



## CHRISTMAS LESSONS *and* CAROLS

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The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 27, 2020



# Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to your Spiritual Home! We invite you to prepare for worship with prayer, quiet, and meditation before the service. *Please refrain from loud conversation, and please silence all electronic devices.* Direct broadcast to hearing aid devices is available.

Special greetings to our Visitors! We want your experience to be as enjoyable as possible. If you have questions, please speak to one of our Greeters, or any member of the Clergy. Visit our website, or contact us at [Visitor@ChristChurchCharlotte.org](mailto:Visitor@ChristChurchCharlotte.org).

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Hymnals found in your pew rack. Text in **bold italics** is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in *regular italics* provides directions or details.

**Prelude**, Symphonie de Noel, Michel Corrette  
"Winter" from the Four Seasons

Antonio Vivaldi  
North Carolina Baroque Orchestra

**Hymn 107**, Good Christian friends rejoice

*In dulci jubilo*  
NC Baroque Orchestra, Robert & Caitlin Jones

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## Bidding Prayer

The Reverend Emily Parker

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, who hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## The Lesson, Luke 2:1-20

Lila Brown

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## The Christmas Prayers of the People

Emily Alford and Cole Skinner

Reader: O God, we give thanks for the angel's message of joy for all people.

**People: Make us messengers of your love and peace.**

Reader: We pray that, like Mary, we may have faith to answer yes to your call to ministry.

**People: Make us servants of your grace.**

Reader: We pray for those who are alone or lonely and those who grieve an empty cradle or chair at the table.

**People: May they be comforted by the presence of Christ in their lives.**

Reader: We pray for those who are poor, hungry, homeless, sick, and suffering.

**People: Make us generous innkeepers who share all we have with them.**

Reader: We pray that you will guide us to Jesus to whom we may offer our gifts.

**People: Help us to seek and worship only you.**

Reader: We join the chorus of heavenly angels rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.

**People: Glory to God in heaven and peace to all on earth. Amen.**

*Celebrant says the parish intercessions and this concluding collect;*

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold thy Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem, Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

*Es ist ein Ros*  
NC Baroque Orchestra & Julia Woodward

The Lord's Prayer, BCP 364

The Reverend Joan Kilian

*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 Blessing

The Reverend Joan Kilian

The Dismissal

The Reverend Joan Kilian

*The priest says a dismissal.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 100, Joy to the World

*Antioch*  
NC Baroque Orchestra & Lamar Davis

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far - as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

**Postlude**, Symphonie in G minor (Les Sauvages)

Michel Corrette  
NC Baroque Orchestra

### Intercessions

**The Church** – Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement

**People of Other Religions** – Prayers for the people of all world religions, that we might share a spirit of respect, understanding and cooperation for the welfare and peace of the world

**Leaders of All Nations** – Donald, our President; Roy, our Governor; Vi, our Mayor; the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority

**Those in Harm's Way** – U.S. Military; First Responders; and for those affected by natural disasters, acts of violence and the coronavirus

**Our Community Partners in Mission and Outreach** – especially Thistle Farms

**The sick in body, mind, or spirit** – Heather Mansson, Jenny Cianciola, José María Costa, Olivia Hufham, Parker Mansson, Betty Malloy, Joyce Jones, Bob Dowling, Molly Snyder, Katie Elsasser, Beth Bauman, Donna Evans, Paul Sturtz, Naomi Alexander Stevenson, Peter Bragdon, Libba Eleazer, Mary Criswell, Benjamin Poole, Joe Lawton, Hilary Hamilton, Gray Austin, Joe Motto, Arthur Middleton, Philip Hammond, Reuben Hufham, Johnsie Canny, Wally Brown, Lillie Cowan, Peter Schreiner and James Daniel Johnson III.

**For those who long to have children and for the expectant mothers in our parish** – Emily French, Meghan Tcherkezian, Emily Adair, Julia Gray Farber, Bella Anderson, Molly Nielsen, Rebecca McAdams Smith, Grace Wynn, Elizabeth McMurray, Stuart Aurre, Carol Bledsoe Jones, Bethany Swift, Baxter Close Petrone, Abby Leonard, Emma Gwin, Martha Bonner, Brantley Templeton, Bailey Crosby and Joan Patrick

**Birth** – Emma Lucille Groner, daughter of Christine and TJ Groner



## LOVE GOD

**Order Sunday School Materials to Use at Home** - Register to receive Children's Sunday School materials for January, to be used with your children at home on your own schedule. Material will be available to pick up from the Rotunda porch and will cover lessons on The Lord's Prayer for four Sundays, January 10 - 31. Order yours through January 27 at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/sundayschool](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/sundayschool).

