Epiphany 2 **Communion Service**

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

Please silence your cell phones.

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 27th at 7:30 p.m.

WELCOME





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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.

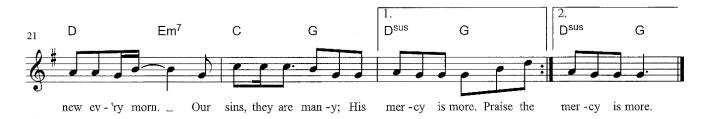
Matthew 22:37-40 ESV

Song of Praise

His Mercy is More

Papa & Boswell





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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 42:1 – 3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86 (Please pray responsively by half verse)

- 1. Bow down your ear, O Lord, and hear me, * *for I am poor and in misery.*
- 2. Preserve my life, for I am faithful; *

 my God, save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3. Be merciful unto me, O Lord, * for I will call daily upon you.
- 4. Comfort the soul of your servant, *

 for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- 5. For you, Lord, are good and gracious, *

 and of great mercy to all those who call upon you.
- 6. Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, *

 and attend to the voice of my humble supplications.
- 7. In the time of my trouble, I will call upon you, * *for you answer me when I call.*
- 8. Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, * nor are there any deeds like yours.

- 9. All nations that you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, * and shall glorify your Name.
 - 10. For you are great and do wondrous things; * *indeed, you are God alone.*
 - 11. Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *

 O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.
- 12. I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, * and will praise your Name for evermore.

The Epistle Colossians 1:15 – 23

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 John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Luke 8: 48 – 59

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sequence Hymn

Thy Strong Word

Hymn 381, v 3

Verse 3

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous, Bright with thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.

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

The Sermon Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: "What is God"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 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.

January Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, in this season of Epiphany, bless each and every one of us and our families with a deepening awareness of your love, grace, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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:

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 1:15 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:

Joe Ianello 1/19 Drew Jackson 1/23

Offertory

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, 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.

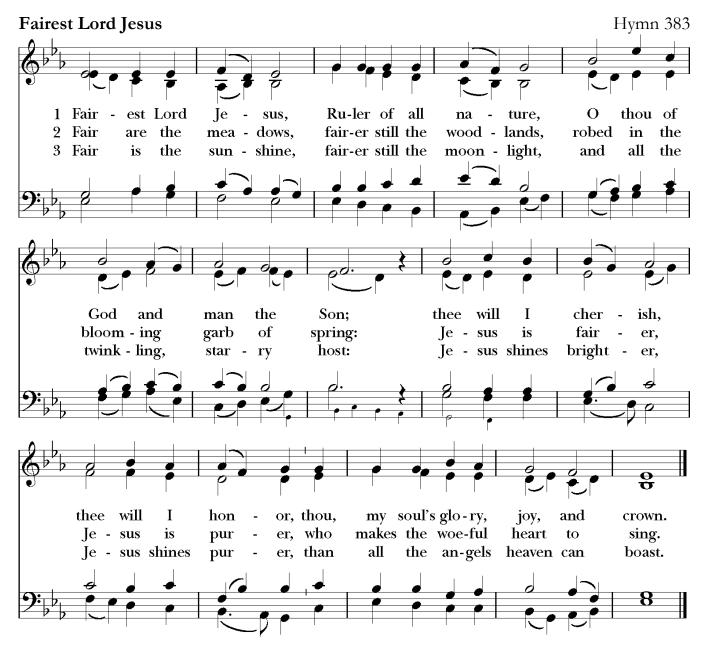
Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

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.)



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Verse 1

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul. Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known. I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece. And all that He designs will be done in me.

Verse 2

My body is a temple of the Living God. I'll worship in this house, that His blood has bought. As I bear His image, O, may I not profane The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

Chorus

I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own. I belong to the Lord I am not my own. I will honor Him for this I know, I belong to the Lord I am not my own.

Verse 3

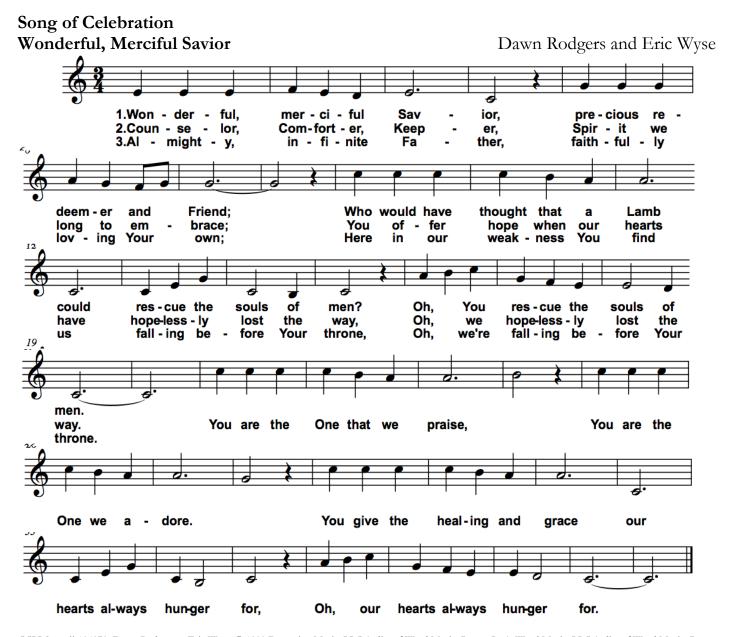
And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own. The measure of my worth is His love alone. He declares my standing, and He declares my state. So, I will know myself by the name He gave.

Verse 4

I am not my own and now my heart is free. O, Maker, come and make what You will of me. There is nothing broken, that You can not repair. So, Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care. Chorus

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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.

Recessional Hymn

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise

Walter Chalmers Smith



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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.

January Prayer Focus

Heavenly Father, who revealed your glory through your Son Jesus Christ, in this season of Epiphany, bless each and every one of us and our families with a deepening awareness of your love, grace, and mercy, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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)

<u>Tuesdays</u>

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)

Sermon Text: Question 2, NCC

What is God?*

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

(Psalm 86:8-10, 15)

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. ⁹All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. ¹⁰For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Children's answer emboldened

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The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God!

2025 Cash Requirements	
Through Sunday	01/12/2025
<u>Offerings</u>	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$51,983
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$30,481
Current Month Additional Requirements	\$21,502
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$623,798

Attendance for 01/12/2025

10:00 am - 107

Wednesday - 18

Online -30