

# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## ORDER OF WORSHIP



### FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD A CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

JANUARY 11, 2026  
7:30 a.m.

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# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

## The Word of God

**References to the BCP are to the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.**

**Families may find materials for children behind the right lectern and near the font to the left of the pulpit.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION (*BCP, p. 323*)

GLORIA (*BCP, p. 324*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## THE SECOND LESSON – Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 3:13-17

*Gospeller*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON – The Very Reverend Serena Sides  
*A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.*

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (*BCP, p. 292*)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*BCP, p. 328*)

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



*You may leave your offering in the plates as they are passed or you may scan the QR code with your phone to give online.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, p. 340*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*BCP, p. 336*)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (*BCP, p. 337*)

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (*BCP, p. 337*)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*BCP, p. 339*)

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL (*BCP, p. 339*)

## FLOWERS

**The flowers in the Chancel** are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Stuart John Phillips by his family.

## PRAYERS

**We give thanks for** Georgia Diane Thomas, daughter of Jessi and Ben Thomas who will be baptized this morning at the 11:15 a.m. liturgy.

**We pray for our parishioners**, especially Billy, John, Jojo, Jim, Phyllis, Kevin, Jan, Susan, Paul, Theresa, Scott, Peggy, Melanie, Rachel, Dee, Stacey, Geoff, Marjorie, Mimi, Roger, Jerry, Betsy, Bobby, and Shona.

**We also pray for the families and friends of parishioners** especially Rob, Brett, Colin, Darci, Bernie, Patty, Rusty, Sarah, John David, Amanda, Dede, Glynn, Olinka, Michael, Liam, Mitzi, Xandre, Allison, Kenneth, Sandi, Kimera, Buena, Polk, Kathryn, Amy, and Nichole.

**We pray for those who have died** especially John Colton; Roger Proctor husband of Marjorie Proctor; Glen Warren, grandfather of Amanda Williamson and great-grandfather of Thatcher and Lucia; and Catherine Terry Wright mother of Kelly Wright, mother-in-law of Judy Wright and grandmother of Jesse, Tyler, and Andrew Wright.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 11, 2026**

7:30 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 AM | Holy Eucharist, Rite II

6:00 PM | BreakingBread@6 Taizé Service

Nursery and Toddler Atrium is available from 8:15 AM – 12:45 PM.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Formation for all ages takes place during the 10:00-11:00 AM hour.

Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Entry Hall after both the 8:45 and 11:15 AM services!

*If you need a low-gluten communion wafer, please let us know at the communion railing.*

*We offer healing prayer in the Chapel during communion at our 8:45 and 11:15 AM services.*

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## **Upcoming Events**

**ADULT FORMATION: ESSENTIAL THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS** Today, Dean and Rector Serena Sides will be teaching Essential Theological Questions, a six-session adult formation class examining questions about the nature of God, atonement, the Trinity, and other topics. This week we will be covering the relationship between God and humanity through questions about evil and suffering. This class will be held in Lancaster Hall during the 10:00-11:00 AM hour. We hope you'll join us!

**ADULT FORMATION: JOURNEY IN FAITH** Today, Rev. Canon Madeleine Rebouché will be teaching this year's Journey in Faith (JIF) adult inquirers class during Sunday formation hour in the Wheeler Room. JIF is a ten-week exploration of the Episcopal tradition and our Anglican heritage for the curious and those interested in adult baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. This week our class is on Christianity 101: Creator and Creation. Email Rev. Madeleine at [mrebouche@christcathedral.org](mailto:mrebouche@christcathedral.org) for more information!

