

# Christ Episcopal Church

Sparta, NC

*A Home to All*

*Sharing God's Unconditional Love*



**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 2, 2018 – 10:30 AM**  
**Celebrating 20 years!**

The Rt. Rev José McLoughlin  
Bishop of Western North Carolina

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker  
Rector

# Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are delighted God has brought you to this special place. Our tradition is to invite newcomers to introduce themselves during the announcements, if they would like. Following the service, the ushers have guest cards which we hope you will fill out, so we can personally welcome you to the church community. Everyone is invited for refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall afterwards.

**What do you need to know about worship?** Everything you need for your worship today is in the booklet you are holding. Our service is based on the Book of Common Prayer, using music from sources including the Hymnal 1982 and Taizé.

**Are you worshipping with us for the first time?** We would love to get to know you! Please fill out one of the pew cards tucked into the pew in front of you. Let us know if we can call you, answer questions, or pray for you. And know that wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Church.

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**Adult Formation** at Christ Church includes an Adult Forum series Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall downstairs.

**We extend special thanks today to the following people:**

**Jo Ellen Carson**, for serving as musician and for being so generous with her talents,

**The Altar Guild**, for providing the flowers for the altar, and

**Stella Daniel**, for providing refreshments for our fellowship after the morning service.

# The Gathering

Prelude

*All stand, as able.*

Processional Hymn #59

*Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

## Advent Wreath Prayers

*Remain standing, as able.*

### First Sunday of Advent

Leader As stars to the maker  
People **We are the work of God's hands.**

As plants to the gardener  
**We are the work of God's hands.**

As clay to the potter  
**We are the work of God's hands.**

Be brave  
Be honest  
**Be awake to integrity.**

Be strong  
Be gentle  
**Be awake to justice.**

Be joyful  
Be humble  
**Be awake to holiness.**

Be steady  
Be hopeful  
**Be awake to love.**

Presider We are looking for God in our world.  
People **May we see what God wants us to see.**

Presider We are looking for God in our lives.  
People **May we be who God wants us to be.**

All **And may God our Shepherd, Protector, Awakener, and Holy Spirit, bless us through these Advent days. AMEN.**

*We light the first blue candle.*

## Opening Acclamation

As we light the Advent candle  
with the light of hope burning bright,  
faithfully we wait for his coming;  
faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well;  
hear the prayer these flames would tell.  
O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel.

Candle-bearer: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Leader: One candle shines as shadows lengthen and chaos roars—the dawn of God’s kingdom in our midst.

All: Courage awakens in us, a spark to brighten the way.

Wait for the Lord (*sung by all*)

*Taizé #12*

*Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.*

*Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!*

*Wait for the Lord, His day is near.*

*Wait for the Lord. Be strong, take heart!*

*Remain standing, as able.*

## The Collect

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

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

*All are seated.*

## Liturgy of the Word

### The First Reading

#### Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and

Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

### The Response

#### Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### The Second Lesson

#### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

Gospel Hymn 56, vss 1-3

*O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

### **The Gospel**

#### **Luke 21:25-36**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Stephanie E. Parker

*A time of silence following the sermon.*

*Please stand, as able.*

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that  
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -  
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-

be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and  
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly  
 in One church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

sea. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for  
 died. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was  
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the

us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it and of  
 raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God  
 break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er -

Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 right - hand. He will come to judge and save.  
 last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor      God calls us to love one another; as a sign of that love, we lift our prayers to God for the needs of all people throughout the world.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more.

*Silence*

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world.

*Silence*

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, for human rights activists, peace workers, environmentalists, and for the myriads of ordinary people who in their day to day work and lives risk sharing the beauty of your truth and love with a world that does not always want to listen.

*Silence*

We give thanks for all of our blessings, especially...  
With you, what we already have, is enough and more.

*Silence*

We pray for all who are in need, especially...  
that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love.

*Silence*

We pray for all who have died, especially... and those you would name. And we pray for those who grieve, that they may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives, even those where we sit in darkness and loss.

*Silence*

We pray for all assembled here today, that we may know and extend the grace and joy of being in a faith community; that we may hear the Good News of Jesus Christ and then go forth and be as Jesus to this world.

*Silence*

Presider      We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength and courage to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship 1, page 19

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A period of silent reflection is kept.*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider 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

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People And also with you.

