



Christ Church

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Reign of Christ
November 25, 2012

Worship at 9:30 & 11:15 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 a.m. – Reign of Christ

Prelude *Allegro Risoluto from Plymouth Suite*

Percy Whitlock

Ringling of the Church Bell

Hymn

We Gather Together

KREMSER 17th cent.

Netherlands Folk Hymn, trans. T. Baker, 1864

We gath - er to - geth - er, to ask the Lord's bless - ing, you
Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or -
We all do ex - tol you, our lead - er tri - um - phant,
chas - ten and has - ten your will to make known. The
dain - ing, main - tain - ing your kin - dom di - vine; so
and pray that you still our de - fend - er will be.
wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing. Sing
from the be - gin - ing the fight we were win - ning, our
Let your con - gre - gation es - cape trib - u - la - tion, your
praise - s to God's name, you for - get not your own.
God was at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
name be e - ver praised! O Lord, make us free!

Call to Worship

Ryan Sebastian

Leader: This is the season to remember and give thanks:

People: To remember that we do not create the earth from which we reap.

Leader: And to give thanks to God for calling us to till the soil;

People: To remember that others share the toil that brings forth the harvest.

Leader: And to give thanks to God for calling us to love and serve our neighbors.

All: Bless us, dear Lord, as we come together to praise your name and to offer thanks.

Prayer of Invocation

Ryan Sebastian

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Sue Buffum

Service of Baptism for Lily Elizabeth Drew
Presented by Touby Austin Drew and
Carrie Leigh-Ann Drew

We receive this child as a new person in Christ. We offer our understanding and support as she explores life. We enfold her in our love, seeking together to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with

God and all people. We join with Touby and Carrie in 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

**Lily, 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.)

Hymn # 551 **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Caroline Dean

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 **Even Here** words by Laurie Zelman
music by Mark Miller

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 Philippians 4:13 Rev. Charles Rush

Sermon **“Irony Free Gratitude”** Rev. Rush

Hymn

For the fruits of this Creation words by Fred Pratt Green,
music, trad. Welsh

1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God!

Benediction

Rev. Rush

Postlude

Toccata from Plymouth Suite

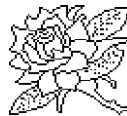
Percy Whitlock

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Lizzie Markay

Greeters:

Ushers for 9:30 am: Terry Baker, Suzanne Zeitler and 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 **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 – 5th graders	Art Room to make Advent wreaths
6th thru 12th graders	Stay in Worship



Special thanks to Matt Rodda at Bartlett Tree Experts for the greenery used in the children's Advent wreaths this morning.

There will be no second service on December 2.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 25th – No Youth Group
December 2nd-Middle School 5:30:Random Acts of Kindness Night
December 9th – High School 5:30:Tacky Christmas Dinner & White Elephant Gifts
December 16th - Middle School 5:30: Christmas Trivia & Games
December 23rd and 30th – No Youth Group

Age-ing and Sage-ing: There is no meeting this week, November 25th. The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 9 to discuss the spirituality of "age-ing and sage-ing" and its many challenges and joys. Email Leigh Rosoff at rleigh95@aol.com for more information.

Sign-up now for Advent Workshop! Next Sunday, December 2nd, we will make advent crafts after the 9:30 service, finish by 11:30 to share a lunch of soup, 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 \$5.00
Boxwood Trees \$20.00
Wreaths \$20.00

You can see Kate Speer in Coffee Hour to sign up.

CRAFT LEADERS NEEDED for Advent Workshop on December 2nd:

Please volunteer to lead a craft for our Annual Advent Workshop. All supplies/instructions will be provided, we just need you to volunteer to be on hand 9 am -noon on Sunday, December 2nd. . You can see Kate Speer in Coffee Hour to sign up.

GINGERBREAD Mini Houses needed!! PLEASE save your PINT containers from cream, juice etc. (even the ones with plastic screw tops.) We need these for

our gingerbread houses at Advent Workshop on December 2nd. Please bring your clean, empty pint cartons to church as you collect them and place them in the bag under the main stairs.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER, Saturday, January 26th. SAVE THE DATE

Youth Camp Bernie Retreat this February!

Cost: \$150

Due: December 1st (in Caroline's box)

Dates: February 1-3 2013

Theme: Faithbook: Update your status

Who: 6th - 12th graders from different UCC churches in New Jersey
(students will be separated by age group to work in different "small groups")

We will explore how technology intersects everyday life and our spiritual life together. What are healthy boundaries in our virtual life? How do we handle issues like online bullying? Camp Bernie is a little different each year. Activities might include low ropes, climbing walls, archery, snow tubing, ice chair races, candle making & critter time.

Email Caroline Dean at cdean@ccsnj.org for more information.

Sunday November 25, 2012	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
	Reign of Christ	NO Youth Group

Christ Church is an inter-denominational congregation providing a spiritual and inspirational environment where all are welcome. Our congregation believes in the power of spirituality and community to positively shape the purpose and direction of human life.

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