



CHRIST CHURCH  
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## Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday, January 4, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am



Moonlight, Wood Island Light; WINSLOW HOMER 1894;  
[HTTPS://WWW.METMUSEUM.ORG/ART/COLLECTION/SEARCH/11127](https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/11127)

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Homilist: The Rev. Can. Kevin Bothwell

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Camryn Ruthven

Reader: Barb Horne

Server: Sarah Howard

Greeter: Gene Latour

Cantor: Victoria Alcock



## Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



## Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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## Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

## OPENING SENTENCE

*Please stand as you are able.*

**INTROIT HYMN** Angels, from the Realms of Glory #143 blue hymn book

## Gathering of the Community

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: **and also with you.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

All: **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

Presider: Lord have mercy.

People: **Christ have mercy.**

All: **Lord have mercy.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S TALK

# The Proclamation of the Word

## THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 147:13-21



(1) Worship your God, O Jerusalem;

(2) praise the Holy One, O Zion,

(3) Who has strengthened the bars of your gates;

(4) and blessed your children within you. **R.**

(1) You have established peace on our borders;

(2) and satisfied us with your finest wheat.

(3) You send out your command to the earth,

(4) and your word runs very swiftly **R.**

(1) You give new snow like wool;

(2) you scatter hoarfrost like ashes.

(3) You scatter your hail like bread crumbs;

(4) who can stand against your cold? **R.**

(1) You send forth your word and melt them;

(2) you blow with your wind, and the waters flow.

(1) You declare your word to Jacob,

(2) your statutes and judgments to Israel.

(3) You have not done so to any other nation;

(4) to them you have not revealed your judgments. Hallelujah! **R.**

## THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation 2 or 3 times..*

Music: Norah Duncan IV, 1987, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel is read.*

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

*As before the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia repeated twice by congregation.*

## **THE HOMILY**

The Rev. Canon Kevin Bothwell  
Honorary Assistant Priest

*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please sit or stand, as you're able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson  
Lay Reader

*Please stand as you're able.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

**All:** **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.*

*Remain standing, as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** Once in Royal David's City #123 (blue hymn book)

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS, pg 198) with preface for Christmas.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface for Christmas (p. 219)

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give

.....  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing  
our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

### THE SANCTUS (HOLY) - said

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
**God of power and might,**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

BAS pg 198

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation; .....

Presider: Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await**  
**his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all: .....  
... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (said)**

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE)**

Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.**

### **THE COMMUNION**

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.*

*If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.*

*If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.*

*Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

In the Bleak Midwinter #122

(blue hymn book)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **THE DOXOLOGY**

**All:** Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **THE FINAL BLESSING**

May the joy of the angels  
The eagerness of the shepherds  
The perseverance of the wisemen,  
The obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
And the peace of Jesus Christ be yours this Christmas;

And the blessing of God almighty  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

## **RECESSATIONAL HYMN**

It Came upon the Midnight Clear #140

(blue hymn book)

## THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

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Psalm from The Psalter, George Black; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele.

### This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

**The Diocese:** We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. John's-by-the-Lake, Grand Bend • St. Anne's Worshipping Community, Port Franks; St. Paul's, Palmerston; Regional Ministry of Hope • Trinity, Blyth • St. Paul's- Trinity, Wingham; Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth.

**The Parish:** We hold in our prayers: Terry Best, Esther Boles, Rev'd Canon Kevin & Toni Bothwell and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

**The Wider Church:** We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK, as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect.

**Intercessions:** For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Doug, Fraser, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

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### NEXT WEEK

**January 11, 2026, The Baptism of the Lord**

**The readings are:** Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our thanks to Camryn Ruthven for offering her time and talent at the organ today.**

**Following the service, please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall.**

**The Free Community Breakfast will resume tomorrow, Monday, January 5, 2026, from 8:30 to 10am. Ring in the new year with a hearty breakfast -- all are welcome.**

**The Midweek Eucharist will start up again this Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon, followed by a Bible reading at 1:00pm. If you plan to attend both, consider bringing a lunch – no registration required.**

**If you contributed a poinsettia, please take one (or more) home with you following the service.**

**We are requesting new Coffee Time hosts please sign up for a Sunday in January or February. Sign up on the sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board or speak to a warden. Thanks to Bill & Victoria Alcock for today's hosting.**

**For Urgent Pastoral Care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at [brendonbedford@diohuron.org](mailto:brendonbedford@diohuron.org) or 226-974-5060.**

Re all other questions, concerns or other ministries, please call the office at 519-538-1330 or contact us at [office@christchurchanglican.ca](mailto:office@christchurchanglican.ca).

### **MARK YOUR 2026 CALENDAR:**

- **Robbie Burns Dinner – Friday, January 23, 2026** (tickets will be available soon – watch the eblast for details).
- **VESTRY 2026 – will be Sunday, February 15.**

**Attn: Committee heads: please have your Vestry report into the office by Sunday, January 25, 2026.**