

Epiphany 1

Baptism of our Lord

Communion Service

For this service, Christ Church is using BCP'2019, Anglican Standard Text

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Vision Statement: “Our Culture”

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

“Know – Grow – Serve!”

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

Corporate Prayer – Monday, January 20th at 7:30 p.m.

WELCOME

Processional Hymn

All Hail the Power, vv. 1-3 & 6

Hymn 182

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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I will make you as a light for the nations.

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6

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.*

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.

Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

Behold Our God

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has num - bered
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hand, bear - ing all the

ev - 'ry grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice. All cre - a - tion
 an - y of His words? Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fath - om
 guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave, Je - sus, Sav - ior,

ris - es to re - joice. Be - hold our God, seat - ed on His
 all His won - drous deeds?
 ris - en now to reign!

throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our King, noth - ing can com -

-pare, come, let us a - dore _____ Him!

dore _____ Him!

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, ***at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 42:1 – 9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:20 – 29 (*Please pray responsively by half verse*)

20. I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21. My hand shall hold him fast, *
and my arm shall strengthen him.
22. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
23. I will smite his foes before his face *
and strike down those who hate him.

24. My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, *
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
25. I will give him dominion over the sea, *
and with his right hand shall he rule the rivers.
26. He shall say to me, “You are my Father, *
my God and the rock of my salvation.”
27. And I will make him my firstborn, *
higher than the kings of the earth.
28. My mercy will I keep for him for ever, *
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29. His seed will I make to endure for ever*
and his throne as the days of heaven.

The Epistle

Acts 10:34 – 38

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 1

Verse 1

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
 At thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank thee,
 While thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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The people remain standing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 3: 15 – 22

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Verse 2

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of thy salvation,
 breathed thine own life-giving breath.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise to thee whose light doth send!
 Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

The Sermon**Rev. Gene Sherman****We Believe: “What is Baptism”***The people stand.***Renewal of the Baptismal Vows**

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the Devil and all his works and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Do you here, in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them

I do.

Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I do.

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I do.

Will you obediently keep God’s holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles’ Creed.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I do.

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 Christ Church Membership Covenant

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching?

With the help of God, I will.

And fellowship?

With the help of God, I will.

The breaking of bread?

With the help of God, I will.

And in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbor as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

Then the Pastor says:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Amen.

The people sit.

The Prayers of the People

From the rising of the sun to its setting let us pray to the Lord:

That the people of God in all the world may worship in spirit and in truth:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That all who with Christ have entered the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:

Let us commend the world, to which Christ showed the way, to the mercy and protection of God. ***Amen.***

Confession

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, 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.**

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

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

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Susan Williams	1/13	Steve Behm	1/16
Samantha Klosz	1/13	Sybil Mundy	1/17
Chris Hund	1/15		

Anniversaries:

Gene & Kim Sherman 1/12 (40 yrs)

Offertory

The people stand.

Doxology

Hymn 380, v. 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. Amen.

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

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.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us 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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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. Apart from your grace, 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 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.

Giving of Communion - *All who have received Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; and have been baptized are welcome to receive Communion at Christ Church. If you have not been baptized, or do not desire to receive Communion, we invite you to come forward for prayer with one of our ministers. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

Communion Music (Please join in singing.)

Be Thou My Vision

Hymn 488

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt. Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874-1948). Copyright: Music: Permission of Oxford University Press.

Rock of Ages

James Ward



1. Rock of Ag - es, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de-mands,
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy wound - ed side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and
 all for sin could not a - tone, thou must save and thou a
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I

17 | 1, 2. | G C/D D7 | 3. | G Eb | **VERSE 4** | Ab

power. die. 4. While I draw this
 -lone.



fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death, when I soar to



worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne, rock of ag - es,



cleft for me, let me hide my



-self in thee.

