



CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: November 30 – December 7, 2025

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Advent Wreath Workshop (U)
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 4 pm Advent Procession (N)
- 5 pm Reception (L)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Offices Closed
- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 3:30 pm Bible Study (FR)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 10 am Staff Meeting (BL)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 6 pm Parish Craft Night (U)
- 7:30 pm Chorale (N)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
- 5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
- 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (SMC)
- 6 pm Living with Grief (MH)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Offices Closed
- 1 pm Chorale (N)
- 1 pm St. John's Bible Training (U)
- 8:30 pm AA (LL)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
- 9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
- 10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
- 10:15 am Children's Formation (EdW)
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist (N)

Location Abbreviations:

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| BL - Bicknell Library | C - Columbarium |
| CR - Choir Room | EdW - Education Wing |
| FL - Front Lawn | L - Lobby |
| LL - Lower Level | N - Nave |
| O - Offsite | R - Rectory |
| SMC - Chapel | U - Undercroft |
| Z - Zoom | |



Docent Training
December 6
1–4 pm | Undercroft

Reception
December 6
4–6 pm | Miller Hall

Rector's Forum
with Brad Neary
December 7 | 10:15 am



Attending this deep-dive into the St. John's Bible does not commit you to being a docent! Come learn about this amazing book!

Advent Wreath Workshop & Christmas Market

Following the 9 am service | Undercroft & Cloister

It's time to make Advent wreaths and to begin our preparation for the in-breaking of God's love! Buy your Christmas tree from our lot and shop at our first-ever Christmas market!

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday. They return to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Parish & Community Events

Today at Christ Church

Childcare for infants through aged 3 years old is offered during the 9 am Sunday Eucharist.

» Holy Eucharist.....	8 am	Nave
» Coffee Hour.....	8:45 am	Undercroft
» Holy Eucharist.....	9 am	Nave
» Christmas Market.....	10 am	Cloister
» Advent Wreath Workshop.....	10:15 am	Undercroft
» Holy Eucharist.....	11:15 am	Nave
» Advent Procession.....	4 pm	Nave

Children and Youth Atrium Faith Formation Resumes December 7

This Thursday at Christ Church

» Evening Prayer.....	5 pm	Nave
» Holy Eucharist.....	5:30 pm	Nave
» Confirmation Preparation	6:45 pm	Ed. Wing
» Living With Grief.....	6:30 pm	Miller Hall

Parish Life

Craft Night: Cozy Night Lights

Ages 14 & Up | Wednesday, December 3 | 6 - 8 pm

The women of Sanctum House will lead us in a fun craft night, teaching us to make night lights. The entirety of the \$40 cost goes directly to benefit the trafficked women that Sanctum House helps to transition to a new life, safe from exploitation. Beverages, snacks and all materials included. Sign up using the QR code.



Sunday Night Book Study

The Water Dancer: a Novel by Ta-Nehisi Coates
January 18

Young Hiram Walker was born into bondage. When his mother was sold away, Hiram was robbed of all memory of her – but was gifted with a mysterious power. Years later, when Hiram almost drowns in a river, that same power saves his life. This brush with death births an urgency in Hiram and a daring scheme: to escape from the only home he's ever known. This is the dramatic story of an atrocity inflicted on generations of women, men, and children – the violent and capricious separation of families – and the war they waged to simply make lives with the people they loved.

Christmas at Christ Church

2025 Christmas Gift Project

Pick a tag off the tree located in the lobby

Carstens: Purchase a winter coat, hat, mittens and a stuffed animal for a second or third grade student. Tags are also available to purchase gift baskets for teachers at Carstens.

Sanctum House: Spa baskets for the women who are living in the residential program at Sanctum House.

Information and gift idea sheets are available near the tree, or on our website, christchurchgp.org/christmas

Please return gifts by December 14!

CCGP Christmas Tree Lot!

Today | 9 am - 1 pm

Pre-order your Christmas tree, wreaths and garlands online and pick them up on Sunday. Delivery is available today. Scan the QR code or visit christchurchgp.org/giftsandgreens to order or for more information. All proceeds benefit the Carstens Literacy Initiative.



Gifts & Greens | Parish Christmas Party

Friday, December 12 | 6 - 9 pm

Join us for holiday cheer, hors d'oeuvres from BP Catering,, a wine pull, gift card tree, marketplace, tin can raffle, silent auction and more!

