



Christ Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

Worship at 9:30 am

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m. – Second Sunday of Advent

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

Organ Prelude *Passacaglia in c minor* J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Church Bell

Hymn # 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

Call to Worship The Hayes Family

Leader: Listen to the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

People: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: The time is coming, John the baptizer tells us. Now is the time to prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: Make the rough places smooth. Straighten the crooked places. Prepare all the paths so that hope may find its way.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: Make room for the Holy One. Empty out a space in the inn, in the stable, in the corners of our hearts. Make room in the busyness, in the crowds, in our filled-up frantic lives.

People: Prepare the way of the Lord.

Leader: Heed the call to prepare space in our hearts and lives for Christ's birth. As we light this second candle of Advent, let us pray for wisdom and courage to prepare ourselves to receive God's holy child. Listen to the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way.

All: Prepare the way of the Lord. Amen.

Hymn *Come, O Redeemer, Come*
see insert

Service of Baptism for Stuart Macrae Cheney Presented by
David and Sheila Cheney
with Big brothers Oliver, Brian, and Kevin

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 David and Sheila in telling the Gospel in our midst, so that their child and all children may live with us for Christ, showing forth God's love for all people.

Song of Dedication

**Stuart, 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. Caroline Dean

Hymn # 3 **Comfort, Comfort You My People** PSALM 42

Passing of the Peace

Joys and Concerns Rev. Julie Yarborough

Silence & Prayer

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem **There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth**
Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir

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.

Service of Holy Communion

Benediction

Rev. Charles Rush

Postlude

Fantasia in g minor

J.S. Bach

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Matthew Markay

Greeters: Uwe and Martina Westphal

Ushers for 9:30 am: Brandon Fisk and Chuck Mixon

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.

Sunday December 4, 2011	Choir Practice – Sanctuary First Worship Service Advent Workshop	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am
Second Sunday of Advent	NO Second Worship Service NO Youth Group	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Schedule through Jan 1, 2012:

NOTE: The Nursery and the 2's and 3's will meet as usual every Sunday, except Christmas Day!

Dec 4 is family worship and Advent Workshop. There is no Sunday school that day.

Dec 11 during Sunday school we'll have a Christmas movie for pre-k through 5th grade.

Dec 18 during Sunday school we'll have an assembly for pre-k – 5th grade to make flavored butter and package bread for sale during coffee hour.

Dec 25 is a short family worship service at 11:00. There is no Sunday school **or nursery care** that day.

Jan 1 during Sunday school we'll have a movie for pre-k through 5th grade.

Holiday Schedule:

Christmas Eve:

3:30 PM - Rehearsal for Pageant - all children welcome!

5:00 PM - Children's Pageant & Family Service
10:30 PM - Service of Lessons and Carols

Christmas Day: There will be one service at **11 a.m.** It will be a shorter service with Christmas carols, readings, and Communion.

New Years Day: There will be one service at **11 a.m.** It will be a fairly normal Sunday service but at the later starting time.

To the Christ Church Community:

The Executive Board of Christ Church invites you to join us on **Sunday, December 11** for the **eighth annual review of the financial affairs** of the church, including the current status of the 2011 budget and a preliminary version of the 2012 operating budget. We will bring the 2012 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 2012 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 2011 and 2012 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

The Evening Quest group will meet in the Media Room at Christ Church on Tuesday December 6th at 7:30pm.

The Morning Quest group will meet in Lile Hall on Monday December 12th at 9:30 am to discuss Rob Bell's "Love Wins."

Chancel Choir and Bell Ringer Message from Jeannette Brown:

Christ Church has an amazing choir, but we need members in all voice ranges. During the Advent and Christmas singing we will be singing a lot of great music. We hope that you will join us for this busy and exciting time. On December 18th the choir will perform Vivaldi's Gloria, for which we could use more voices. We will also perform another amazing African American History month concert in February. If you had fun listening to last year's Let Justice Roll concert, just think how much more fun it is to sing in it! If you sang in college or know a neighbor or a college kid who sings, invite them to

try out the Christ Church Chancel Choir (no audition required!). Contact Minister of Music Mark Miller mmiller@ccsnj.org for information or just show up for Thursday rehearsal 7:45 PM to 9:00 PM. The Jubilation Bell Ringers are also in need of people to ring bells. Please contact Mark about that as well. They also meet on Thursday at 6:30 PM.

