



CHRIST
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025

December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 14, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 20, Saturday

10:00 AM Christmas Greening Workshop (ASH)
1:00 PM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
10:15 AM Nursery / Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:45 AM Wreaths Across America
12:00 PM Greening of the Church
7:00 PM Blue Christmas Eucharist

December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Family Eucharist w/Christmas Pageant
10:15 PM Christmas Music & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 25, Christmas Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)

December 28, The First Sunday after Christmas Day

10:30 AM Christmas Lessons & Carols, Morning Prayer Rite II

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2025

Those celebrating birthdays this month: Melinda Davis 12/2, Hank Mausolf 12/8, Allen Bareford 12/8, Janice Kenkel 12/9, Wayne Knepp 12/10, Jeff Massey 12/10, Mark DePollo 12/11, Charles Russell 12/13, Heather Whaley 12/14, Chilton Rowe 12/15, Molly Welch 12/16, Larry Gross 12/17, Christian Hall 12/18, Drake Rowe 12/19, Lauren Lacy 12/20, Susan Roberts 12/21, Emma Ayres-Brown 12/21, Gene DiRusso 12/22, Clifton Schaefer 12/24, Christopher Cronin 12/27, Susie Adkins 12/28.

Those celebrating anniversaries this month: Cliff & Penny Knepp 12/1, Gene & Liz DiRusso 12/15, Phil & Susan Midland 12/23, Dave & Susan Roberts 12/27, Jim & Anne Williams 12/27, Cecil & Missie Jarman 12/30.

Is your birthday or anniversary missing from this list? Please email Denise at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com.

The Daily Office (Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m., and Evening Prayer, 5:00 p.m.) is Tuesdays through Fridays on Zoom

(<https://zoom.us/j/92294621665?pwd=QnPIX13oyuITKn1sdXyAnuVCoZQNM.1>).

Meeting ID: 922 9462 1665 Passcode: 067034

Bible Study. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. **We will NOT meet on December 24th and 31st.** You can join the Bible Study anytime on Zoom

(<https://zoom.us/j/96370994942?pwd=pmbrXNzbbZuZqPvgNboCdXG3RjLfgY.1>)

Meeting ID: 963 7099 4942 Passcode: 837077

Sunday Spirituality Discussion. We are studying the poetry of T.S. Eliot on Sundays at 9:15 in the Booth Conference Room. **We will NOT meet on Sunday, December 28th.** You can also join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96180313605?pwd=RMqr4bIVlBPsofMxWNC5ba8xhpTx9W.1>

Meeting ID: 961 8031 3605 Passcode: 795490

Celtic Eucharist will be on Wednesday, December 3, 10, and 17 at 12:00 p.m.. **We will not have Celtic Eucharist on December 24th and 31st.**

Study the Psalms meets on Wednesdays (December 3rd, 10th, and 17th) at 1:30 p.m. in the Booth Hall Conference Room and on the Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/9382754043?pwd=Iyh2hb8akOQJxMAclJKQZjlbDvHaP8.1>

Meeting ID: 938 2754 043 Passcode: 075176

The Thrift Shop team will be hosting Coffee Hour on December 7th.

Santa is taking a break from his duties at the North Pole to visit the Thrift Shop on Saturday, December 13 from 10am-1pm. Stop by for a visit; have your picture taken with Santa and enjoy a sweet treat. Well behaved pets are welcome!

Red poinsettias will adorn the church again this Christmas season. Poinsettias will be \$10 each. If you wish to purchase one (or more) in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving for life's many blessings, or for any reason, you can find an order form in your bulletin or in the Communications Center. Place the order form in the collection plate during any church service with a check to Christ Church writing *Poinsettia* on the memo line or mail your order form and check to Christ Church, Attn: Mary Williams. Deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, December 14th.

The ECW will be caroling at Chancellor's Village, 12100 Chancellors Village Lane, on Tuesday, December 16th. Please arrive at 11:15 AM for caroling. Santa Claus will be distributing gifts on our behalf. Following caroling, participants will depart for a birthday lunch and gift exchange at Basilico Restaurant, 7013 Harrison Rd., Fredericksburg. Please bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament for gift exchange at lunch.

We are now preparing for the Christmas Holiday Baskets. There are envelopes in the pews for monetary donations. We also need peanut butter, cereal, and any other items parishioners would like to donate. Packing is scheduled for Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM and Distribution is scheduled for Saturday, December 20, 2025, at 9:30 AM. We ask that volunteers show up by 9:00 a.m. and park in the dog leg to make room for Food Pantry clients' and Thrift Shop clients' parking. There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the Communication Center.

Our Greening Workshop will be on Saturday, December 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in ASH. We will be putting together greens to decorate the church for Christmas. Bring your greens from home and learn how to assemble decorative greens for your home.

We will be Greening the Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 21st, after the 10:30 service. All are welcome to help us decorate the church for our Christmas services!

The Christmas Pageant will be Christmas Eve at the 4 PM service. It is open to any youth of the church, including visiting family members. Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 20th at 1 PM. Attendance at rehearsal is not required. We will have parts for all who are interested. Please let [Jill Bates](#) know of those that are interested.

The Thrift Shop will be closed December 25, 26, and 27, as well as January 1 to allow our volunteers to spend time with family and friends. The shop will reopen on Friday, January 2nd.

If you are friendly, engaging, and want to serve Christ Church – then ushering is your calling! The church needs ushers, especially for the 1030 service. It is not difficult and once a month, the church could use your assistance. Ushers serve as the “first representative” in greeting parishioners and assist in the mechanics of our spiritual worship. If interested in becoming an usher, please contact Joseph L. Ilk at joseph.ilk@outlook.com



What is special about your Nativity set? Where it came from? Who made it? Who gave it to you? We will be doing a feature of Christ Church Nativity sets on Facebook. If you would like to share the story of your Nativity set, please send a picture of it and the story behind it to Jill Bates. wenger1986@msn.com

You should get excited about next year because the Fellowship Commission is looking into hosting a Bingo night (or two); a return trip to see the Fred Nats play; a canoe trip; a bowling night; a dinner theater outing; more movie nights; ice cream socials; a trip to the Bible Museum; and other activities. If you want to be a part of the Fellowship Commission where we plan activities and events to: promote spiritual growth; provide support and encouragement; serve others; come together as one body; share our lives together; and live in unity as the family of God - reach out to Cindy Rooney (crooneyis@verizon.net) or Connie Hockaday (cnb@bulldogtools.net).

The Spotsylvania Courthouse Lions Club would like to thank you for donations to the Ball for All campaign. We will have purchased 35 balls by January 1 and distributed them to 8 children, 8 Adapted PE Teachers, 3 Vision teachers and the Assistive Technology Team from Spotsylvania County Schools. The students have been overjoyed to play with them in gym and at recess and take them home. One girl wrote (in braille), " I am so happy I can play with my sister now!". Watching the students play kickball, field hockey and run their balls through obstacle courses on their own has been a joy! Thank you for your generosity!