



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Announcements for the Month of December

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2024

December 1, **First Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday Spirituality Discussion
- 10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 8, **Second Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday Spirituality Discussion
- 10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45 PM Youth Group

December 15, **Third Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday Spirituality Discussion
- 10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 21, **Saturday**

- 10:00 AM **Christmas Greening Workshop (ASH)**
- 1:00 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

December 22, **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:15 AM Sunday Spirituality Discussion
- 10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 11:45 PM Youth Group
- 12:00 PM **Greening of the Church (after the services)**
- 7:00 PM **Blue Christmas Service**

December 24, **Christmas Eve, Tuesday**

- 4:00 PM Family Eucharist w/Christmas Pageant
- 10:15 PM Christmas Music & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 25, **Christmas Day, Wednesday**

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)

December 29, **The First Sunday after Christmas Day**

- 10:30 AM Christmas Lessons & Carols, Morning Prayer Rite II

January 3, The Feast of the Epiphany

5:00 PM Epiphany Service & Bonfire

January 5, The Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 AM Sunday Spirituality Discussion
10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Melinda Davis 12/2, Tim Watts 12/4, Geoff Pomroy 12/7, Hank Mausolf 12/8, Allen Bareford 12/8, Janice Kenkel 12/9, Wayne Knepp 12/10, Jeff Massey 12/10, Mark DePollo 12/11, Charles Russell 12/13, Heather Whaley 12/14, Larry Gross 12/17, Susan Roberts 12/21, Emma Ayres-Brown 12/21, Bob Upshaw 12/21, Gene DiRusso 12/22, Clifton Schaefer 12/24, Christopher Cronin 12/27, Susie Adkins 12/28, Bob Truslow 12/30.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Cliff & Penny Knepp 12/1, Gene & Liz DiRusso 12/15, Phil & Susan Midland 12/23, Dave & Susan Roberts 12/27, Bob & Carolyn Upshaw 12/27, Jim & Anne Williams 12/27, Cecil & Missie Jarman 12/30.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com.

The Daily Office (Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.) will continue Tuesdays through Fridays through December 20th. We will resume on January 7th.

Fr. Daniel is offering Confession on Wednesdays at 11:30 in the church. The Rite can be found on [page 447 of the Book of Common Prayer](#). You can also make an appointment for any other time during the week by emailing him at rector@christchurchspotsy.com. There will not be Confession offered on December 25th and January 1st.

Our **Celtic Eucharist** is each Wednesday at 12 Noon except for December 25th and January 1st.

Our Bible Study of the Book of Revelation continues Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. We will not meet on December 25th and January 1st. We are studying the history, genre, symbolism, and meaning behind this enigmatic text that has inspired the imaginations of those both inside and outside the church for two millennia. If you would like to join us, please use the Zoom link in the weekly blast.

Our Sunday Spirituality Discussions will continue with open discussion on any topic you are wondering about. We will take some time off beginning December 22nd and resume on February 2nd.

Youth Group meets every other Sunday after the 10:30 service. Our December meetings will be December 8 and 22.

Angel Tree Gifts. We are sponsoring eight children from Spotsylvania Elementary School again this year. We have received gender, age and gift ideas to assist you in purchasing gifts. If you are interested in helping a child have a blessed Christmas, please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com. Gift tags will also be available in the back of the church on Sundays. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to the church by December 15th.

Santa is coming to Christ Church Thrift Shop on Friday, December 20 from noon to 4 p.m. This is a great chance for your kids and pets to meet Santa and enjoy a sweet treat with him. Bring your phone or camera as Santa will be happy to pose for pictures with them in All Saints Hall located across the lawn from the shop. It's also the perfect time to do a little last minute Christmas shopping!

ECW. We will be caroling at Chancellor's Village on Tuesday, December 17th, and concluding with lunch at Harry's Alehouse. Contact Ann Woolford, <mailto:awoolford.singh@gmail.com>, for more information.

Epiphany Service & Bonfire. On Friday evening, January 3rd, we will have an Epiphany service beginning at 5pm to be followed by the traditional bonfire with hot chocolate and cookies.

It will soon be time to elect members to serve on the Christ Church Vestry

What is the Vestry? The Vestry works closely with Fr. Daniel in promoting the spiritual welfare of the parish, but its first responsibility is to act as the constituted agents of the congregation in transacting all the church's temporal matters in a businesslike manner. The Vestry works to articulate the mission of Christ Church to the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and protect the financial integrity of Christ Church.

The Vestry is chosen by you, the members of Christ Church. Serving on the Vestry is both an honor and a great responsibility. Vestry members are servant-trustees, entrusted with the mission of the congregation, called to offer gifts for ministry to the sacred task of fulfilling God's call.

Some of the specific responsibilities of Vestry members include the following:

- Approve all contracts for erecting, furnishing, preserving, and insuring the church edifice and other property
- Regulate the use of the cemetery
- Personally, extend a hearty welcome to visitors and newly confirmed or transferred members of the congregation
- Encourage the members of the congregation to assume their individual responsibilities, including their stewardship responsibilities
- Serve individually as liaison between a commission and the Vestry
- Provide guidance, support, and such decisions as may be appropriate to the commissions in their tasks of developing, implementing, and coordinating programs to meet the needs of the parish
- Formulate policies and budgets governing the receipt and disbursement of funds
- Represent members of the congregation in communicating their needs, desires, and suggestions to the Rector, the Region, and the Diocese
- Keep the congregation informed regarding the activities and decisions of the Vestry

Serving on the Vestry is extremely rewarding:

- It is a great opportunity to use your gifts and talents
- There is personal satisfaction in serving the church in this critically important role
- You grow and enjoy the fellowship with other vestry members
- You increase your knowledge of church governance, and you grow in your faith

Vestry members serve a term of 3 years, and we will be electing 4 new members at the Christ Church Annual Meeting in February 2025; three members to serve 3-year terms and one member to serve a 2-year term. If you are interested in serving on the Vestry, please reach out to one of our outgoing Vestry members: [Susan Midland](#), [Tim Watts](#) or [Mark DePollo](#). You can also consult with Sr. Warden [Bob McGann](#) for additional information on how you can be a part of the vision of Christ Church.