

# the Crucifer

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## FROM THE RECTOR:

*In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." Luke 1.26-29*

Mary's house in Nazareth is quite small, smaller than most living rooms.

Dirt floor. Mud walls. Extremely humble.

We do not know how many siblings Mary had, but there was not much personal space in their home. Privacy was negligible to non-existent for her.

Mary was likely very young. Teenager-young. Perhaps early-teenager young.

Which makes her selection by the Creator of the Universe all the more remarkable.

God could have chosen a princess, but He chose Mary. The Lord could have chosen an wise adult, a National Merit finalist, Miss Universe, but He chose Mary of Nazareth.

God chose to enter into the world through a young teenage girl living in a modest home in a very small town in a minor part of the Roman Empire.

Mary's response to Gabriel is, perhaps, the greatest statement of faith in the Bible.

*"My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name." Luke 1.46-49*

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and begin the walk through Advent, rejoice that God has chosen you. He has chosen to love you. He has chosen to bless you. He has chosen to save you.

The Lord has called you to a great task—to follow Christ. I pray that this Advent, the Lord will do great things in your life. Preparing you—as never before—to celebrate the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed Advent!

David H



Isn't it interesting how time works? Every hour has sixty minutes, and every minute has sixty seconds, but the texture, the feel of those hours and minutes varies greatly.

A minute flies by when I am driving on the highway listening to music.

A minute waiting for the kettle to boil for my first cup of coffee in the morning seems to take forever.

An hour passes like a breeze when I am working on sermon, thinking deeply, trying to write.

An hour moves as slow as molasses when I'm trying to make it from supper to my kiddos' bedtime after a night of poor sleep.

I am sure you can think of our own experiences of time moving quickly or slow. A rule of thumb has emerged for me: Generally speaking, if I am waiting for something, time moves a little slower. If I am not anticipating something to happen, time glides by a little quicker.

As we turn the page to the season of Advent in the next days, we are reminded of the waiting we do as Christians.

Advent itself is a waiting time, a time of preparation and anticipation as we get ready for Christmas, or *Christ Mass* (the Mass of Christ's birth). We deck the halls and play the carols, buy gifts and wrap them, bake cookies and take them to Christmas parties. But we also pray, reflect, remember, turning our hearts to Jesus's coming in worship.

And Advent itself is only a microcosm of another kind of wait-

ing. In Advent we prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas by remembering Christ's coming two thousand years ago. But in Advent we also wait for Christ's *coming again*. As we sing each verse of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, we long for a world we cannot yet see, but one which we know Christ is bringing to us:

O come, O King of nations, bind  
 in one the hearts of all mankind.

Bid all our sad divisions cease  
 and be yourself our King of Peace

We do not live in a world where all divisions have ceased, where Jesus's royal peace is widespread. So we wait. Sometimes the injustice of the world makes time crawl by. And sometimes life so rich and full that we forget we are waiting. And still we wait.

Here is another thing: I've noticed the kettle boils a little quicker in the morning when I am not standing there watching it. If I put away the dishes in the dishwasher, or if I help my sons make breakfast, that kettle seems to pick up speed. Waiting is a little easier when we have work to do.

In this season of Advent, and the wider life of longing and hope we live as Christians, we can work while we wait. We have prayers to pray, spiritual lives to deepen, neighbours to serve, good work to do.

What work has God given you to do while you wait?