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Song of Celebration

Jesus is Lord

Townend & Getty



1. "Je - sus is Lord," the cry that ech - oes through cre - a - tion:
 2. Je - sus is Lord, whose voice sus - tains the stars and plan - ets,
 3. Je - sus is Lord, the tomb is glo - ri - ous - ly emp - ty!
 4. "Je - sus is Lord," a shout of joy, a cry of an - guish,



Re - splen - dent pow'r, e - ter - nal Word, our Rock. The Son of
 yet, in His wis - dom, laid a - side His crown. Je - sus, the
 Not e - ven death could crush this King of love! The price is
 as He re - turns, and ev - 'ry knee bows low. Then ev - 'ry



God, the King, whose glo - ry fills the heav - ens, yet bids us
 man who washed our feet, who bore our suf - f'ring, be - came a
 paid, the chains are loosed, and we're for - giv - en, and we can
 eye and ev - 'ry heart will see His glo - ry; The Judge of



come to taste this liv - ing bread.
 curse to bring sal - va - tion's plan.
 run in - to the arms of God.
 all will take His chil - dren home.

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Let us pray.

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 forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

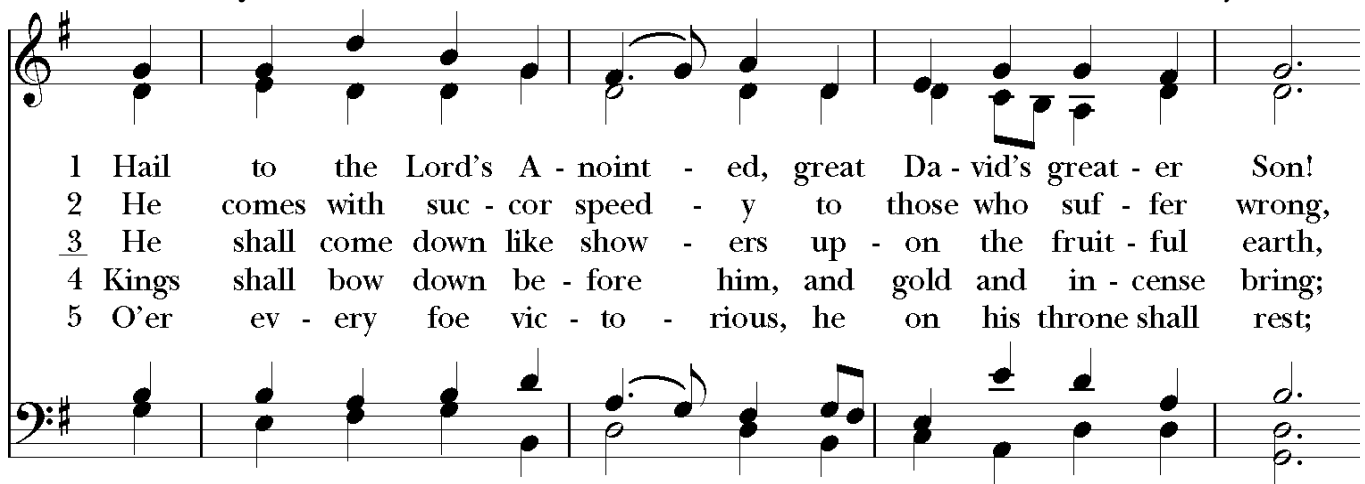
The people respond: Amen.

The people stand.

