



**Christ Church**  
+ SUMMIT +

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 16, 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. – Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude **Chorale Prelude on 'Divinum Mysterium'**  
Craig Phillips

Ringing of the Church Bell

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

Dancing in the Advent Light Narshonna Townes

Call to Worship The Green/Hecht Family

Leader: We lift our hearts in praise that God has baptized us by  
water and the Spirit.

**People: God has filled us with compassionate fire and  
unwavering tenderness.**

Leader: We rejoice with all creation, knowing that God is within  
and around us.

**People: God forms and sustains us in ways the world  
cannot.**

**All: We light the third advent candle, the light of joy,  
in response to God's saving grace and renewing  
love.**

Prayer of Invocation The Green/Hecht Family

Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6 Sheila Srere

Special Music **What Child Is This** Trad. English, arr. M Miller  
Will, Eric, Brad, & Alex Przedpelski

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 # 16 **The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came**  
GABRIELS MESSAGE

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Julie Yarborough

Silence & Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

Our God, in hea-ven,  
ho - ly is your name, your reign come, your will done, on  
earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our  
dai - ly bread, and help us for-give, as we have been for - giv-en.  
In the time of tri - al lead us in - to light, for  
yours is the kin - dom, and the po - wer, and the  
glo-ry, for - e - ver. Our God, in  
hea-ven, ho - ly is your name, ho - ly is your name.

Invitation to Sharing

Offertory Anthem *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Mark Miller

Youth & Chancel Choirs, Clara Mooney, 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for  
Sunday school at this time.)

Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:11b-13;8-9	Rev. Charles Rush
Sermon	<b>“Joy Beyond Circumstance”</b>	Rev. Rush
Hymn # 38	<b><i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i></b>	CAROL
Benediction		Rev. Rush
Postlude	<b>Improvisation on 'Carol'</b>	M. Miller

Acolyte for 9:30 am:	Chris Taylor
Greeters:	Anne DeBevoise and Jane Johanson
Ushers for 9:30 am:	The MacMillan Family

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

#### **A N N O U N C E M E N T S**

The **third white candle** on the altar is lit in hope of world peace.  
**Sunday School Schedule through Jan 6, 2013:**

**NOTE: The Nursery and the 2's and 3's will meet as usual every Sunday.** On Dec 30, both groups will be combined in the nursery.

**Dec 16** The pre-k/kindergarten class will meet in room B-205.  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in Barnwell Hall. We'll hear from a shepherd that went to the manger to see Jesus, and sing Christmas Carols. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are in the Conference Room.

**Dec 23** The pre-k/kindergarten class will meet in room B-205.  
1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the art room, B-206, to play Christmas trivia games.

**Dec 30** There will be a family worship service at 9:30, with a Christmas hymn-sing. There is no Sunday school that day. The 2's and 3's will meet in the nursery with the younger children.

**Jan 6** The pre-k/kindergarten class will meet in room B-205.  
1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in room B-210 for a movie



## **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

**December 30:** There will be one service at **9:30 a.m.** It will be a shorter family service with a Christmas hymn-sing. There is NO SECOND SERVICE that day

**Christmas Pageant:** It is tradition at Christ Church that the children and youth provide the 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 Mark Miller by Wednesday, Dec 19 at markandrew67@yahoo.com.

## **PROGRESSIVE DINNER, Saturday, January 26th. 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. All you do is set the table, pick up the food, greet your guests, and serve dinner. Please email or call Leslie Coates at neat42@gmail.com, or Laurie Pepe at mlp5@comcast.net.

We need your help with our special **Confirmation Christmas Bridges Run:** You can sign up to **bring bagged lunches** to the church kitchen on Thursday December 20th and Friday December 21st for the Run on Dec 21st. Email cdean@ccsnj.org to sign up to donate lunches.

## **Youth Camp Bernie Retreat this February!**

Cost: \$150

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.

## **Nicaragua Trip 2013!**

All High School Youth and Adults are welcome to attend.  
See Caroline if you are interested in this trip!

**WHO:** Service-Learning Mission Trip for both High School Youth and Adults

**WHEN:** Exact dates TBD but we have a range of options during the first two weeks of August. We are usually gone for about 10 days. The dates will be confirmed in mid December.

<b>Sunday December 16, 2012</b>	Choir Practice – Sanctuary	8:45 am
	First Worship Service	9:30 am
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	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
	Middle School Youth	5:30 pm

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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