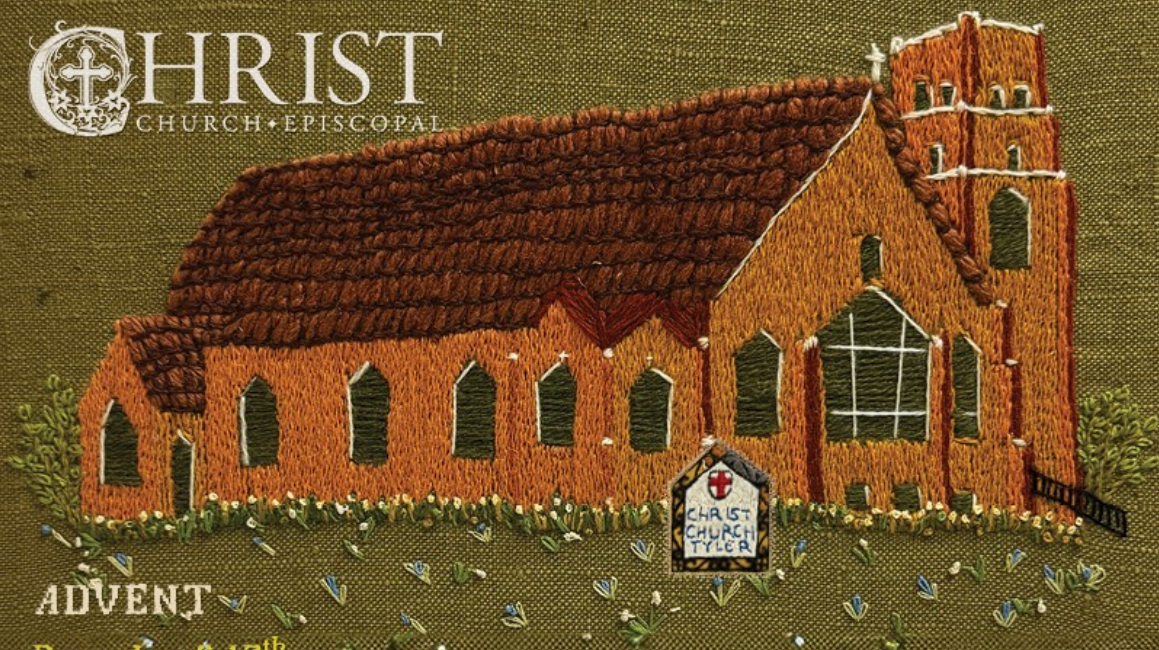
**TIDINGS**  
*of*  
**JOY**

**Tuesdays of Advent**  
 Noon | Christ Church Downtown  
 followed by a light lunch

**December 3**  
 TJC Alumni Guitars,  
 Frank Kimlicio, *director*

**December 10**  
 Weston Jennings, *organ*;  
 Mark & Ute Miller, *violin & viola*

**December 17**  
 Micah Bell, *trumpet*;  
 Sarah Roberts, *saxophone*;  
 Elena Daughtery, *piano*



## ADVENT

**December 3-17<sup>th</sup>**

Tidings of Joy Concert Series  
followed by a light lunch

**Tuesdays @ Noon in Advent**  
Christ Church Downtown

**December 5-19<sup>th</sup>, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

1928 Holy Eucharist

**Thursdays @ Noon**  
Christ Church Downtown

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Service of Nine Lessons & Carols<sup>+</sup>  
**6:00pm Christ Church Downtown**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

Caroling & Bonfire

**6:00pm Christ Church South**

Unto you is born...a Saviour,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

## CHRISTMAS

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Children's Christmas Pageant<sup>+</sup>  
**11:05am Christ Church South**

**Christmas Eve - December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Christ Church Downtown

**4:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant<sup>+</sup>**

**7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist<sup>+</sup>**

**10:30pm Candlelight Service**

**Christmas Day - December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist**

**Christ Church Downtown**



<sup>+</sup>Nursery available

children's ministry  
**Kimber Short,**  
Director of Children's Ministry

The Advent of Advent 2024

I'm writing this a week before "The Crucifer" hits your inbox and it is unseasonably warm and humid. And if the Weather Channel app is to be trusted (I'm dubious) we are in store for more of the same this week. This is a problem for me as I require cooler weather for the advent of Advent. And I'm going to need it to be downright cold for Christmas!

Regardless of the weather, on December 1st we will enter the season of preparation for the birth of our Lord and all that entails--from our secular practices of cookie baking and decorating to the most important ones: preparing our hearts for what it means to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with Advent Lunches, Sunday worship and reenacting the events of more than 2,000 years ago when our children present the Christmas Pageant. (Sign-up to participate on the website!)

We had an advent of a different sort last week when we welcomed Zoe Ward who will soon be the new Director of Children's Ministries. I hope you all had an opportunity to meet and welcome her into the Christ Church Family. There were so many offers of help, should she "need anything". I'm here to say that YES!!! she *will* need help! If you are one of those lovely ladies who offered, please call the church and let her know so she knows how to find you!

And speaking of help, it's time to let us know if your child will be participating in and if you will be available to help with the Christmas Pageant this year. For those of you who are able to help, please email me and let me know!

[kshort@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:kshort@christchurchtyler.org). The more the merrier!

Pageant Practice Dates:

CCS Sunday 12/8 during Sunday School (10:00-11:00)  
Sunday 12/15 during Sunday School (10:00-11:00)  
Saturday 12/21 @ 9:00. This will be a full dress rehearsal with music  
Pageant Performance Sunday 12/22 during the 11:05 service. Arrive by 10:15

CCD Sunday 12/15 during Sunday School (10:00-11:00)  
Saturday 12/21 @ 1:00.  
Sunday 12/22 @ 1:00. This will be a full dress rehearsal with music  
Pageant Performance Tuesday 12/24 @ 4:00. Arrive 3:15

♥ Kimber

student ministry  
**Sarah Jones,**  
Director of Student Ministries



CHILDREN'S CORNER BIRTHDAYS!

