





Welcome to Christ Church Advent 4 December 21, 2014



“Our mission is to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves, welcoming all who come through our doors to participate in worship, education, service and fellowship on a journey in Christ, a journey that we believe not only has power to heal and change us but also has potential to transform the world.”

10:15 a.m.

Christmas Pageant in the Tang Auditorium, Rectory School

The words to the hymns are included as an insert.

We hope that all Nursery children will join us for this service.

Prelude

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Darcy Bastow

A Light in the Darkness

The Christ Candle is lit.

Then all respond where emboldened

Come and save us, * O Lord God of hosts.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

O Lord God of hosts.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

And grant us your salvation.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who was born for us in Bethlehem. Help us to find time in our lives for quiet; that we may reflect upon the wonder of Love and allow the story of His birth to penetrate our hearts and minds; so that the actions of our lives may be a response to all that you have done for us.

Let us pray..... for our nation, for the troubled areas of our world, for those afflicted by natural disasters, for the just and proper use of all natural resources. May we be aware of and respond to the needs of the poor, the helpless and the hungry, the sick and those that mourn, the lonely and unloved, and victims of oppression.

We pray for: *(as written on the intercessions list)*

And let us say together..... **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Christmas Pageant

- 83 Hymn *O come, all ye faithful (vss. 1 and 6)* (The congregation may remain seated during the hymns)
The First Scene: The Annunciation
Narrator begins; then Mary and Angel Gabriel sing ***Messiah's Lullaby***
- 79 Hymn *O little town of Bethlehem (vss. 1 and 2)*
The Second Scene: The Proclamation: the Roman Centurion announces the census
- 115 Hymn *What child is this (vss. 1 and 3)*
The Third Scene: The Journey and the Birth
Mary, Joseph, Innkeepers: Mary and Joseph sing.... ***Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine***
- 96 Hymn *Angels we have heard on high (vss. 1 and 4 only)*
The Fourth Scene: The Shepherds
Mary, Joseph, Baby, Star, Cow, Donkey, Doves, Shepherds, Sheep, Angel Gabriel
- 89 Hymn *It came upon a midnight clear (vss.1 and 4)*
The Fifth Scene: The Angels
The shepherds and angels... ***Sing Noel***; Lead Shepherd: "Let us go to Bethlehem and see...."
- 101 Hymn *Away in the manger (vss. 1 and 2)*
Angels, Sheep and Shepherds go to the manger
The Sixth Scene: At the Manger with the Animals
Narrator: "And they went with haste....."; The children sing.... ***The Friendly Beasts*** (guitar)
Narrator: "Now when Jesus was born..."
- 128 Hymn *We three kings of Orient are (vss. 1- 4 sung by Kings, congregation joining in on the refrain)*
The Seventh Scene: The Three Kings
The Three Kings (Magi), Pages, Herod, Herod's Attendants, Priests
- 105 Offertory Hymn *God rest ye merry, gentlemen (vss.1-4)*
Ushers will take the offering
- 380 Presentation Hymn (vs. 3) *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.....*
Ushers present the offering
- 111 Hymn *Silent night, holy night*

Christmas Blessing

Go in peace.... and may
The wisdom of the Wonderful Counselor guide you
The strength of the Mighty God defend you
The love of the Everlasting Father enfold you
The peace of the Prince of Peace be upon you.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be upon you all this day and for evermore..... **AMEN**

Announcements (**Photo-Op!**) (Coffee Hour and Birthday Cake for Jesus in the Great Hall at CC)

Soon and Very Soon Recessional Hymn

Pageant Participants 2014 (known!)

Thanks to Headmaster, Fred Williams and the Rectory School for use of the Tang Auditorium and especially to our Director, Donna Bessette! Many thanks to our Church School Directors Amy Landis and Nicole Nichols as well as to all our young people, children and their parents for a fine year of work & worship together.