We're still accepting donations of event tickets, vacation homes and experiences for our silent auction. Please contact Colleen Fitzgerald, cfitzgerald@christchurchgp.org if you'd like to donate. All proceeds benefit SOAR Detroit/Carstens Reading Initiative.

St. Nicholas Celebration

Friday, December 12, 6-9 pm, Education Wing

Kids of all ages are invited to join us the night of the Parish Christmas Party for a night of Holiday Fun!! In our most festive Christmas Pajamas, we will enjoy pizza dinner, make Christmas cards, and watch a Christmas Movie! Adults and older teens are needed to help run the party! Please email Lisa Brown, lbrown@christchurchgp.org to volunteer.

Christmas Memorial Flower Donations

Deadline: Wednesday, December 17

Contribute towards altar flowers for Christmas, in memory of loved ones, or in gratitude for blessings. Scan the QR code to donate. For more information contact Tim Wood, twood@christchurchgp.org.



Because of the house of the LORD

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God.

11:15 am Eucharist Returns Sundays in Advent

It's back! We will hold an 11:15 am Choral Eucharist on the four Sundays of Advent, 2025 and during Eastertide in 2026..

Advent Procession Today | 4 pm

A service of readings and music celebrating the Advent of Our Lord.

Christmas Concert: A French Christmas Sunday, December 14 | 4 pm

Celebrate the joy of the Christmas season in this festive afternoon of traditional favorites and choral masterpieces. This year's concert features selections from the French choral tradition including Marc-Antoine Charpentier's *Messe de minuit pour Noël* and other holiday favorites. Then, the audience is invited to join in to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*. Tickets available at christchurchgp.org/concerts for \$25.

Candlelight Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 21 | 4:30 pm

Doors open at 3:45 pm | Pre-service organ recital at 4 pm

First held on Christmas Eve in 1918 in King's College, Cambridge, this service of lessons and prayers has remained relatively unchanged today. While the music varies from year to year, the service always begins with "Once in Royal David's City" whose first verse is sung by a single voice. Join us as we retell the story of Christ's birth with candlelight, prayer, and song.

Weekly Giving Envelopes

If you would like weekly giving envelopes for 2026, please let the finance office know by December 15 – email Tim Wood, twood@christchurchgp.org.

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild

8 am Sandra Walters
9 am Betsy Creedon
11:15 am Lynnette Iannace

Eucharistic Ministers:

8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Brendan Walsh
Kate French
11:15 am Judith Burkhardt

Lector:

8 am John Mara
9 am Ian Jones
11:15 am Lynnette Iannace

Prayers:

8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Sarah Teachey
11:15 am Lynn Anslow

Verger:

9 am Deb Champion
11:15 am Deb Champion

Acolytes:

9 am Sam Van Culin
Molly Hanoian
Violet Hakim
Emme Bachand
Lydia Edwin

Ushers:

9 am Richard Best
George Sutton
Dick Trost
Jean Redfield
Dave Redfield

We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew** at rector@christchurchgp.org.

In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan

Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Cranbrook (Bloomfield Hills); Saint Matthew (Nizao, DR).

In the Anglican Cycle of

Prayer we pray for: The Church of Australia.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer

this week we pray for: Mike & Stephanie Stallings and son, Simon; Maxwell Stallings; Clark & Kim Standish and daughter, Isabel; Sam Stanley and daughter, Tara; Virginia Stanley

Tom Stansfield; Jan & Susan Starr; Skip & Kathy Starr; John & Kim Starr and children, John

and James; Frank & Sharon Stellingwerf.

We offer prayers for: Carmen, Cozy, David, Caroline, Harper, Elsie, Gil, Greg, Helen, Jamie, Jill, JoAnn, Patricia, Suzy, Tom.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries

of: Cynthia Reich; Meredith Loomis Quinlan; Billy Mansfield; Charlotte Walsh; Eliza Hix; Graham Ryan; Richard Platt; Betsy McCormick; Lorna Utley; James Gray; Kathy Oranchak; Sue Mara; Emma Reich; Jessica Van Culin; Judy Kling.



Lessons for the First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Psalms 122

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
**the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Lessons for next week: The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

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