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 11**. 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)

Parent Playgroup Meetings: If you are interested in joining the parent playgroup that meets on Monday mornings email cdean@ccsnj.org. They will meet in the nursery on Dec. 5th and Dec. 19th from 10am-11am.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER, Saturday, January 28th. SAVE THE DATE

Seeking Progressive Dinner Hosts! Sign up now to host the easiest dinner party you will ever give. Church Life Committee will send the invites, provide the guests (10-12 including you), a catered meal, and wine. Appetizers and Desserts at other locations. All you do is set the table, pick up the food, greet your guests, serve dinner and join your guests at Chuck and Kate's for dessert at 10 pm on **Saturday, January 28th**. Please email or call Nora at macmil2@verizon.net (908-273-6942)

Book Signing: Jeannette Brown will be selling and signing copies of her book African American Women Chemists which is published by Oxford University Press. This will take place during the Advent Workshop on December 4th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Atrium of the church. The price is \$25.00. Make checks to Sister Chemists LLC. The proceeds from the book will be donated to the Freddie and Ada Brown Award for African American and Native American High

School and Middle School students. Ms Allene Johnson who was a chemistry teacher at Summit High School and whose life is profiled in the book will be present as well.

Shawl Ministry: Jeannette Brown donated a shawl and four knitted hats to the Cancer Institute of New Jersey social work department for distribution. We have shawls that can be donated to Christ Church members which will be on display during the advent workshop. Jeannette will also have yarn, patterns and needles available for those who want to start knitting. Shawl Ministry members are always needed. One church donates shawls to the mothers of children when they are christened or dedicated.

Shop to Make a Difference, Holiday Handcraft Sale: Saturday and Sunday, December 10 and 11, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Colonial Crossroads Red Cross, 695 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ
Christmas items including pillow shams, ornaments and imaginative cards are available, made by Egyptian women from the Zabaleen Community in Cairo. The profits are dedicated to improving lives through education, training and the production of handcrafts.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 2011

Sun, Dec 4	Advent Workshop, 10:15 - noon Book Signing by Jeanette Brown	Barnwell and Atrium
Mon, Dec 5	Parent Playgroup Meeting 10-11 am	Nursery
Tues, Dec 6	Evening Quest, 7:30 pm	Home of Laurie Rufolo
Sat, Dec 10	Meditation Group, 9-10 am	Small Chapel off Lile Hall
Sun, Dec 11	Annual Financial Review Meeting, 10:45 am	Barnwell Hall
Mon, Dec 12	Morning Quest, 9:30 am Deacons Meeting, evening	Lile Hall
Thurs, Dec 15	Pastoral Prayer Group, 10-11 am	Small Chapel off Lile Hall
Sat, Dec 17	Meditation Group, 9-10 am	Sanctuary
Sun, Dec 18	Vivaldi's <i>Gloria</i> performed, both services Flavored butter and bread sale by youth	Coffee hour
Mon, Dec 19	Parent Playgroup Meeting	Nursery
Sat, Dec. 24	Children's Pageant Rehearsal 3:30 pm Christmas Eve Services Family Service & Pageant 5 pm	Sanctuary
Sun, Dec 25	Service of Lessons & Carols 10:30 pm Christmas Day Services, 11 am Carols, readings, communion	Sanctuary

January 2012

Sun, Jan 1	New Year's Day Services, 11 am	Sanctuary
Sat, Jan 28	Progressive Dinner	

February 2012

Sat, Feb 25	<i>Let Freedom Roll</i> concert	
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for updates or additions to calendar, please email Julia O'Brien at jaywob@gmail.com

Ministers – All Members of Christ Church
Senior Minister – The Rev. Dr. Charles T. Rush
Associate Minister – The Rev. Julie Yarborough
Associate Minister – The Rev. Caroline Dean
Minister of Music – Mark Miller
Children's Choirs Director – Alison Vidal Caravano
Second Service Pianist – Daniel Rufolo
Organ Scholar & Music Intern - Nicholas Mitchell Garcia
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