



Christ Church

Last Sunday after Epiphany

March 6, 2011

Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m. – Last Sunday after Epiphany

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

- Prelude **Italian Concerto, 3rd Movement.** J.S. Bach
- Ringing of the Church Bell
- Hymn # 263 **Immortal Invisible** ST DENIO
- Call to Worship Simon Thomson
- Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching, who long for the nourishment found at your feast.
- People: Gather us in.**
- Leader: The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for the company found at your feast.
- People: Gather us in.**
- Leader: The proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.
- People: Gather us in.**
- Leader: The bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind, laughter makers who long for the deeper joys, found at your feast.
- People: Gather us in.**
- Leader: From corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.
- All: Gather us in.**
- Prayer of Invocation Simon Thomson

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:11-12 Rick Morey

A Story for Children Heather Valosin
(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.)

Hymn ***There's a Spirit of Love in This Place*** Mark Miller
(see insert)

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Charles Rush

Silence & Prayer

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem ***Sometimes a Light Surprises*** Craig Courtney
Ginger Green, solo

Doxology OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Sing praise, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children pre-K through 5th grade may leave for
Sunday school at this time.)

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5;6-18 Rev. Charles Rush

Sermon ***"Staying in the Groove"*** Rev. Rush

Service of Holy Communion

Communion Hymn ***Bless the Lord, My Soul*** Jacques Berthier
Bless the Lord, my soul
and bless God's holy name
bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life

Hymn # 341 ***Blessed Assurance*** ASSURANCE

Benediction Rev. Charles Rush

Postlude **Postlude in G Major** J.S. Bach

Acolyte for 9:30 am:

Greeters: The Thomsons

Ushers for 9:30 am: The Nukk-Freeman and Vigilante Families

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here is today's **Sunday school** schedule:

2-3 year olds	Room B-202
Pre-K & K	Room B-205
1st - 5th graders	Split between Rooms B-206 and B-210
6 th thru 12th graders	Stay in Worship

There will be NO YOUTH GROUP this Sunday March 6th.
Our next Large Group meeting is Sunday March 13th from
5:00pm-6:30pm.

Upcoming Adult Education Sessions:

Sunday, March 13th : Vern Verhoef from Daytop Schools
Vern will speak about his time teaching at Daytop, a school
for students who struggle with substance abuse. Our youth
met Vern last summer during our RISE service trip.
(<http://www.daytopnj.org/>)

Sunday, March 20th: Panel on "End of Life Issues"
We will host a panel discussion on how "end of life issues"
have changed in the past ten years.

Sunday, March 27th: Sing Sing Prison Ministry Presentation New York Theological Seminary's program at the Sing Sing prison offers a master's degree to the men at Sing Sing. Our church supports this ministry, find out how you can get involved!

Lenten Lunches: On Tuesdays March 15th, 22nd, and 29th we will have lenten lunches from 12pm-1pm. Join us for a quick lenten reflection and soup lunch!

Mark Your Calendars! On Friday, April 8th our youth group will host an "Open Mic Night" to raise money for the upcoming service trip to Nicaragua in July 2011. If you know of any High School or young adult musicians who might be interested in participating in this event, please email cdean@ccsnj.org.

There will be a "New Member Sunday" on March 13th at the 9:30 service. If you are interested in joining the church or have questions, please speak to Chuck, Julie or contact Carol Angle, Membership Chair, at 918-1005 or jerseyangle@aol.com.

Open & Affirming Advocacy Group Forming.... A number of years ago, Christ Church members voted to become an Open & Affirming church; i.e., a church that publicly welcomes LGBTI people into the full life and leadership of our congregation. A group of church members is forming to explore ways to live this commitment. So far, we've identified three broad areas of concern:

- *Expanding congregational awareness of Open & Affirming issues and providing educational programs on these issues.
- *Encouraging the use of sensitive and responsible language by the clergy and within the congregation.
- *Reaching out to the local community, both as a resource and to learn from their experiences.

Please bring your ideas to the next meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 7 PM (before choir rehearsal) in Lile Hall. For more information, contact Brantley Dean at brantleydean@gmail.com.

Sunday March 6, 2011	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
	First Worship Service	9:30 am
	Church Mice – Barnwell Hall	9:45 am
	Coffee Hour – Barnwell Hall	10:30 am
	Genesis Choir - Sanctuary	10:45 am
	Canticle Singers – Lile Hall	11:00 am
	High School Youth Choir	11:15 am
Last Sunday after Epiphany	Second Worship Service	11:15 am
	NO Youth Group	

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
 Minister of Music – Mark Miller
 Children's Choirs Director – Alison Vidal Caravano
 Second Service Pianist – Daniel Rufolo
 Office Manager – Cheryl Levy
 Housekeeping – Juan and Rocio Restrepo

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