cards are available on the welcome table by the front doors.

Thank you all for your generosity.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of selecting candidates to present to the congregation for January's annual elections. We offer a single slate of candidates. We are filling the following offices: 1 Warden, 3 vestry members, and 1 Diocesan Delegate.

The Committee is meeting on **Tuesday, November 29** to discuss candidates for the various offices. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these offices, please contact Suzanne Lee at 267-6189 or leeharris@frontiernet.net by Monday November 28.

CHRIST CHURCH READS THE BIBLE

Days Are Coming: waiting with Jeremiah

December 4: "The Words of Jeremiah:" A heady mix of curses and puns.

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 performed on December 18 during the 10.00 service! More information will be emailed to families next week. Roles are available for all ages and adult helpers are needed for this year's production.

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.

Save the Date! The next Youth Group gathering will take place on Sunday, December 4 at 4.00 pm at church. We will get together for fun, fellowship, food, and a brief worship service. A sign up will be sent out soon.

The Inclusive Christmas Service (formerly Special Needs Service) will be held on Saturday, December 17 at 3.00 pm. Youth 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:

Paige Gibbons, died;

Jane Dieck, died;

Andrew Green, died;

Ron Young, health concerns;

Eric E. Miller, Leslie Miller's husband, died;

Beverly French Taylor, mother of John French, health concerns;

Bill Shield, relative of Karen Kalinowski, health concerns;

Matt Eggars, friend of the Mulvehill family, serious health concerns;

Mayumi Jutsum, wife of David Jutsum, health concerns;

Angelina Gentry, friend of Lisa Brown, 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; Andrew Green; Joel Krenis; Gladys Wiedrich; Natalie McComb; Susan Watt; Tom Frank; Eleanor Guldbeck; Tony; 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; Linda Green.

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