*Please greet one another in a way that is comfortable as a sign of our participation in Christ's reconciling work in the world.*

## Offertory Music

Jo Ellen Carson

## Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People And of thine own have we given thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Standing, as able.*

Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching our Worship 1, pg. 60

Presider      The Lord be with you.  
**All**            **And also with you.**  
                  Lift up your hearts.  
                  **We lift them to the Lord.**

Because you love us, you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life and that when he shall come again in power and great love to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus: S125**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Stand or kneel, as able, for Prayer of Consecration.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.  
To deliver us from the power of sin and death  
and to reveal the riches of your grace,  
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,  
that she might conceive and bear a son,  
Jesus the holy child of God.  
Living among us, Jesus loved us.  
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,  
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.  
He yearned to draw all the world to himself  
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.  
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross  
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
He took bread, gave thanks to you,  
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body, which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks to you,  
gave it to them, and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,  
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,  
who was and is and is to come,  
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,  
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.  
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth  
and make us your new creation,  
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,  
with all your saints,  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
to feast at the banquet prepared  
from the foundation of the world.

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.**

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem: S154** *(sung by all)*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

### **The Invitation to Communion**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God; God's holy food, for God's holy people.

*All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are gluten allergic, please ask for a rice wafer at the distribution.*

Communion Music (sung by all)

LEVAS #14

Jo Ellen Carson

Soon and very soon

*Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King.*

*No more dying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
No more dying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
No more dying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King.*

*No more crying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
No more crying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
No more crying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King.*

Taizé #9

Bless the Lord, my soul

*Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life. (Repeat)*

Surely the Presence of the Lord

*Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*Stand or sit, as able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Presider            Let us pray,  
  
                         Almighty and everliving God,  
                         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 for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

May God who conquered darkness with light,  
                         give peace to you.  
May God who conquered death with life,  
                         give peace to you.  
May God who conquered loneliness with love,  
                         give peace to you.  
And the Blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and  
remain with you for ever. Amen.

## Recessional Hymn #66

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

## The Dismissal

Presider            Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
All                    Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

## Postlude

### Coming Lessons

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Canticle 16

## Prayer List

**Intercessions:** Ben D., Chuck B., Jim D., Jon, Julie O., Laura, Linda W., and Ted Y.

**Departed:**

**Birthdays:** Stella Daniel (Dec 4)

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Eleanor & Willie Plummer (Dec 6)

### The Following People are Assisting with the Services

Role	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Altar Guild	Nancy Wilson	Sheila Pfaender
Chalicerist I	Nancy Wilson	Sheila Pfaender
Chalicerist II	Frances Buckle	Ann Hazard
Crucifer	Frances Buckle	Ann Hazard
Lector I	Frances Buckle	Sheila Pfaender
Lector II	Randy Watson	Frank Hazard
Prayers of the People	Cecilia Watson	Frank Hazard
Oblations Bearers	Randy & Cecilia Watson	Hal & Nancy Wilson
Greeters/Ushers	Frank & Ann Hazard	Bruce Smith & Brenda Weems
Book Bearer	Nancy Wilson	Sheila Pfaender
Sanctus Bell	Frances Buckle	Ann Hazard

### Schedule

**Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, December 5**

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 am – Genesis Bible Study

## Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am – Adult Forum

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist

Christmas Wrapping party and lunch following the service

## Announcements

### **New Adult Forum Advent Series: “Advent in Scripture: Messages of Hope in Dark Times”**

This new Adult Forum Advent Series continues through the four Sundays of Advent in the Parish Hall Sunday mornings at 9 AM. We will encounter the deep mystery of our Advent Scripture. From Apocalyptic Gospels to the prophetic promise of God’s newness breaking into our lives and our world in a bold, demanding way, the Scripture we engage in Advent calls us to wrestle with all that is within us that both longs for and prohibits the fullness of God’s mercy and justice becoming a reality.

Each Sunday we will discuss the Sunday Lectionary and mine these writings for their profound impact on our world today. It is my hope that as an Advent practice you will come and fulfill an important piece of our Baptismal Covenant as we share in the Apostle’s teaching and fellowship before we gather for worship and the breaking of the bread.



Thank you for your generosity! We have 22 pledges returned for a total of \$102,700. We anticipate a few more pledges to come in through the end of the year but want to share some exciting statistics with you now. Almost 100% of the pledges were either the same or an increase from last year’s pledge. The pledges that did increase did so by an average of 24%!

What this says in the language of finance and numbers is that you are a very generous people with abundant hope for our life and mission together at Christ Church. These numbers tell us that we are on fire for God’s life and love in the world around us. God’s Transforming Generosity is breaking out all around us!