**Christian Essentials January Groups** - Christian Essentials is an innovative ministry that invites participants to explore, grow, and deepen their faith and life with God. This holistic experience covers 15 essential topics for living a Christ-centered life. Small groups form throughout the year and are led by trained facilitators. Two groups will meet via Zoom on Mondays weekly beginning January 25, at 10 - 11:30 am (Group #19 led by Tere Ey and Chris Martin) and 1 - 2:30 pm (Group #18 led by Grace Fogg and Kaky Cassada). All adults are invited to participate in this journey of faith. Find details and register at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/christian-essentials](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/christian-essentials).

**Adult Confirmation Class** - This ten-week class, beginning February 21 and led by Christ Church clergy, explores the basics of Christianity: God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the sacraments, the Bible, The Book of Common Prayer, history of the Christian Church; and it also addresses the way the Episcopal Church lives out that basic faith through worship, Bible study, and service to others. The class will meet for ten Sundays, 10 - 10:55 am via Zoom or at the Church, depending on the local health restrictions. Please register at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes).

**Youth Confirmation** - We are excited about our upcoming Confirmation process that will begin in January 2021! If your 8th grader is interested in being confirmed, please contact Maggie Baker at [bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org) to learn more about the process and to register. Registration can also be found on the website.

**School of Faith** - Did you know you can watch or listen to past School of Faith programs any time? We invite you to browse the School of Faith media library at [www.schooloffaith.church](http://www.schooloffaith.church) or on the Christ Church app for a wealth of resources, from Bible studies to wellness information to meaningful conversations about important and timely topics.

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## CARE FOR EACH OTHER

**Parent Devotions Booklet** - We are looking for stories of hope and joy to create a parent devotion booklet that will be distributed in the winter of 2021. Are you willing to write a devotion or share a story of hope and joy? We would love to hear from you! Please email Lindsay Masi at [masil@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:masil@christchurchcharlotte.org) to let her know of your willingness to be involved.

**Milkshake Mondays for Middle Schoolers** - Whip up a milkshake and come shake it up with us on Zoom as we learn about some of the Bible's movers and shakers! On Mondays at 7 pm in January, each week we will take a look at a different Biblical character or person of faith who really shook things up. For more information, contact Maggie Baker at [bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org).

### *Christmas Offerings*

Our Christmas offerings will support these two organizations:

**Episcopal Relief & Development: One Thousand Days of Love** is a \$3 million grassroots Church-wide fundraising campaign dedicated to expanding the organization's global programs to improve the lives of children up to age six. ERD invites individuals, congregations, and dioceses to join the campaign by engaging in acts of love of their own.

**Heal Charlotte** was formed in response to 2017 protests and riots in Charlotte. Serving as a bridge between citizens and their city officials, founder Greg Jackson wanted to address the real issues that have been swept under the rug of the city for years. Along with Antuan Smith, they have brought the community together through countless events, starting the #HCDAYOUTHCAMP and training over 80 officers of the CMPD for the new Constructive Conversational Team.

We invite you to give generously by check, text, online, or the Christ Church Charlotte app.

**Envisioning a New Way of Being: A Vision Board Workshop** - Join Makeda Pennycooke on January 16, 10 am - 2 pm, for this workshop to explore how we can intentionally make 2021 different, as we seek the Divine presence in the midst of the unknown. Learn how this simple tool can support your current spiritual practices in uncovering God's plan for you. You'll come away with a vision board that will inspire and motivate you towards living your best life. Space is limited; register now (\$30, includes materials) at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vision-board](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/vision-board).

**Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten** - Registration for the 2021-2022 school year will begin on January 4 and run through January 25 at Noon. Registration Information is available on CCK Website and applications can be submitted anytime during the registration window. For questions about registration, contact Meredith Sorrell, Interim Head of School or Mary Caroline Lee, Interim Assistant Head of School. Although we are unable to give in-person tours at this time, invite you to join us for our Virtual Tours.