11/27 **Kate Eagleton,**  
11/28 **Hunter Jensen,**  
12/2 **Hannah Hennigan,**  
12/9 **Adeline Heninger,**  
12/10 **Kyle Ashley**

Happy Thanksgiving to all! What I am thankful for this year is a loving family, a chance to be of service, and endless opportunities to grow my relationship with God. I am also thankful for our extraordinary youth group. We had a fun Halloween party a few weeks ago and we have had new EYC chaperones. It is so healthy for the kids to get to know other adults in the church. Friendships with those who were older than me and surrogate family members were such a huge part of not only my spiritual formation but also who I am as a person today. I am thankful to be a member of the Christ Church community and to be privileged with the opportunity to serve those around me.

Things to look forward to:

December 1st **Angel Tree shopping** 1:30-3:30pm  
December 7th **volunteering for Breckenridge Village's tree lot** fundraiser 9:30-12:30pm

We are **going to Belize** June 1st-June 7th If your high schooler is interested in going we will need a \$125 deposit by January 6th. The total cost of the trip will be \$500.

Please email [sjones@christchurchtyler.org](mailto:sjones@christchurchtyler.org)





# 1928

*Book of Common Prayer*

## Holy Eucharist

Noon Thursdays Advent-Christmastide

Beginning December 5

Downtown in the Nave

**Wear Plaid!**

**Supper Club**  
*Scottish Christmas Party*

Friday, Dec 13 | 6:00pm  
at Doc Plato's

RSVP: [www.christchurchtyler.org/supper-club](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/supper-club)  
by December 6

**bonfire**  
*caroling*

Saturday, December 14  
**Christ Church South**  
15747 Old Jacksonville Hwy

Meet at 6:00pm for **caroling**  
**bonfire** at 7:00pm

Join us for a bonfire and Christmas activities!  
This is a great and festive family event with  
wreath making, ornament decorating, tasty  
smores, and Christmas carols. All followed by a  
nice warm beverage while sitting around the  
fire. We hope to see you there!

**HUNGER FOR LOVE**

**CHRISTMAS  
UNDER THE  
BRIDGE**

**DEC 21ST 5-8 PM**

Where: 300 E Valentine St, Tyler  
(Under the Gentry Parkway Bridge)

Living Nativity ~ Santa's Toy Tent ~ Children's  
Activities ~ Jesus Closet ~ Live Entertainment ~  
Sweets and Treats ~ Fun and Games for the  
Whole Family

Hunger for Love: <https://www.facebook.com/hungerforlove>



You are invited to participate in the celebration of Christmas at Christ Church through the **CHRISTMAS FLOWER & MUSIC FUND**.

Scan the QR code, or go to this link:

[www.christchurchtyler.org/christmas-flower-donation](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/christmas-flower-donation)  
or complete the form (find at the front desk) if you wish to contribute to the placement of poinsettias in the church or help to underwrite the music presented on Christmas Eve.

Deadline 12/15



## CHRISTMAS UNDER THE BRIDGE TOY DRIVE!

Please help us bring a smile to these kids' faces by donating a new toy (or even a gift card) for boys and girls of all ages-up to 13!

All donations should be **new & unwrapped**. There is a wrapped donation box in the reception area. Pick up will be 12/18.

For more info call: Lynne Bordeaux  
512-608-2171

## thanksgivings , supplications & fellowship

### *In Our Prayers*

**Please consider including the Prayer List in your daily devotions:**

Luba, Lisa, Yeva, YK, Iryna, Nora, Yevgeny, Paul, Sally, Maggie, Jennifer, Laura, Alan, Sally, Laura, Ezri, Mark, Analina, Darin, Barbara, Vicky, Amber, Chris, Jerry, Linda, Dalton, Chris, Mike, Mark, Marian, Verdie, Connie, Jeremy, Lauren, Russ, Liam, Heather, Chris, Alinda, Piper, Jimmy, Chester, Diana W., Marilyn, Boyd, Stephen, Amy

**The Anglican Communion:** *The Diocese Kinkiizi (Uganda)*

**The Episcopal Church:** *Dioceses of Missouri & Montana*

**Diocese of Texas:** *St. Matthews—Henderson & All Saints—Hitchcock*

### *In Memoriam*

Our sympathies to the family & friends of

**H. Andy Wall,**  
*father of Andrea Walker.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please contact The Rev. Stephen Stine if you'd like to keep or add someone to the prayer list 903.530.8168 or [sssti@tjc.edu](mailto:sssti@tjc.edu).

