

HAPPY THANKSGIVING SUNDAY!



**St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

9:30 a.m.

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Processional	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	H-56, Vs 1, 2
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Attached
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 25: 1-9	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	H-711, Vs, 1, 2
Gospel	Luke 21: 25-36	Attached
Sermon		The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Advent Noel – Adapted From A Garland of Carols</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father (Spoken)</i>	
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>The King Shall Come</i>	H-73
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	Attached
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP
The 1982 Hymnal = H
Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	The Rev. Gerardo Brambila
Vergers:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Judi Sock
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Dick Young
Second Reading	Diane Plein
Prayers of the People	Dick Young
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Judi Sock
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Celebrant: O God, as we light the first candle of this Advent wreath, we open our hearts in hope.

People: May the light of this candle remind us of the hope we have in you. May it inspire us to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, our hope and our Savior. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

1. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
2. Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
3. Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
4. Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
5. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
6. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
7. Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
8. He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
9. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Holy Gospel
Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Prayers of the People Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: That we all may be one.
Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.
Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.
Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Confession of Sins:

Minister Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
And People: 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 Absolution

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Soon And Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON, Irregular
Andraé Crouch
Adapt. by William F. Smith

Andraé Crouch

1. Soon and ver - y soon, ___ we are going to see the King; ___
 2. No more cry - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___
 3. No more dy - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___

Hal - le - lu - jah!

1. soon and ver - y soon, ___ we are going to see the King; ___
 2. no more cry - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___
 3. no more dy - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___

Hal - le - lu - jah!

1. soon and ver - y soon, ___ we are going to see the King; ___ Hal - le -
 2. no more cry - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___ Hal - le -
 3. no more dy - ing there, ___ we are going to see the King; ___ Hal - le -

1. lu - jah! ___ Hal - le - lu - jah! ___ We're going to see the King. ___
 2. lu - jah! ___ Hal - le - lu - jah! ___ We're going to see the King. ___
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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Weekly Announcements
December 1, 2024

Our Vision: One congregation worshipping and serving in two languages
Our Mission: We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.



CHRISTOPHER SINGERS: The Christopher Singers will be singing Christmas songs to the care centers in December. The first sing-along will be on **Friday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m.** at Mary's Place, 14601 N. Del Webb in Sun City. The second will be held on **Friday, December 20 at 11:00 a.m.** at Lucy's Place, 16752 N. Greasewood St in Surprise. We really have a lot of fun when we sing, so come join us and bring your relatives or friends to help make the season merry and bright!! For more information contact Diane Plein or Bill Lynn.

HURRICANE RELIEF: On October 18, following weeks of intermittent grid outages, ten million people lost power. Then On October 20, during the blackout, Hurricane Oscar made landfall, flooding and damaging the island's eastern side. People in the Guantanamo and Baracoa areas had little warning that Oscar was coming because the ongoing power outages badly affected communication systems. In response to Hurricane Oscar and the ongoing power outages, Episcopal Relief & Development is working with the Episcopal Church of Cuba to provide food, hygiene products, fans, rechargeable lamps and supplies for home repairs.

On November 6, Hurricane Rafael ravaged the northwestern side of Cuba just above Havana, again knocking out the island's power grid and creating deadly flash flood and mudslide conditions. On November 10, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake shook the southern part of the island. Please pray for the people affected by the blackout, the earthquake and hurricanes Oscar and Rafael. Please consider contributing directly at www.episcopalrelief.org. Thank you.

NAME BADGES: We ask that everyone please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of a great help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

COFFEE HOUR: Thank you every week to everyone who helps make coffee hour a friendly, yummy gathering! If you haven't helped with coffee hour before, please consider joining your fellow church members to help serve. You'll make new friends and have a fun time!

