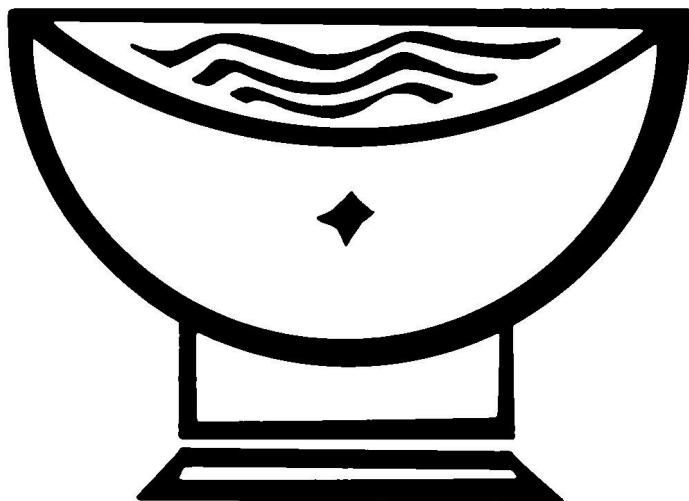


CHRIST CHURCH of Exeter



Live
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Connect
with God and one another

Serve
the local and global community

First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 11, 2026
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Christ Church: If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out the welcome cards in the pews and hand it to a member of the clergy after the service. Books and resources for children are located on the table near the side left door. Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort. Sunday School is offered today at 9:45 a.m. Nursery care is available during the 10:00 a.m. service.

The Holy Eucharist

[10:00 a.m. service]

Prelude

Allegretto from Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

¶ *All stand, as they are able, as the clergy enter or the bell tolls.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Processional Hymn 135

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider and People: 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.

[10:00 a.m. service] **Glory to God**

Choir sings through once and then the congregation repeats

The musical score consists of five staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are integrated with the chords:

- Staff 1: C, Dm, G, C, F, G. Great are you, Lord: you are ho-ly and just; by your pow-er we trust in your
- Staff 2: F, C, C, Dm, G, C. love. Great are you, Lord: you are faith-ful and true; by your
- Staff 3: F, G, F, C, B♭. mer - cy you prove you are love. Great are you, Lord, and
- Staff 4: F, C, B♭, G, C. wor-thy of glo - ry! Great are you, Lord, and wor-thy of praise.
- Staff 5: B♭, D, G, E, A. Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
- Staff 6: Dm, G, Am, Am/G, Dm, G, C. great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

Text and Music: Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed 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 you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

¶ *The people sit.*

The First Reading

Reader A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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

Isaiah 42:1-9

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (read responsively by verse)

- 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 Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Sequence Hymn 533 How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise!

Lyons

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

¶ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Pendleton

✠ A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (said together)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: BCP pg. 383, Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Rob, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town of Exeter and the Seacoast region, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and the suffering. We pray for Susie, Jeff, Kathy, Rick, Sue.

Silence

Please add those names either silently or aloud for whom you are praying.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed.

Silence

For Marion Vanderslice, who was buried from this church yesterday.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation. Let us pray for the people of our companion parish in Cádenas, Cuba and members of the Episcopal Church throughout the

island. During these uncertain times, may God grant them food for each day and a future of hope and true freedom.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Presider: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

⌘ *The confession of sin is omitted on this Feast Day.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

⌘ *The people greet one another in the name of the Lord. The Peace may be expressed by shaking hands, bowing, "fist or elbow bumps", namaste greeting, putting hand over heart, waving, making the peace sign, and by offering a smile.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

[8:00 a.m. service at the Presentation of the Gifts]

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Anthem

Crashing Waters at Creation

arr. C. Drellich

⌘ *The people stand for the hymn as they are able.*

[10:00 a.m. service]

Offertory Hymn 120

The Sinless One to Jordan Came

Solemnis haec festivitas

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B Pg. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

[8:00 a.m.] *Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[10:00 a.m. service] **Holy, holy, holy Lord - S 127**

Setting: Calvin Hampton

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical lines. The music is in G clef, 4/4 time, and features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Presider then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

℣ A period of silence is kept.

[8:00 a.m. service]

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

[10:00 a.m. service] **(WLP 873) Fraction Anthem: Those Who Eat My Flesh**

Setting: Carl Haywood

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Instructions Concerning Communion and Healing

You are invited to receive Holy Communion. Following the usher's instructions, we begin with those seated in the side sections, starting with the front pews. Please go to the back of the church and proceed down the center aisle to the communion rail. Return to your seat using the outside aisles of those sections. Those seated in the center sections, please come forward beginning with the back pews using the center aisle and return using the diagonal aisles.

Communion may be received kneeling or standing at the altar rails. The bread is received in the open palm. (Gluten-free wafers are available). You may drink from the cup, or place your hand on the base as a sign of devotion. Intinction, dipping the wafer into the wine, is also acceptable. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion can also be brought to you in the pews. Please communicate this request to an usher or the clergy. The Healing team is available to offer healing prayers at the side of the church. Please tell your healing minister if you have a specific prayer need and if you would like a laying on of hands, just prayers or both.

[10:00 a.m. service]

Communion Hymn

Take Me to the Water

Arr. © 1992 Horace Clarence Boyer

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 12/8 time, treble, bass, and alto. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the
2. None but the right - eous, none but the
3. I love Je sus, I love
4. He's my Sav ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -
2. right - eous, none but the right -
3. Je sus, I love Je -
4. Sav ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.
2. eous shall see I God.
3. sus, oh yes, I do.
4. ior, oh yes, He is.

Post-Communion Prayer

✠ *The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

[10:00 a.m. service]

Recessional Hymn 121 Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized

Caithness

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

[10:00 a.m. service]

Postlude *Allegro con brio from Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn

*The worship is over * The service begins*

Participating in Today's Liturgy:

Preacher/Presider: The Rev. Mark Pendleton

Lector at 8:00 a.m.:

Lector at 10:00 a.m.: Lucia Savage

Intercessor at 10:00 a.m.: Nancy Fleming

Eucharistic Minister at 8:00 a.m.: Sue Ingram

Eucharistic Minister at 10:00 a.m.: Robin Yergeau, Nancy Fleming

Welcome Team/Usher: Elaine Portalupi, Elizabeth Bauman

Live Streaming Tech: Nick Castillo

Altar Guild: Sue Ingram, Shannon Tosatti, Judy Blaisdell

Flower Delivery: Juliette Gavin

Hospitality: Mary Webber, Adrienne Spear

Please join us for our next **Red Door Forum** on **January 18: Strengthening our Faith Through Service**. We'll hear a panel discussion from church members and leadership who are involved with different forms of service work. How does faith shape the way that they serve? And how has service informed their faith? Join us following the 10 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

2026 Pledge Update: To date we have received pledges from 141 households for \$404,175 to support the 2026 operating budget. Thank you! 59% are new or increased from last year.

The Annual Meeting of Christ Church of Exeter will take place on **Sunday, January 25** at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will receive a financial report of the parish and elect officers and vestry members. The Men's Group will be providing a cooked breakfast/brunch, with desserts provided by the Hospitality Committee. To make it easier for families with young children to attend, extended childcare will be provided in the nursery, and kids age 4 and older are welcome to join Katie Mize in the Dodd Room for a movie.

To make a donation, you are welcome to use this QR code from your smartphone.



This week at Christ Church
January 11-17

Sunday	PSP Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Bible Study 11:00 a.m. PSP Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	PSP Rehearsal 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

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