**2026 VESTRY NOMINATIONS** The Vestry has announced a wonderful list of candidates for our January Vestry election. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin to learn more about each candidate. We will select five of the ten candidates to serve on the vestry, and **the election will take place electronically from January 18 to January 25**. If you are a confirmed member of the Cathedral or are otherwise eligible to vote, you will be emailed a link closer to the date. Contact Catherine Clark at [cclark@christcathedral.org](mailto:cclark@christcathedral.org) if you have questions about your eligibility.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST GARAGE PARKING NOTICE** As a reminder, when parking in the SBC garage, **you must exit through the same way you enter on 9th Avenue**. Exiting at any of the other exits prevents the gates from properly closing behind you. Please do **not** move the orange cones in order to exit from a different gate. Additionally, cars must be removed by 1:30 PM on Sundays before the gates lock again until Monday morning. Once our attendant leaves at 1:30 PM, you will be unable to access your car. For questions about parking, please email Leslie McGilberry at [lmcgilberry@christcathedral.org](mailto:lmcgilberry@christcathedral.org).

**YOUTH DISCOVERY WEEKEND REGISTRATION DEADLINE** Youth Discovery Weekend returns on Friday, January 16-Sunday, January 18! Come join us at the Cathedral over MLK weekend for a spiritual formation retreat (imagine all the goodness of summer camp crammed into a weekend!), open to all youth and friends in grades 6-12. The weekend will be filled with worship, service, small group discussion, and tons of fun. All youth are welcome no matter their level of prior involvement. Registration fee for the weekend is \$130, and scholarships are available if cost is a barrier. **Deadline for registration is THIS Wednesday, January 14.** Contact Director of Youth Ministries Emily Berry at [eberry@christcathedral.org](mailto:eberry@christcathedral.org) for more information!

**ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCH** All are welcome on Sunday, January 25 for our Annual Parish Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Lunch! After one service at 8:45 AM, we will start the meeting at 10:00 AM, where we will hear about the Cathedral's work in 2025 and receive updates from our Dean and Rector, Senior Warden, and Treasurer. A catered lunch in honor and recognition of all of our volunteers will follow the meeting. The meeting and lunch are open to all, so please join us!

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** Registration for the 2026 Women's Retreat is happening now—and Friday night is sold out, but **there are still a limited number of spots for Saturday night** (and plenty of room for those who wish to attend as a day trip only). To get more details and register, visit the Events page at [www.christcathedral.org](http://www.christcathedral.org).

**NAME TAGS FOR THE NEW YEAR** Make your new year's resolution to wear a name tag on Sundays. All parishioners and regular attendees are invited to sign up—you can pick up your name tags when you enter the building on Sundays and drop them off in the baskets provided as you leave, and we will store them for you on our name tag boards. To request your name tag, please complete the form by scanning the QR code here. We look forward to getting to know you better!



### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Theology on Tap**—Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 PM

**EFM Community Gathering**—Saturday, January 31, 9:30 AM

**Happy Dog Duo Cathedral Arts Concert**—Sunday, February 1, 3:30 PM

**Cathedral Arts Icon Retreat** — Monday, February 23 - Friday, February 27

### **Parking Information**

On Sundays, please reserve the spots in the lot adjacent to the Cathedral for those with limited mobility. The Southern Baptist garage is free on Sunday mornings until 1:30 PM (no green parking tag required), and the Tempo Hotel garage is free all day on Sundays and for any church events (green parking tag required). For more parking information, please email [info@christcathedral.org](mailto:info@christcathedral.org).

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CELEBRANT AND PREACHER  
The Very Reverend Serena Sides, *Dean and Rector*

SACRISTAN  
Perry Macdonald

USHER  
Joe Schipani

*Names and contact information for the Cathedral staff  
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### CATHEDRAL VESTRY

**2026**

Billy Ballard  
Christina Isbell  
Donald McKenzie  
David Morton  
Sarah Tally (*Senior Warden*)

**2027**

Susan Barge  
Sam Bessey (*Junior Warden*)  
Ellie Teal Gardner  
Anna Grimes  
David Paine

**2028**

Maura Black Sullivan  
Lawrence Blank-Cook  
Deaver Collins  
Gina Lodge  
Keith Simmons

Ellen Wright (*Clerk*)  
Dale Maxfield (*Treasurer*)

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