### **Christmas Children’s Gift Giving Program**

The deadline for purchasing gifts for the Christmas Children’s Gift Giving Program is fast approaching! We ask that you bring your gifts to the church **no later than NEXT Sunday, December 9th** and join in the annual Christmas Wrapping Party. A light lunch will be served and we’ll enjoy the fellowship of wrapping everything together! If it’s easier to donate money for this program, please make sure your **check is turned in no later than THIS Sunday, December 2nd** so we can be ready for the December 9th gathering. For more details and to learn ways you can help, contact Cynthia Grant at 336-467-0906, by email at [cynthiaegrant@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiaegrant@gmail.com).

### **Upcoming opportunities to enjoy some Food & Fellowship:**

**December 9th** - Once again Christ Church is participating in the Christmas Children's Gift Giving Program of Alleghany County and our annual Christmas Wrapping Party will be held on this date. Bring your gifts and enjoy the fellowship of wrapping together while enjoying a lunch hosted by Deb

Donaldson and some Food & Fellowship team members. Even if you don't have gifts to wrap, we invite you to attend anyway and eat some lunch, help others wrap while sharing in the joy of this wonderful ministry.

**December 23rd** - We observe the fourth Sunday of Advent on this date and will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas immediately following the morning service. The members of the Food & Fellowship team will bring sandwiches, drinks and cookies into the sanctuary to enjoy while we work together to transform Christ Church into the Spirit of Christmas. Please join us for this annual fellowship opportunity.

**December 30th** - We will end 2018 with another soup luncheon while breaking bread together. Many thanks to Deb Donaldson for making this lunch possible.

**Food & Fellowship Person of the Month for December is: Marybeth Lentz.** She can be reached by telephone at 336.657.7088 or by email at [mlentz@skybest.com](mailto:mlentz@skybest.com).

**Vestry Person of the Month for December is: Sheila Pfaender.** She can be reached by telephone at 336.200.1164 or by email at [sspfaender@gmail.com](mailto:sspfaender@gmail.com).

**For any building or property issues, please contact:** Phil Donaldson with your concerns.

## Advent Worship Notes: Something Fresh Ahead!

We are now in the Holy season of Advent. This is a season in which we trust that we stand on the brink of something new. Advent is a season of deep longing. It is a time when our longing for God's mercy, love, justice and compassion is wed to our expectation that God does break into history and invite us to awaken from our numbed endurance and domesticated expectations. It is the time to consider our lives afresh in light of the new gifts God is about to give.

Our liturgy for the next four Sundays is meant to echo that longing and will feature a Eucharist Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer Supplement called Enriching our Worship. It will be familiar to some from other settings.

Called EOW for short, this resource was approved for use many years ago and its Eucharist prayers echo the ancient and early liturgies (4th and 5th centuries) of the Christian Church, which focused on the goodness and mercy of God.

This particular Eucharist prayer resonates with the themes of Advent and I invite you to listen closely to how it captures our story of God's saving help and how Advent reminds us God is always doing something new.

In addition, we will be doing prayers at the lighting of the Advent wreath and the Prayers of the People are also imbedded with the longing and preparation for God to break into this world.

And, something else to notice is that we do not sing the Gloria during Advent. Advent, sometimes incorrectly confused with Lenten themes, is meant to be a season of joy and expectation so we do omit the Gloria because of its joyful note, but we omit it during this season so that on Christmas Eve night, we burst forth in joyful song with that Angel's Choir as they announce the wondrous birth of the Christ child! The Gloria's absence in these next four weeks refreshes our memory of the true wonder that the hymn announces. Another way our music will thematically support us in this season is that we will hear piano accompaniment exclusively.

As ever, I always welcome your questions and wonderings and sincerely wish you to share any questions with me directly. My intent as a Liturgist is simply to be a gentle curator of the wide and vast resources in our beautiful liturgical tradition and engage with you in the riches of our deep tradition.

My hope is that we will allow our Advent worship to create that rare opportunity in our ever-busy lives to simply be still in the presence of God and let our worship sink deep into the flesh and bones of our being.

I hope you will join me for the Advent series "Advent in Scripture: Messages of Hope in Dark Times" in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am Sundays through Advent and that you will come and take a break from the stress and demands that have sadly come to mark this season for many. Come to worship on Sundays and allow yourselves the gift of remembering that we are made for joy and communion with God that transcends all of the ways this life can make us crazy.

And finally, I invite you to keep in mind this Advent a wise saying from Thomas Merton:

“The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all in us that is not yet Christ.”

During this time of demand, longing and expectation, may we be gentle with all whom we love and offer kindness to ourselves.

Happy Advent, Stephanie+

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