**Introduction to the Enneagram: A Spiritual Journey** - Are you curious about the Enneagram? On Thursdays, January 14 - 28, 7:30 - 8:30 pm via Zoom, Jenny Beaumont will lead an introductory class on the Enneagram as a spiritual tool for personal transformation. You'll learn how to use the Enneagram as a map to understand people, habits, needs, and motivations. Jenny is a trained Enneagram teacher and certified Deep Coaching Enneagram Coach. Register (\$25) at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/adult-classes).

**Mindful Mondays** - Start your week off with mindful meditation practices. Join us as we set our intentions for the week, engage in mindful practices, and close with a devotion. We hope to see you there. Mindful Mondays are available most Mondays from 9:00-9:30 via Zoom. For more information, email Mollee Reitz at [reitzm@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:reitzm@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**GoodNews Shop Annual Winter Sale** continues December 28 – 30, with all Christmas items 50% off and remaining store merchandise on sale at 30% off. We are open by appointment 9 am - 4 pm. Contact us to schedule your appointment at 704-372-5906 or [gns@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:gns@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**The Space Between Us** - Inspired communication is about awareness, attitude, powerful listening, and a desire to strengthen bonds and extend grace. You are invited to develop this life-giving skill in a three-day experience that will transform the way you communicate at home, at work, and in the world. These sessions, led by Alice deVries and Makeda Pennycooke, will be held at the Church or via Zoom (TBD), 9 am - 3:30 pm. Learn more and register now to participate in one of these upcoming classes: February 2 – 4, March 16 – 18, or April 20 – 22.

**Food to Go Returns in January** - Stock up on easy meals pre-ordered from our fabulous Chef Mary. Place your order by Monday, January 4 at 4:30 pm; pick up and pay (check preferred) in the Church Circle on Thursday, January 7, 11 am - 1 pm. You can find the weekly menu and order form posted at [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kitchen](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/kitchen).

**Middle School EYC** - Middle School students are invited to register to meet virtually via Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. The registration can be found on the website. Contact Maggie Baker at [bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:bakerm@christchurchcharlotte.org) with questions.

**High School Life Group** - High School students are invited to weekly Life Group on Wednesdays from 7 – 8 pm. We will post the details for High School Life Group on GroupMe. If your high school student isn't currently part of GroupMe, but wants to connect with us, please contact Alice deVries at [devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:devriesa@christchurchcharlotte.org). We will need their name and phone number.


**Yoga for the Spirit on Sundays at 4 pm** continues via Zoom so you can practice at home. All are welcome, regardless of limitations. Email Joyce Cmiel at [joycecmiel@aol.com](mailto:joycecmiel@aol.com) for an invitation to the Zoom class.

**Because We Care** - We know that many people could use some help right now. If you need assistance, or if you can offer assistance, please email us at [care@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:care@christchurchcharlotte.org) and let us know what you need or how you can help.

## WAYS TO GIVE

**Your Generosity Makes a Difference**  
 Our spiritual home will continue to be the church throughout this time of crisis. Your ongoing financial support is critical. Please consider giving to Christ Church during worship services or any time.

Visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/offering](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/offering) for details about Text2Give, new in-app giving, and other giving options.



**The Christ Church Charlotte App** - The Christ Church app is available to download for Apple and Android. Stay connected to your spiritual home through your phone or tablet any time. With the Christ Church app, you can access our new School of Faith, watch videos live or later, listen to podcasts, read the Bible and weekly eDevotions, and more! Go to [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/app](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/app) for more information and download links. We can't wait to connect with you in this way!

**Are You Receiving Christ Church Emails?** We want to stay in touch with you during these uncertain times. If you are not receiving emails or you would like to update your contact information, please go to the Spiritual Home Update page or [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/contact-info](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/contact-info) to submit your contact information.

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## SERVE THE WORLD

**Episcopal Relief & Development** - As so much of our country is being ravaged by hurricanes and wild fires, please consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development to support relief efforts. For more information and to donate visit [www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org/outreach).

*The Church and church offices will be closed on  
Friday, January 1*

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