



Christ Church

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2013

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. – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude

Prelude in b minor

J.S. Bach

Ringing of the Church Bell

Hymn # 553 ***For the Fruits of All Creation*** EAST ACKLAM

Call to Worship Betsy Ellison

Leader: O God you have blessed us with our lives.

People: And filled our lives with the joy of love.

Leader: You have blessed us with our people.

**People: And broadened our community with spiritual friends
and neighbors**

Leader: Our lives overflow with gratitude.

All: Bless us with your grace.

Prayer of Invocation Tom Ellison

Scripture Reading Psalm 28:7 Suzanna Zeitler

69:30

95:1-6

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 # 554 ***Let All Things Now Living*** ASH GROVE

Passing of the Peace

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Rev. Julie Yarborough

Special Music ***Sower Song*** Words by Laurie Zelman
Music by Mark Miller

Julian Wamble, solo

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 ***Come Build a Church*** Ken Medema

Doxology

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

Scripture Reading

Colossians 2:6-7

Rev. Charles Rush

Sermon

“Overflowing Gratitude”

Rev. Rush

Hymn

For the Fruits of This Creation

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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

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach/Virgil Fox

Acolyte for 9:30 am: Sara Bolden

Greeters: Suzanna Zeitler and family

Ushers for 9:30 am: Chuck Mixon and the Briber-Gillow family

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Infants - 3 year olds Nursery (Room B-109)

Pre-K & K Room B-205

1st thru 3rd graders Creation Corner (Art Room)
4th & 5th graders The Welcome Table (Kitchen B-119)
6th and 7th graders Basement
8th thru 12th graders Stay in Worship



Prayer Vigil: All are invited to a prayer vigil for Daniel Wong, from **5:30-6:30 pm on Sunday, Nov 17**, here at Christ Church. Daniel has been in a medically induced coma for over a month and his family is sitting vigil at his bedside.

Come by Lile Hall to light a candle, sign a card, and fold a paper crane.* At 6:30, we will gather in a circle for a closing prayer.

*Daniel's friends from college have folded 1,000 paper cranes as a symbol of healing and peace. This gesture has been very meaningful for the Wong family, so we will send them some more to show our solidarity and support.

Our 2014 Stewardship Campaign is underway:
Investing in Our Mission To Inspire, Welcome and Serve
Pledge online at: <http://christchurchsummit.org/pledge.html>

In this season where we count our blessings and remember the many things we have to be grateful for, let's all of us give back to God through our church. The spiritual community and the people around us are foundational in our lives and deserve our support. The stewardship committee will be asking your family to pledge a financial contribution to the church for 2014. We would ask that you would be in prayer about what your family can do to make our community a vital and thriving place. In the next several weeks, we will explain some of our financial goals and needs and we will remind you of why giving here is really a joy because this community is meaningful. We need every single one of us to pull their weight in order for us to stay healthy. Thank you for what you do to make our church robust.

Parsonages: If you were not able to attend one of the recent information meetings on the parsonages issue, or even if you were and want to refresh your memory, the presentation and accompanying documents that were used are now available on the Church's web site. You can access them at the link: **www.ccsnj.org/Parsonages**

We will shortly be sending out a survey to all members of the congregation to assess people's views on this subject with the aim of then holding a formal vote on a course of action sometime in the next couple of months.

Evening Quest: Christ Church women - Evening Quest is a monthly gathering on our "quest" for spiritual growth. We meet at Laurie Rufolo's home, 51 Wade Drive, Summit on **Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9 PM**. Please mark your calendars with the dates we have scheduled for the year:

November 19 - Craft
December - No Evening Quest
January 21 - Doubt
February 25 - Being Held
March 18 - New Life, New Beginnings
April 22 - Labyrinth - Atrium of Church
May 20 - Brene Brown Video

We look forward to welcoming new friends, growing friendships and evolving our spiritual foundations!

Age-ing and Sage-ing: Curious about what goes on in the end stages of your life? What are the challenges and opportunities? What are the “tasks” that come with the territory? What does brain research tell us? What do you want to do with your “one wild and precious life” now? Anyone who is or who will be 60 is welcome. For more information please contact Leigh Rosoff (rleigh95@aol.com) **DATE: Sunday, December 1st, 10:45 am to 12:00 pm**

THREE WEEKS until ADVENT WORKSHOP: Mark your calendars and Sign-up now and join us for Advent Workshop!

On **Sunday, December 8th**, we will make advent crafts after the 9:30 service (no 11:15 service), finish by noon to share a lunch of Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup then join together for a carol sing ‘a’ long! 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, keepsake decorations, and for the truly "crafty" and adults 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

Questions? Sign-up? call Jocelyn Gueci 656-4505 or jocelyn.gueci@gmail.com

CRAFT LEADERS NEEDED for Advent Workshop on December 8th:

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 8th.

*Have a clever idea!? NEW CRAFTS ALWAYS WELCOME! if you have an idea for the Advent Workshop, please contact Jocelyn Gueci at 656-4505 or jocelyn.gueci@gmail.com

Bridges Holiday Gift Bag Drive: On **Sunday December 8th** during

worship we will collect gift bags for the homeless communities in New York City. Our confirmation class will deliver the gift bags on their bridges run on December 20th. **Donations will also be accepted.**

We need 200 gift bags and this is a great way to get the whole family involved in service during the holidays! We need each of these items already assembled in a gift bag on **Sunday Dec 8th.**

Each gift bag should include: (for each item think "travel sized")

- *One white or plain gift bag
- *One mini first aid kit
- *A hand or foot warmer
- *A packet of cough drops
- *Travel-sized tissues
- *A travel-sized hand sanitizer

Benefit Concert: The award winning Scarlet Knights Jazz Trombones from Rutgers will present a concert to benefit Rutgers Protestant Campus Ministries. The concert will be held on **Saturday, November 23 at 12:30 pm** at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. in Summit. A good-will offering will be taken.

Community Thanksgiving Service: "Family Promise: Moving from Charity to Justice" **Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 5 pm**, Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple Street, Summit. Join your neighbors in giving thanks to God at the Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council. We will celebrate the ministry of Family Promise, a Summit-based interfaith ministry that has spread across the country, providing temporary shelter for homeless families. The organization's founder, Karen Olsen will speak briefly. You will have the opportunity to give a special offering to support the reopening of the Union County chapter of Family Promise. Several congregation's choirs and musical groups will present favorite musical selections. The service will be followed by light refreshments.

Sunday November 17, 2013	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
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	High School Youth Choir	11:15 am
	Second Worship Service	11:15 am
	Middle School Youth	5:30 pm

Christ Church is a community of faith where all are welcome.
Inspire. Welcome. Serve.

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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