

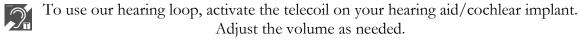
CHRIST CHURCH - PITTSFORD-

FEBRUARY 2, 2025 TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING THE PRESENTATION FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you worship with us today. If you are a visitor, we hope you leave as a friend; please complete a "welcome card" found in the pew racks. Please join us at the altar rail for Communion. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy. We hope you will return!

CARE FOR OUR YOUNG CHILDREN. We have a terrific Sunday School program for kids, age 3 through high school. Sunday School classes are held during the 10:00 am service. On the second Sunday of each month, in lieu of Sunday School, children ages 3 years-5th grade are invited to join Children's Chapel during the service. Children and youth in grades 4-12 are invited to serve in worship ministries on those Sundays.

We also offer nursery care for infants and children through age 2 at the 10:00 am service.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

9:00 am Adult Forum: Meet the new Rector

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Adult Forum: Meet the new Rector

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 PM CODA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 pm Debtors Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30 am Qi Gong

7:00 am Women's Book Club

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Coffee Hour

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 am Children's Chapel and Nursery Care

11:00 am Coffee Hour

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

LECTORS Laura Norris, Kay Marshman, Ann Clemens

CHALICE MINISTERS Ann Clemens, Mike Kramer

USHERS Jeremy Brown, Bob Krogstad, Richard Smith, ScottMosher

VESTRY GREETER Laura Norris

GREETER Veronica Warne

COUNTERS Mary Ann Chiella, Ceci McCurdy

We are grateful for the hard work of the Altar Guild every week for their care of the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish.

All congregational hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982 in the pews unless otherwise noted. Service music is found in the front section of the hymnal.

We come to this holy place from a busy and noisy world; as we gather this morning and prepare to worship God, we ask that you keep silent to respect the private prayer of those around you.

Please take a moment to ensure cellular telephones are silenced.

VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern (How brightly shines the morning star)

Dieterich BUXTEHUDE 1637–1707

HYMN 7 Christ whose glory fills the sky

RATISBON

Presider Blessed be God, who has come among us to dwell.

People Blessed be God, Emmanuel.

Imighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

LORY to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Imighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

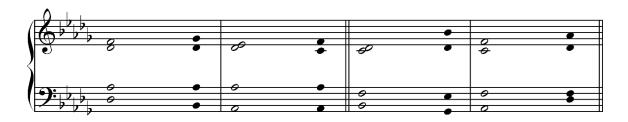
Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

hus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



Psalm 84 Quam dilecta

1 How dear to me is your / dwelling,

O Lord of / hosts!

1a My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the / Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God.

2 The sparrow has found her a / house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young;

2a By the side of your altars, O Lord of / hosts,

my King and my / God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your / house!

they will always be praising / you.

4 Happy are the people whose strength is / in you!

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.

6 They will climb from height to / height,

and the God of gods will reveal himself in / Zion.

7 Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer;

hearken, O God of / Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O / God;

and look upon the face of your an-/ointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my / own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

10 For the Lord God is both sun and / shield;

he will give grace and / glory;

11 No good thing will the Lord with- / hold

from those who walk with in- / tegrity.

12 O Lord of / hosts,

happy are they who put their / trust in you!

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able.

Gospel Acclamation



People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cf. John 8: 12

Choir

§. I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

People Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

hen the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Kevin Gore

THE NICENE CREED (recited in unison)

e 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 again 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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 stand or kneel, as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Most Holy God, cast away the shadows in our lives that we might know the glory of your presence and hear and respond to our prayers that we might more fully live into your dreams for us as we say, Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Guide your whole church into the light of your revelation and grant us the will and commitment to continue the missions of Jesus in our own lives. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Kara our Bishop, Kevin our priest, and Suzanne our deacon. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Grant the people of this nation the will and commitment to live in peace and to work in unity for the benefit of all people. We pray especially for Donald, our President, Kathleen, our Governor, Bill our town supervisor, and Alysa, our mayor. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Show us, gathered here today, the glory of your Son and help us discern more clearly your call on our lives that we might work in concert to towards furthering the reign of Christ. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Kindle in our hearts a sense of urgency and a firm commitment to be better stewards of your creation, that all future generations may know the abundance we have taken for granted. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Be with all who suffer, relieve their distress, and bring healing to whatever needs mending in their bodies, souls, and mind. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leader Welcome the dying into your loving care and deal gently with all who grieve. We pray for all who died due to the plane and helicopter crash in Washington, D. C. Lord in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Presider In Christ we have seen your desire for our lives. Guide our feet and our hearts to truly live into His example that your hopes for humanity might be fulfilled. All these we ask through our Lord and intercessor, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and always. Amen.

CONFESSION

Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

ost merciful God, 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 neighbors 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 on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY Jonathan MADDEN b. 1998

O morning star, how fair and bright,

Your beam shines forth in truth and light:

O Sovereign, meek and lowly.

