

# Welcome to worship with Christ Church Charlotte!



The congregation will stay muted for most of this morning's service.



Please join us from a quiet place and, if possible, light a candle.



Please say hello in the comments.



Feel free to read congregational responses and roles out loud even though you are muted.



# Christ Church Charlotte

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## CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
January 25, 2026 · 10:00 AM

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Welcome to your Spiritual Home! We invite you to prepare for worship wherever you are, just as you would at Church: with a few moments of prayer, quiet, and meditation before we begin.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please visit our website, or contact us at [visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org).

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This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal in your pew rack. Text in **bold** *italics* is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in regular *italics* provides directions or details.

### Welcome

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

##### The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

Almighty 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.**

##### Gloria (in unison)

**Glory 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.**

##### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm of the Day: Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (in unison)**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;**

**whom then shall I fear? \***

**the Lord is the strength of my life;**

**of whom then shall I be afraid?**

**One thing have I asked of the Lord;**

**one thing I seek; \***

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

**To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \***

**and to seek him in his temple.**

**For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \***

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling**

**and set me high upon a rock.**

**Even now he lifts up my head \***

**above my enemies round about me.**

**Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation**

**with sounds of great gladness; \***

**I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \***

**have mercy on me and answer me.**

**You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \***

**Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

**Hide not your face from me, \***

**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

**You have been my helper;**

**cast me not away; \***

**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*After the Gospel is read,*

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

BCP 120

***I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### The Epiphany Prayers of the People

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury designate; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Chile. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for leaders of all nations, especially Donald our President, Josh our Governor, Vi our Mayor, for the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for our community partners in mission and outreach including Mind, Body, Baby. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit including Mary Frances Zachary, Roberta Kosanovich, Brian Burchette, Eloise Jordan, Mary Carpenter, Mary Beth Adams, Dan Jones, Jim Roberts, Butler Spiers, Johnsie Canny, Gordon Newton, Bruce Freeman, Dale Carpenter, Sofia Sams Postal, Judy Haynes, Joe Turner, David Robinson, Daryl McCollum, Don Staniforth, George Adams, Ken Bauer, Anna Clifford, and for those we name silently and aloud. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We give thanks for the birth of Maris Louise Stauning, daughter of Stephanie Hannon Stauning and Jonathan Stauning; Sonny John Hakim, son of Addy and Nick Hakim. We pray for those who long to have children and for the expectant mothers in our parish (Anne Howard Wright, Jenna Landers Revak, Allie Miller, Annie Daughtrey, Martha Cloud Erwin, Ashton Ratcliffe Molster, Catherine Baudhuin, Ruth Guardado, Tess Marley, Cameron Elizabeth Gore, Britt DeCurtins, Eloise Reeves and Mariah Gajewski). Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died and their families including Steve Thomas, stepfather of Cindy Nicholson; Lance Sotelo; Carol Isenhower. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Reader: O God, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve and protect us during times of snow, ice, and cold. Be present especially with those who lack heat or shelter, with first responders, and with those who clear roads and repair utilities. Surround us with your love, grant us courage and patience, and bring us in safety to the storm's end. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant says *this concluding prayer*,

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers and make us reflections of your radiant love, that the places of darkness in our world may be brightened and that all people and nations may be drawn to you and filled with peace and joy. **Amen.**

### The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

**Most 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.**

The clergy says:

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

### Offertory and Announcements

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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

### Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

The clergy says a dismissal.

**People: Thanks be to God.**