*This Sunday's coffee hour is being hosted by Anna Van Scoter, Kim Van Scoter and Dick Young.
We really appreciate the help everyone gives each week!*

**Thank you for your promise for Saint Christopher's for 2025
Gracias por su promisa para San Cristóbal para 2025**

* Bernabe Aguirre & Maria Salgado * Clive Chancey * Tad Daughters * Carole & Dudley Dickey *
 * Patty Emanuelson * Kathryn Frantz * Barbara Kimball * Marva Martinez * Beth Mayhew *
 * Don Palm * Diane Plein* Charlotte Powley * Feliciano Reyes * Betty Roddy * Michael Rowe *
 * Gail & Michael Tetrick * Kelly Thomas * Barbara Welsh * Dick & Janet Young *

**In addition to those who were listed last Sunday, we would like to thank the following people who
 have submitted their promises for 2025 in support of our
 Stewardship/Generosity campaign**

* Fr. Gerardo Brambila * Jane Cooley * Wilma Hammond * Barb & Ron Jackson *
 * Arturo & Isobel Jaramillo * Leona Lindvall * Zeferino & Maria Maciel *
 *Bill & Carol Masters *Charles Powley * Frank & Susan Schlichting * Mike & Judi Sook *

**In addition to those who were listed on November 17, we would like to thank the following people who
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* Carmen & Rey Borda * Janet Cairo * Sallie Crill * Trinidad D. & Trinidad A. Fabela * Marilyn Hunter *
 * Miguel Lopez & Elvira Vasquez * Constance Stresing * Anna Van Scoter *

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is “Canned Goods” Sunday. Valley View Food Bank is always in need of canned goods (soups, vegetables, fruit). Please bring any canned goods to share. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. *~No one has ever become poor by giving—Ann Frank*

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	November 18, 2024	2024 Totals
Weight	100 lbs.	1,633.50 lbs.
Cash		\$1,200.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	November 25, 2024	November Total	2024 Year Total
Bargains	\$303.00	\$1,445.00	\$21,121.90
Bookstore	\$59.00	\$265.53	\$2,800.98

This Week's Prayer List

Prayers Matter ...in ways you may never fully realize! A person is placed on the prayer list for 4 weeks. We are currently editing the list. If there are further needs we invite you to contact the church office and add them to the prayer list again.

* Emmanuel Anako * Isaac Anako * Noc Anako * Susana Avila * Jim & Sue Barnette * Viviana Brambila *
* Judy Broeder * Kia Browning * Jan Browning * Tom Camper * Clive Chancey * Agnes Chukwudozie *
* Claudio * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Isaiah Garcia * Ann Gay * John Gibson * Cathy Gustin * Gary Gustin *
* Marilyn Hunter * Annamarie Jett * Jacob "JJ" Johnson (Sister Cheryl's son) * Julie Jones * Lois Jones *
* Ruth Jones * Judith * Gene Lapham * Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Paul & Paula *
* Joanne Porter * Audrey & Christopher Price * Ramon * Blake James Reed * Rick & Robbie * Javier Sanchez *
* Socorro Sanchez * Amy Schultz * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Eunice Uzokwulu * Victoria *

For those who have died

* Josie Herrera * Marlys McLaughlin * Judy Schneider *



Happy Anniversary in December

Denisse Rios & Miguel Saldaña	4 years
Jacinto & Ivón Nieco	27 years
Frieda Spann & Al Hensley	35 years
María & Zeferino Maciel	46 years



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in December

Sue Schlichting	December 3	Janice Crane	December 16
Nowelle Ketzacoatl Aguire Salgado	December 4	Anthony Nieco	December 17
Stacey Cortez	December 4	Lisa Wolford	December 17
Anna Van Scoter	December 6	Miguel López	December 24
Chinenye Anako	December 7	Mario Ramirez	December 24
Diane Neverman	December 8	Hugh Duncan	December 25
Jacinto Nieco Guzmán	December 8	Arturo Jaramillo	December 29
Lucia Cortez	December 14		

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