In your radiance, life from heaven now is given overflowing, Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

Philipp NICOLAI 1556–1608 Michael SCHIRMER 1606–73

PRESENTATION HYMN 380, v. 3

Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION (EP B, Expansive Language)

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S. 129 SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS

POWELL

OLY, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father, We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of God, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

UR 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain in your places until invitation to Communion is said.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The consecrated Bread is received in the open palm. The consecrated Wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it) or by dipping the wafer of consecrated Bread. You may request gluten free wafers from the clergy at the altar rail.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Herbert HOWELLS 1892–1983

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel

Nunc dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)

HYMN 259 Hail to the Lord who comes

OLD 120^{TH}

Please stand or kneel.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

HYMN 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

Carillon Herbert MURRILL 1909–52

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC NOTES

Today is the feast of the Presentation of Christ into the Temple, also known as Candlemas, or the Feast of the Purification of Mary. It marks forty days after Christmas, when the infant Jesus was brought into the Temple as part of a purification ritual prescribed by Jewish law, and he was seen by Simeon and Anna. Simeon's prayer of blessing became the basis of the Nunc dimittis, the canticle used at evening offices in the Church since antiquity, a setting of which will be sung at communion in today's service. This setting was composed by Herbert Howells amidst the darkest days of World War II, yet it radiates a profound sense of truth and profundity. The theme of light is central to this feast, and is very present in this time of year when the lectionary focusses on the revelation of Christ to the world, which makes today's offertory anthem especially appropriate. It was composed by Pittsford-based composer, Jonathan Madden, taking inspiration from the 16th century Lutheran chorale, 'O morning star, how fair and bright,' (which was also the basis of the much earlier piece played as the prelude today). Madden places the centuriesold text and tune in a modern guise, creating sections which are sung in an aleatoric (random) way, meaning singers sing the line in their own time, creating an ethereal and other-worldly atmosphere. Everyone converges on the lines 'In your radiance,' leading to a powerful conclusion to the piece.

MEET THE RECTOR FORUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 AFTER BOTH SERVICES.

Please join Kevin to learn more about our him and what we can look forward to accomplishing together as Christ Church moves forward with a new leader.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Thursday, February 6 at 7:00 pm

We've chosen *Gaudy Night* by Dorothy Sayers. "The great Dorothy L. Sayers is considered by many to be the premier detective novelist of the Golden Age, and her dashing sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey, one of mystery fiction's most enduring and endearing protagonists. Acclaimed author Ruth Rendell has expressed her admiration for Sayers's work, praising her 'great fertility of invention, ingenuity, and wonderful eye for detail." (from the MCLS website)

For more information, please contact Pam Burch(pburch1@rochester.rr.com.)

NON FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 3:00 pm

We will meet to discuss *The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime and a Dangerous Obsession* by Michael Finkel. Stephane Breitwieser, with the assistance of his girlfriend, stole more than 300 artworks from some 200 places, averaging one theft every 12 days for seven years. Finkel presents a spellbinding portrait of obsession and flawed genius. This is a riveting story of art, crime, love and an insatiable hunger to possess beauty at any cost.

Our meetings are in a hybrid format with both in person attendance and via Zoom. Zoom information will be distributed prior to each meeting. To get more information about the book club, to be added to our distribution list or to suggest a book discussion, please contact Jim Baroody (jimbaroody@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL AND YOUTH IN CHURCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The next opportunity for Christ Church youth to serve in church will be on Sunday, February 9 at the 10:00 service. Youth are invited to fill a number of roles both on and off of the altar. Training is available. Please contact Liz Salamone to learn more and to sign up. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel on February 9.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed each week through May. Please contact Liz Salamone at sundayschool@christchurchpittsford.com for more information.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Christ Church has purchased an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). It is located upstairs in the hallway where coats are hung. It is bright yellow and automatically instructs the user on how to use it.

QI GONG CLASS

THURSDAYS AT 9:30 AM

Everyone is welcome to join us for this class led by Raphaela McCormick. It is held in the Fellowship Room and the cost is \$5.00.

CHRIST CHURCH CLOSING POLICY

The policy of Christ Episcopal Church is to close when the Pittsford Central School District is closed due to inclement weather. The church's phones will be monitored throughout the day whenever the church is closed.

Please Pray For:

Elizabeth Tice, medical procedure. David Warne, serious health concerns, moved to The Highlands; William Rader, father of Nancy Dhurjaty, died;

Ongoing:

Scott Ornt; Karl Hendrickson; Frances; Bella O'Neil; Austin Kellogg; Barry Balonek; Trevor Smith; Olivia; Beth; Steve; David Miller; Sarah McCurdy; Sarah Koopus; Anu Abhyankar; Dick Seils; Jean Snyder and family; Andrew Green; Joel Krenis; Susan Watt; Tom Frank; Jeannie Young; Lisa Crocket; David; William Jackman; Ella Dyson; Sue Thomas; Lee McKee; John McCleod; Bill Shield; Matt Eggars; Angelina Gentry; Ron Young; Jane Wells; Peter Hazelman; Joani Hauge and Theo Georgiev; Jonathan Ragan; Mary Lou; Sandy Wallak; Sheilia Siborg; Patty Bolger; Margaret Angelline; Junie Bakken; Sandra Steinle; Jose Fernandez, Betty Caswell; Jean Flockhart; Layla; Patrick Shield; Clynice Dairs; Christy Fessler; Doreen; Judi Bachelder; Claire Crump; Lauren; Barbara Coe; Lisa Carbone; Brad Buenting; Todd Buenting; Anica Harris; David Bieler; Joan Kalinowski; Lauren; Guy Riché; Nancy Bentivegna; Connor Amen; Margaret Buchanan Yarrington; Adrian Badlu; Andrew Zimmerman; Irene Greenslade; Fred and Doris Davey; Denece.

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We also pray for those who struggle with addiction and mental health challenges.

We would like to update the Ongoing Prayer List. Please take a moment to review the names on the list and let us know if we can remove them.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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