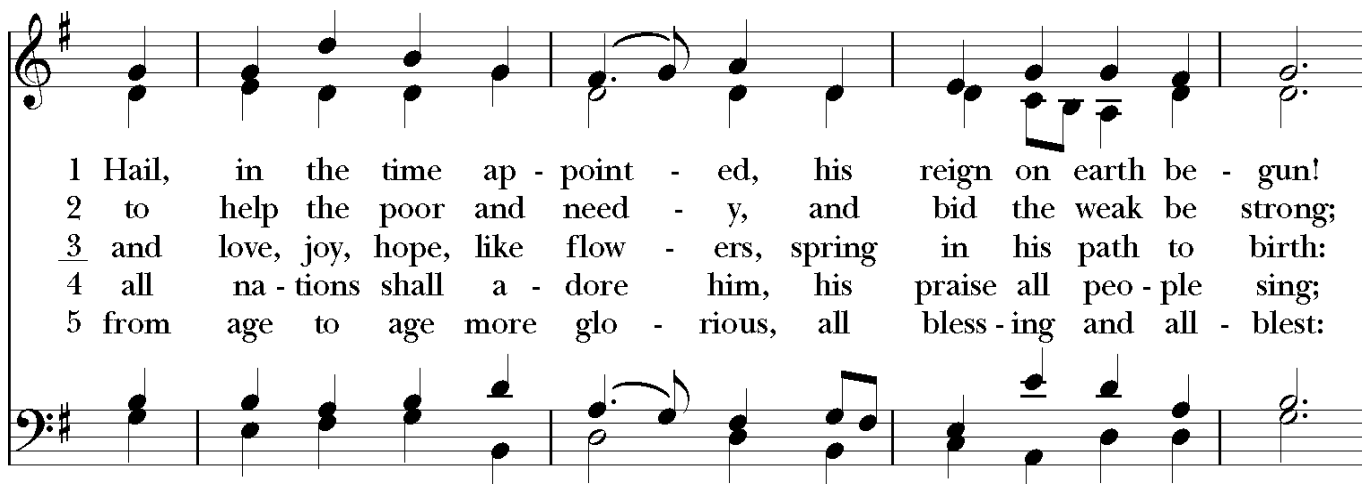
Recessional Hymn

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymn 616



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 26, CCW Annual Meeting after the 10:00 am service – Please join us for CCW’s annual meeting directly after the 10:00 am service in the Fellowship Hall. We will offer boxed lunches, and the suggested donation will be \$10.00 per person. The lunches include a sandwich, bag of chips, and a cookie. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Flower Calendar for 2025 – The 2025 flower calendar is available on the board in the narthex. Please sign up for any of the dates you would like to donate altar flowers for this year. The suggested offer is \$25. Note, we will not have any flowers during the season of Lent and those dates are not included in the calendar.

CRS Update – CRS is currently in need of cereal, jams or jellies, hearty soups, snack crackers, canned fruit, apple sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, & canned meats. In addition, they are completely out of pasta! Donations can be brought to church and placed in the collection area outside the sanctuary.

CCW Annual Meeting Sunday, January 26, 2025

Following the 10:00 a.m. service.

We will offer boxed lunches (suggested \$10 donation per lunch) for the meeting. A sign-up sheet will be sent out next week via Realm for those who wish to order lunch.

We thank the following Vestry members' whose term ends in January 2025

Jeff Davis, Bob Drusendahl, Rich Kurak, Rachel Kurak

The following people are standing for election to the Vestry

Bob Drusendahl (1-year term), Rich Kurak, Rob Middlemiss

WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDIES
“LITTLE CHURCHES”

Sundays

Liberation Through the Gospel, Part II

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 1/12 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Joe Grondin – Joe will guide you through a 12-week study of Liberation Through the Gospel. The first church council ever recorded, found in the 15th chapter of the book of Acts, discussed the question of the relation of the “Law” to the Christian believer who is saved by grace. This issue was true in the days of the Apostolic Church and has been discussed throughout centuries of church history. The council was also the occasion for the writing of the Apostle Paul’s sharpest epistle, **“The Letter to the Galatians”** churches. Join us in a study of this letter and together we will explore the life of grace in relation to the law of God. **(Low prep, medium commitment)**

Student Ministry, “To Be a Christian”

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 1/12 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Cody Lang & John-Mason Shackelford – “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it,” (*Proverbs 22:6*). Scripture has much to say about raising children. What takes center stage throughout the Old and New Testament is the responsibility of raising children in the Way, in the faith of God’s people. Encouraging and teaching children to grow up rooted in faith is primarily accomplished in the home, but the Church is its greatest ally. **If you have a child who has graduated from KidCat, or who is in the 6th grade or higher, we invite them to join us from 9-9:45 to continue to grow in faith and learn how to practically take their faith to a deeper level.**

