

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m. – First Sunday of Advent

# No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude Daniel Rufolo, pianist

Hymn #2 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

#### Call to Worship

The Murray Family

Leader: Today we light the Candle of Hope. This Sunday we remember the Christ child is the hope of the world. We remember especially this day our neighbors near and far who live under the cloud of despair – those who are reeling from rejection; those who haven't enough food; those watching loved ones die helplessly; those who live in a world that is not safe.

Leader: We follow a star

People: though it is faint on the horizon.

Leader: That those around us might have courage

People: in the future and in themselves.

All: May we keep the faith

Prayer of Invocation	The Murray Family

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:1-5	Tom Loughlin
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Service of Baptism for Kyle Jackson Drew Presented by Toubey and Leigh Ann Drew

We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as he explores life. We enfold him in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and all people. We join with Toubey and Leigh Ann telling the Gospel in our midst, so that their child and all children may live with us for Christ, showing forth his love for all people.

Song of Dedication

Kyle, we greet you on this glad morning; We are so happy that you are here. Our fondest wishes go with you always: God guard and keep you all through the years.

A Story for Children Rev. Julie Yarborough (The 2 and 3-year-olds may leave for Sunday school at this time. Church Mice Choir for children pre-K through 1st grade may leave at this time.)

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Yarborough

Silence & Prayer

The Lord's Prayer 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 debts As we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil, For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory

(Children pre-K through 7<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for Sunday school at this time.) Scripture ReadingIsaiah 61:1-6Rev. Charles RushSermon"Grief, Complexity and Honor"Rev. RushRitual of RemembranceRev. YarboroughBenedictionRev. YarboroughPostludeRev. Yarborough

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Matthew Markay Greeters: The Salsberrys Ushers for 9:30 am: The Bowen Family

Welcome! Visiting today? Please complete a Visitor Card and drop into the offering plate and join us for fellowship after today's service.



The flowers today are given by the Kettenrings in celebration of the lives of Fredric & Bettina Kettenring and Robert & Opal Fenix

The **<u>third white candle</u>** on the altar is lit in hope of world peace.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Here is today's Sunday schoolschedule:2-3 year oldsRoom B-2024 year olds - 5th gradeAssembly in Art Room6th and 7th gradersChapel near Lile Hall8th - 12th gradersStay in Worship

#### To the Christ Church Community:

The Executive Board of Christ Church invites you to join us on Sunday, December 12 for the seventh annual review of the financial affairs of the church, including the status of the 2010 budget and the preliminary version of the 2011 operating budget. We will bring the 2011 proposed budget to the congregation for a vote in mid-January. By that time, we expect to have sufficient information regarding pledges and operating requirements to give us all an accurate picture of 2011 prospects for income and expense. Prior to the meeting, we will provide documents for your review, including a current balance sheet detailing the church's assets and liabilities, and a summary of 2010 and 2011 operating budget figures.

In addition to financial matters, this meeting will provide an opportunity for us to hear your questions, comments, and suggestions about any aspect of church affairs. The meeting will be held in Barnwell Hall after the first service. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christ Church Executive Board

**Communications Committee:** There will be an organizational meeting of the Communications Committee during coffee hour on November 28 in the Guild Room (off Barnwell).

**Christmas Pageant:** It is tradition at Christ Church that the children and youth provide the service music for the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. If you have a child/youth who would like to play an instrument or sing during the Pageant, please give the title of the piece, composer, instrument/voice, and child/youth's name to Rev. Julie Yarborough at revjy@ccsnj.org.

**White Gifts:** Each year at Christ Church, we collect Christmas gifts for homeless men, women and children that are distributed by our confirmation class on a Bridges Run a few days before Christmas. If you would like to participate, please purchase items from the following list, wrap them in white paper and bring them to church on December 19. At a certain point in the service, you will be asked to bring them up to the altar.

- New blue jeans (sizes 36 & up for men)
- New Sweatshirts (hoodies) (medium & up for men)

- New work boots (size 8 & up for men)
- New coats (large & x-large)
- New thermal underwear (top & bottom) (medium & up)
- New hats and gloves
- New Toys please, no batteries required, no x-large items
- New pajamas for children (infant through adult sizes)
- Toiletry Kits (soap, shampoo, wash cloth, cream, lip balm, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush)

## LAST WEEK TO SIGN-UP FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP:

NEXT Sunday, December 5th, we will make advent crafts after the 09:30 service (no 11:15 service), finish by 11:30 to share a lunch of Chili and Pasta e Fagiole then join together for a carol sing and done by noon.

Adults and children of all ages will find fellowship, fun and great food. Join in a whirlwind of Christmas activities, making ornaments, miniature gingerbread houses, and for the truly "crafty" assembling boxwood trees or wreaths.

It's the best way to kick-off the Advent Season, as well as make new ornaments and Christmas decor for our homes! Not into crafts? Then just socialize and join in for lunch and caroling. (\$5 per person)

Please sign-up NOW so we can purchase supplies accordingly.

\$10 per person\$40 per family (max)

Additional craft charges:Gingerbread houses-mini\$5.00Boxwood Trees\$20Wreaths\$20

Questions? Sign-up? call Nora Holley or macmil2@verizon.net

# We will not have a second service on December 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Advent Workshop.

**GINGERBREAD Mini Houses needed!!** PLEASE save your PINT containers from cream, juice etc. We need these for our gingerbread houses at Advent Workshop on December 5th. Please bring your clean, empty pint cartons to church as you collect them and place them in the box under the main stairs.

**Progressive Dinner January 29th Hosts Needed:** Do you love to entertain, but hate all the effort? Christ Church has the solution. Progressive Dinner hosts just need to set their tables and serve dinner. Invitations will be mailed, guests assigned. The entire gourmet dinner (salad, entree, side dishes, bread/butter, and wine) will be ready for pick-up at Christ Church a few hours before the event. Cocktails and hors d'ouvres served at someone else's house to start the event. Dessert and dancing at Kate and Chuck's after...

Doesn't that sound easy? Call Nora to volunteer macmil2@verizon.net

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Sunday	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
November 28	First Worship Service	9:30 am
	Church Mice – Barnwell Hall	9:45 am
	Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall	10:30 am
	Genesis Choir - Sanctua	10:45 am
First Sunday	Canticle Singers – Lile Hall	11:00 am
of Advent	Second Worship Service	11:15 am

Ministers – All Members of Christ Church Senior Minister – The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Rush Associate Minister – The Rev. Julie Yarborough Associate Pastor of Adult and Youth Education – The Rev. Caroline Dean Children's Choirs Director – Alison Caravano Second Service Pianist – Daniel Rufolo Office Manager – Cheryl Levy Housekeeping – Juan and Rocio Restrepo

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