

Christ Church

First Sunday after Epiphany January 8, 2012 Worship at 9:30 and 11:15 am

Order of Worship

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

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

Prelude Sonata No. 4 in D Major, Allegro

G.F. Handel

Leena Waite, guest violinist

Ringing of the Church Bell

Hymn # 67 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

MORNING STAR

Call to Worship

Stephanie Fisk

Leader: O God of every gift,

A day of new beginnings given.

People: You have searched me Leader: And known me, O God

People: You know when I sit down

And when I rise up.

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, People: That I have risen this day

Leader: To the rising of this life itself.

All: May it be a day of blessing,

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Prayer of Invocation Stephanie Fisk

Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 Rick Morey

A Story for Children

Rev. Caroline Dean

(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 # 68 What Star is This, with Beams so Bright
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Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Rev. Julie 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 Anthem There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Chancel Choir Calvin Hampton

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 1st through 7th grade may leave for Sunday school at this time.)

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 Rev. Charles Rush

Sermon "The Longing of Our Hearts" Rev. Rush

Ritual Stars of Hope

Hymn



Benediction

Rev. Charles Rush

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in g minor Vincent Lubeck Nicholas Mitchell Garcia, organist

Acolyte for 9:30 am:

Greeters: Simon and Rose Thomson

Ushers for 9:30 am: The Briber-Gallow and DeSanto 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 flowers today are given by Bev York in loving memory of Bob and Emma York

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 Atrium

6th and 7th graders Conference Room 8th thru 12th graders Stay in Worship

Stars of Hope: At the end of the service today, we will place "stars of hope" on the Christmas tree to celebrate epiphany. Take a few moments to write a simple prayer of hope for the new year and you will be dismissed after the sermon to place your prayer on the Christmas tree.

Youth Group Schedule:

January 8th - Large Group/Confirmation Meeting

January 15th - Middle School Meeting

January 22nd - Large Group/Confirmation Meeting

February 3rd-5th - Camp Bernie Youth Retreat

(no youth group on Feb. 5th)

<u>Meet Up Brunch:</u> "Christ Church Meet Ups" will be monthly opportunities for adults to build deeper community at Christ Church. **Join us for Brunch today after the 1st service at 11:30 am** at the Hat Tavern in the Grand Summit Hotel (just across the street from Christ Church). Brunch is \$17+tax per person - which includes an "all you can eat" buffet and a drink.

We will brainstorm ways to get together during the year with other adults in the Christ Church community.

<u>Camp Bernie Chaperones Needed!</u> We have a large group of students going to the Camp Bernie Retreat this February 3rd-5th. And **we are in need of adult chaperones** for the weekend. Please email cdean@ccsnj.org if you are available to help out! Our youth group is growing and so we will need extra adult support this year. (There are opportunities to chaperone for our summer trips as well!).

Quest Meetings:

January 9th at 9:30am - Morning Quest Group January 10th at 7:30pm - Evening Quest Group

Blood Drive at Christ Church on MLK Day: The organizers of the MLK Day of Service, the Rotary Club of Summit and New Providence, and the Colonial Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross invite you to participate in the Blood Drive on January 16th, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm here at Christ Church. Appointments are preferred. For an appointment or more information, please sign up at redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS.

RSVP now for Progressive Dinner on Saturday, January 28th. Don't miss Christ Church's biggest and best social event of the year. All adults are welcome. You can make your reservation at rsvp@ccsnj.org

We start the evening at 6:00 with appetizers at Lisa Butler and Bob Kelly's house, where dinner assignments are distributed for dinner from 8:00-10:00 pm at one of sixteen local homes.

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
Second Worship Service	11:15 am
Youth – Large Group	5:00 pm
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Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 2012

Sat, Feb 25

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Sun, Jan 8	"Meet Up" Brunch after coffee hour	Hat Tavern, Springfield Ave, Summit
	Communications Committee Meeting 10:30 am	Acker Conference Room
Mon, Jan 9	Morning Quest, 9:30 am Deacons Meeting, evening	Lile Hall
Tues, Jan 10	Evening Quest, 7:30 pm	Laurie Rufolo's home
Sat, Jan 14	Meditation Group, 9:00 am	Small Chapel off Lile Hall
Sun, Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Service	Sanctuary
Thurs, Jan 19	Open & Affirming Advocacy Group, 6:30 pm	
Sat, Jan 21	Meditation Group, 9:00 am High School Youth Progressive Din- ner, evening	Small Chapel off Lile Hall
Sun, Jan 22	Adult Ed: Autism Presentation, 10:30 am	Barnwell Hall
Sat, Jan 28	Meditation Group, 9:00 am Progressive Dinner	Small Chapel off Lile Hall
February 2012 Fri-Sun, Feb 3-5	Youth Retreat	Camp Bernie

for updates or additions to calendar, please email Julia O'Brien at jaywob@gmail.com

Let Freedom Roll concert

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

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