Joseph	Blake Zahansky
Mary	Helen Hale
Gabriel	Emily Watling
Narrator	Katherine Archambault
Narrator	Thomas Madenjian
Angel of the Lord	Hannah Flath
Baby Jesus	Katherine Douglas
Chimes Choir	Rite-13ers & J2Aers
Flute	
Sax	
Chimes	Lauren Semancik, Joshlyn Bates, Thomas Bergendahl, Nathalie Paul, Hannah Chubbuck, Tristan Monahan, Paloma Flath, Melissa Wishart, Charlotte Nichols
Violin	Owen Ritzau
King 1	Madison Malboeuf
King 2	Brooke Zahansky
King 3	Meredith Bergendahl
Kings Entourage	Rori MacKenzie
Priest 1	Evan Watling
Priest 2	R.J. Rawcliffe
Roman Soldiers	Kate Landis, Jayliena Bates, Eriq Bates
Inn Keepers	Molly Landis, Ellie Nunes
Herod	Ashley Nunes
Old Women	Fiona Rigney
Star	Newell Hale
Cows	Brody Zahansky
Cows	Peter Hale
Donkey	Jack Archambault
Donkey	Owen Rigney
Donkey	Rebecca Hague
Donkey	Keegan Kent
Sheep	Henri Bessette
Sheep	Katherine Ritzau
Dove	Nicole Appicelli
Dove	Courtney Dodds

Godly Play Classes are Shepherds and Angels (Amber, Giuliana, Hattie, Abel, Nathan, Kaydence, Adair, Rita, Kylie, Luke, William, Liliana, Alec and Marit)

Lead Angels: Yvie Bessette, Katie Humphreys

Shepherd Helper: Aiden McCarthy, Meg Ritzau

Announcements: Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21, 2014

Welcome to your church; **Today is Pageant Sunday**: the 10:15 service is across the street at the Tang Center, Rectory School. Thanks to our Constable this morning! **Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only if you prefer or "intinct" the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers... check with clergy at the rail; 8 a.m. Coffee Hour: Bill & Jan; Choir at 9:00 a.m.; Coffee Hour at 10:15 by Parish Life; **Coffee Hour is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.**

Church School –Our Pageant is in the Tang Center today. No Church School on Dec. 28th. We're back in session on January 4th. Note... please return those costumes in the Library at CC! Thanks, **Amy and Nicole** ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com

Library-- We're pondering some new approaches including a DVD Swap section to augment our Book Swap. We will continue to emphasize the Young Adult Fiction & Adult Religion/Education areas. Got ideas? sraarch7569@gmail.com Kristen Archambault

Prayer Shawl Blessings as needed. Thanks so much to **Rebecca Patenaude** who is going to be the Spokesman & Organizer of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. She can be reached at: 860-928-5504 or rpatenaude@marianapolis.org

St. Nicholas Fair.... Looks like about \$12,000 has been raised for CSO. Outreach.

Teen Program: Rite-13 (grades 7-8), J2A (9-10) and YAC (11 grade+); Thanks for your support. Our next event is the famous Chili Cookoff on Sat. Jan. 31st (the night before the Superbowl). Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes: deedeespa@charter.net; 860-963-1245

Visions and Ventures/Stewardship – Thanks for your participation. We'd love to increase our number of pledges this year. Please consider converting your donation to a pledge. Thanks. We have in place a robust program for Online Giving/Donating and Pledging through Easytith (see "Buttons" at the website and in the Reminder). "Generic" donation envelopes in back.

Worship Notes: Today is Pageant Sunday: 8 a.m. at Christ Church; 10:15 at the Tang Center across the street. Coffee Hour after the Pageant in the Great Hall. Christmas Eve Services: 2 p.m. Brief Eucharist and building the creche' with the youngest families, 4:30 p.m. Family Eucharist, Carols, young readers, 10:30 p.m. Festival candlelit Eucharist with the choir (guest preacher, the Rev. Gary Sturni); Christmas Day, 9 a.m. Eucharist

House-keeping Items:

Courier Deadline for January Courier has just past; Deadline for the February Courier is January 19th; We will mail out first class to those who request it. Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen in January TBA. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor.

We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS (Church School offering).

Master Flower Schedule is posted outside the office. You can sign up right there! Office: 860-928-7026.

Inreach – *There are a few new casseroles* in our chest freezer for any in need.

Parish Life – Coffee Hour Teams –See the Bulletin Board outside the Library.

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-928-7026) or Fr. Dave's cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-928-7026

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More on the top shelf in the hallway closet by the offices (fancynancyreif@aol.com).

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