## upcoming

**THURSDAY, November 28**

Thanksgiving message available **ONLINE**

**TUESDAYS, starting December 3 | CCD**

Noon Tidings of Joy Concert Series

*followed by a light lunch*

**THURSDAYS, starting December 5 | CCD**

Noon 1928 Holy Eucharist through Christmastide

**SUNDAY, December 8th | CCD**

6:00pm Lessons & Carols

**FRIDAY, December 13th**

6:00pm Supper Club Scottish Christmas Party

**SATURDAY, December 14th | CCS**

6:00pm Caroling & Bonfire

**SUNDAY, December 22nd | CCS**

11:05 Children's Christmas Pageant

**TUESDAY, December 25th | CCD**

4:00pm Children's Christmas Pageant

7:30pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

10:30pm Midnight Mass/Candlelight Service

**WEDNESDAY, December 25 | CCD**

10:00am Christmas Eucharist

**SUNDAY | December 29**

7:30am Holy Eucharist | CCD

10:00am Holy Eucharist | CCD

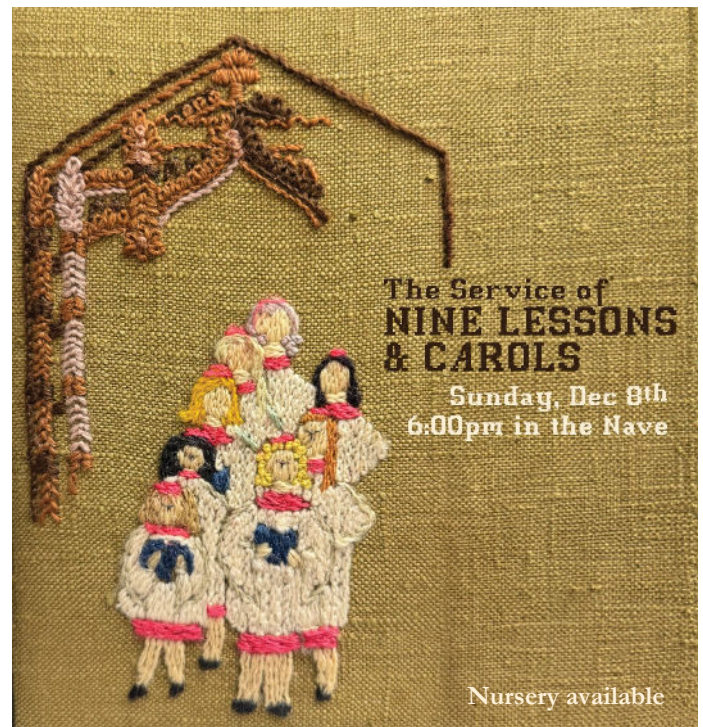
9:00am CCD & 10:00 CCS Christmas Reception during Christian Formation (no Sunday School)

11:05am Holy Eucharist | CCS



**CONFIRMATION** | November 17, 2024 | South Campus

*Front row l-r: Claire Godbold—confirmation, Sean Holliday—reaffirmation, DeAnna Hargrove—confirmation, Gavin Johnson—confirmation, Maggie Edwards—reaffirmation, Ted Sutton—confirmation; back row: Jack Godbold—confirmation, Fr. Cole Hartin, Laura Zeiher—facilitator, Bishop Fisher, Doug Ames—confirmation, Amy Ames—confirmation, Fr. David Luckenbach.*



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### Lectionary for upcoming Sundays Year B BCP 1979 Lectionary

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Advent 1

Zechariah 14:4-9, Psalm 50

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-31

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Advent 2

Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm 126

Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6



*His divine power has given us everything needed for life & godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory & goodness.*

<sup>2</sup> Peter 1:3

### 195 pledges so far!

[25% increased their pledge from last year | 23 new pledges]

Stewardship 2025—Make your pledge today!

[www.christchurchtyler.org/give](http://www.christchurchtyler.org/give)

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## ***Worship Schedule***

### **Sundays starting October 6**

7:30am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
9:00am **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
11:00am~ **CCD:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite I*  
11:05am~ **CCS:** The Holy Eucharist *Rite II*  
*~live-streamed christchurchtyler.org*

### ***CHRIST CHURCH: ONE CHURCH—TWO CAMPUSES***

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transforming lives for Christ.*