







CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Each Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (not 23rd or 30th) One 10:00 a.m. Service on Dec 30th		<i>Lectionary C</i> <i>Daily Office Year 1</i>				1
2 <i>Advent 1</i>	3 	4 Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm Annual Reports due in Church Office 6:30 pm — Girl Scout 854 in Parish Hall	5	6 Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm	7	8 Bryan Small Birthday
9 <i>Advent 2</i> Annual Meeting	10	11 Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm	12	13 Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm	14	15 
16 <i>Advent 3</i> Wendy Hartsook Birthday Christmas Flower forms due in Church Office	17	18 Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm 6:30 pm — Girl Scout 854 in Parish Hall	19	20 A.G. & Claudia Shiflett Anniversary Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm	21 Saint Thomas	22
23 <i>Advent 4</i> 10 am Pageant	24 <i>Eve of the Nativity</i>  7 pm Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> No Services Church Office Closed	26 Saint Stephen	27 Saint John Kathy Small Birthday Church Office Open 9 am to 1 pm	28 The Holy Innocents	29
30 <i>The First Sunday after Christmas Day</i> 10 am Service: Lessons & Carols	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	January 1, 2019 <i>The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Church Office Closed	 Christmas Eve Service: 7:00 p.m. Festive Service of Holy Eucharist Rite 2 with Adult Choir & Homily			

December Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Beverly Tucker, Nelson Tucker
Counters: Nelson Tucker, Marilyn Freidag

Sunday, December 2 The First Sunday of Advent

LEM/Lector 1: Nelson Tucker
Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard
Usher: Floyd Hill
Acolyte: Morgan Boisvert
Nursery: Carolyn Smith
Sunday School: Jo-Anne McCausland
Coffee Host: Millie Travis



Sunday, December 9 The Second Sunday of Advent

LEM/Lector 1: Gale Martin
Lector 2: Millie Travis
Usher: Nelson Tucker
Acolyte: Caelan Reinhold
Nursery: Liz Shifflett
Sunday School: Carolyn Smith
Coffee Host: Wendy Hartsook

Sunday, December 16 The Third Sunday of Advent

LEM/Lector 1: Penn Bowers
Lector 2: Ben Armistead
Usher: Michael Silberman
Acolyte: Macon Smith
Nursery: Dorsey Comer
Sunday School: Christen Reinhold
Coffee Host: Susette Goodwin

Sunday, December 23 The Fourth Sunday of Advent: Pageant

LEM/Lector 1: Pauline Vismer
Lector 2: Mandy Boisvert
Usher: Floyd Hill
Acolyte: Corban Reinhold
Nursery: Susette Goodwin
Coffee Hosts: Gail Parrish, Shepherd Parrish

Sunday, December 30 The First Sunday after Christmas Day: Lessons and Carols

LEM/Lector 1: Nelson Tucker
Lector 2: Lorrie Pollard
Usher: Floyd Hill
Acolyte: Gabby Goodwin
Nursery: Carolyn Smith



Christ Episcopal Church



The Messenger

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ADVENT AND GRATITUDE

During the season of Advent, we look with anticipation to the birth of the Christ child, God incarnate. My favorite Advent hymn is “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (hymn 56). For me, it is a prayer of longing asking God to come and be with us in all our joys and sorrows. “Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee,” is the promise. Therefore, Advent is a season of rejoicing and thanksgiving as we celebrate that longing being realized in God’s presence among us.

Advent is a season of giving and giving thanks for all that we have been given. Gratitude comes from the awareness that we have been given a gift. All you have to do is to look around and become aware of the gifts: the beauty of the day, family, friends. This awareness can be cultivated as we learn to practice gratitude. Yes, practice. Practice becoming aware of the gifts that surround you on every side. As Christians, we acknowledge that all that we have and all that we are is the result of God’s goodness and love.

May we nurture a spirit of gratitude this holy season of Advent by cultivating an awareness that we are surrounded by gifts. And the greatest gift we will be given this Christmas is the gift of God’s love that comes to us in the presence of a tiny baby born in a manger.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee!

- Jane