Mere Discipleship

Weekly, Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Begins 2/2 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Gene – A 10-week study (formerly Membership Matters) of Anglican Christianity and its distinctives. Topics include our Statement of Faith (39 Articles), the Membership Covenant, Why Join a Church, Church History, Why Anglican, Nuts & Bolts of Christ Church (Church Structure, & Weekly Life together). Each session has a teaching component with room for Questions. This is a good class for both newcomers, as well as long-standing members. Participation is required for all interested in becoming a member of Christ Church Westshore. **(Low prep, Medium Commitment)**

Tuesdays

Men’s Bible Study

Weekly, Tuesdays at 7 AM. Begins 1/14 in the Hearth Room, led by Gene Sherman – This Little Church is for men on the go and is easily accessible via You tube. This year, we will walk verse by verse through the 2nd & 3rd John. There is no advance reading, just bring your Bible. The format will be a time of teaching, and then open Q&A. Website participants will text their questions at the time for Q&A. The study will be 11 weeks this Winter/Spring. **(No prep)**

Weekly, Tuesdays, begins 1/14, from 9:00 am-10:30 am in the Hearth Room, led by Linda Jackson – Please consider joining the Women’s Bible Study, starting January 14th at 9 am, for a 7-session study by Priscilla Shirer titled **“Elijah-Faith and Fire.”** You can choose your level of commitment with a high level of commitment participating in the weekly video sessions and then doing the 5 short daily homework sessions or a lesser commitment by coming on Tuesdays to watch the 30–40-minute videos. The workbook is available at both Amazon and Lifeway.com. If you can join us, please contact me at either ljack2328@gmail.com or 216-406-3582.

Community Bible Study (CBS)

Weekly, Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Begins 1/14 in the Hearth Room, led by Stacey Litzler - Stacey will guide you through **Revelation** for 18 weeks. Register now online or mark your calendar to visit! The cost is \$35 for adults and \$10 per child for the year. Scholarships available! For more information and to register, visit clevelandwest.cbsclass.org. **(High prep)**

Wednesdays

Weekly, Wednesdays, begins 1/8 at 10:30 am in the Church, Led by Gene Sherman, Senior Saints Little Church – Join our Senior Saints as Gene leads you through a bible study with Communion. The 3rd Wednesday of every month is a Communion Service at the Knickerbocker Apartments, (27100 Knickerbocker Road, Bay Village) beginning at 10:30 am.

Read, Mark, Learn Bible Study

Weekly, Wednesdays at 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Begins 1/15 in the Fellowship Hall, led by Cody Lang – As we enter into the 'Spring' semester, the *Read, Mark, Learn Little Church* will be studying the second half of Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. If you were not with us to study the first part, **NO WORRIES**, come and join us anyway as we continue to trek through this pastorally powerful and theologically rich letter that has much to teach us about the meaning of the Gospel and how we are called to live the Christian life. The **cost for the study materials is \$15**. If you have any questions, reach out to me at clang@christchurchwestshore.com **(High Prep)**

January Prayer Focus

In this season of Epiphany, may each of us and our families be Blessed with a deepening awareness of the Love, Grace, and Mercy of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



Sermon Text: Luke 3: 15 – 22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



What is Baptism?

By Baptism in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, with the outward sign of washing with water, **we receive the inward and spiritual grace that cleanses us from sin and unites us to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.** Through faith in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit who now dwells within us, we are adopted and made members of God's family which is the Church we are called to live into as His disciples.

Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God

By Bob & Linda Ward
in celebration of their grandson,
Gabriel's 15th birthday!

2025 Financials

Through Sunday

01/05/2025

Offerings

Current Month Actual Revenues

\$20,604

YTD Actual Revenues

\$20,604

2025 Projected Cash Requirements

\$623,798

Attendance for 01/05/2025

10:00 am — 116

Wednesday — 5

Online — 39