

Today, December 18th, The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Organist: Jon Lafleur

Soloist: Donna Castaner

Lector: Nick Moore

Prayers of People: Cathy Casey

Altar: Marybeth Franks-Begor

Usher: Mason Morjikian

Hospitality: Livia Morjikian

Parish Prayers

Bill, Mary Beth Franks Begor, Nancy Briggs, John Fagan, Carole Hart,
Doris Higgins, Rindy Higgins, Francoise Kelz, Denise Lagasse,
Jack Lynch, Eileen Mulligan, Wendy Grace Rossi, Richard Tucker, Joyce Weegar

*The Altar Flowers, which adorn the Sanctuary, are given
and arranged as an expression of Thanksgiving to God
and for blessings received and prayers answered.*

ECCT Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke/St. Paul, Bridgeport; St. John's, Bridgeport; St. Mark's, Bridgeport. For the children of the world, the Bishop's Fund for Children, and all ECCT ministries for children at risk.

ADVENT IV- The fourth candle, which is blue, is lit on this final week of Advent. This candle represents Love. With eager anticipation and after much preparation we are about to meet Love itself. Love comes down to earth and will forever dwell among us.

PRAYER: Holy and Gracious God, we light this candle to love. Love which endures all things. Love which sustains Hope, Peace and Joy. Love immeasurable is coming to us in humility but with great clarity. How silently how silently it may enter in. How peacefully it will abide. **Amen.**

*To all who may be visiting with us this morning, we are honored by your presence,
and we invite you to join us in sharing and receiving Communion*

9:00 A.M

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Rite Two

The Word of God

Organ Prelude: *Advent Hymns*

Opening Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel vv. 1, 4, 6*

Hymnal 56

Opening Greeting

Book of Common Prayer 355

Kyrie (*Latin*)

BCP 356

The Collect of the Day

Insert

The Lessons and Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

Insert

Canticle Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Epistle

Romans 1:1-7

Gospel Hymn There's a Voice in the Wilderness Calling

Hymnal 75

Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Martha Tucker

Music Meditation: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Paul Manz

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People VI

BCP 392

The Exchange of Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also, with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Solo: *People Look East*

Dale Wood

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus

S-130

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

S-171

The Sharing and Receiving of Communion

BCP 365

Communion Solo: *The Desert Shall Rejoice*

Joy Patterson

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 366

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Prepare the Way O Zion*

Hymnal 65

Dismissal Response: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Arise, Sons of the Kingdom*

Hamburg 1598

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for your donations for The Mitten Tree. 11 sets of gloves, 5 hats and 5 mitten /hat sets were delivered to the Sharon Social Services.

CRAZY CRAFTERS-CONTINUES ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS AT 3:00 TO 4:30 PM. Next December date is: December 20th.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS- **Today is the deadline.** The Altar Guild is accepting requests for Christmas Flower Memorials. Memorials are included in our Christmas service worship.

Should you wish to include departed family or friends, please fill out a form completely and return with your check, payable to **Christ Church Episcopal**

Memo Line: Flower Fund, and return to church office, or by email or mail it to Christ Church Episcopal, P.O. Box 1778, Sharon, CT 06069
(Memorials must be submitted by Sunday, December 18th.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DECEMBER 23RD 10:00 AM- ALTAR GUILD CHRISTMAS SETUP

**DECEMBER 24TH 5:30 PM- CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST**

DECEMBER 25TH 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING PRAYER

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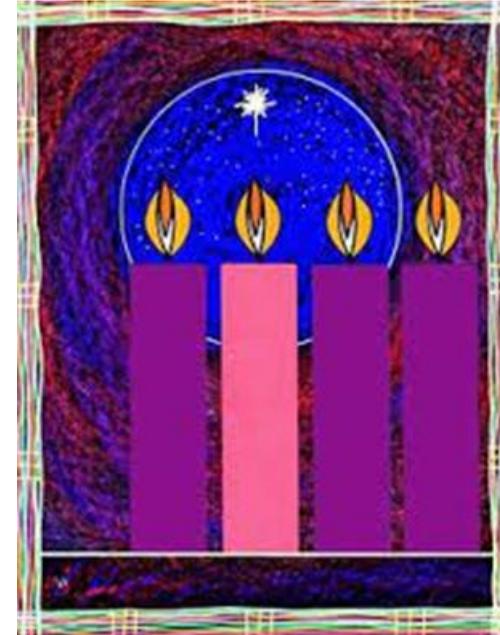
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Greetings and Welcome

Mission Statement

We are called to be one with God and each other
by living the Gospel with love and compassion.