



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 31, 2017

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II

Book of Common Prayer p.75

Opening Sentence

Officiant Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

Confession of Sin *kneeling* (p. 79)

Officiant Lord, open our lips. (p. 80)

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate (p. 82)

Psalm 147 *See scripture insert*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 62:10-62:3 *See scripture insert*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah (p. 86)

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 *See scripture insert*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary (p. 91)

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18

Officiant The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Mrs. Brill

A moment of silence is observed.

The Apostles' Creed *standing* (p. 96)

Greeting and Announcements *seated*
Offertory Sentence

At The Presentation Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3) *standing*
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE PRAYERS *standing or kneeling* (p. 97)

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (pg. 97)

Suffrages A (pg. 97)

The Collect of the Day *See scripture insert*

Selected Collects and Prayer for Mission (pp. 98-101)

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Jackie and Bobby Lane, Mary Lee, and Tom, Marigene, Sean & Matt Little.

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: our church members Polly Davies, Horace Higgins, Valerie Jones, Barbara Ragsdale, and Daphne Spurlock. as well as our relatives and friends Elise Bethell, Shannon Farthing, Selena McColley, Tommy Parson, Mark Richards, Edward Roberts, Dana Watkins Spiers, and Renee Williamson.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. Thomas F. Van Keuren and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Roper, Jr., by their family.

I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. *(pause)*

Let us pray together our prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search;

Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving (p. 101)

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Romans 15:13



10:30 a.m. Festival of Christmas
Lessons and Carols

Prelude *Noel for the Flutes*

Daquin

At the tolling of the bell, please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN 102 *Once in royal David's city*

Irby

After the solo first verse, please join the choir in singing the hymn at the second verse.

BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: May 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.**

A moment of silence will be observed after each reading.

Please remain seated to sing the carol.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:1-15

Samantha Ellis

HYMN 82 *Of the Father's love begotten*

Divinum mysterium

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-10

Nancy Furr

HYMN 81 *Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Es ist ein ros

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-15

Valerie Jeter

What is this lovely fragrance wafting

French Carol, arr. Neil Jenkins

Laraine Smith, Soprano

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 1:5-25

Tom Little

HYMN 265 *The angel Gabriel*

Gabriel's Message

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

Missy Gates

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

French Carol, arr. Wood

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1:39-56

Katie Richardson

HYMN 87 *Hark! the herald angels sing*

Mendelssohn

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 1:57-80

Ted Simpson

HYMN 107 *Good Christian friends, rejoice*

In dulci jubilo

EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-20

Andy Gates

HYMN 109 *The first Nowell*

The First Nowell, arr. Willcocks

NINTH LESSON: Luke 2:21-40

Maureen McClure

HYMN 92 *On this day earth shall ring*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY *Sussex Carol*

English traditional carol, arr. Willcocks

AT THE PRESENTATION HYMN 115 *What child is this? (vs. 3)*

Greensleeves

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

KNEELING HYMN 101 *Away in a manger* Cradle Song

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia, Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100 *Joy to the World* Antioch

DISMISSAL

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *In dulci jubilo* J. S. Bach

Lay Readers: 8:00 a.m. Kemper Brinkley Ushers: Kathy Talmage and Ann Riggs Audio: Jeff Geisz

WELCOME VISITORS We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collections plate. Everyone is invited to Lackey Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE CHURCH OFFICE will remain closed through Monday, January 1.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK will be Wednesday, January 3, at 6:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer following at 7 p.m.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are in Lackey Hall.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN will resume next Sunday, January 7 at 9:30 a.m. for adults and youth. Topic: *Our Presiding Bishop and the Jesus Movement*. Children 3-11 will meet downstairs during the 10:30 worship hour and then join the service during The Peace.

UPCOMING EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN EVENTS

ECW Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 3, at 10:00 A.M.

ECW Sunday, January 7

ECW Annual Luncheon and Meeting – Monday, January 15, at Noon, with guest speaker, Gini DiStanislao.

TRI-CITIES BAND CONCERT will be held in Lackey Hall on Sunday afternoon, January 28 at 3:00 p.m.

ANNE RUSMISELL BOOK SALE will begin on Sunday, February 18 and continue throughout the season of Lent. Please begin bringing in your used books, CD's, games, historical, biographical and children's books and place in the back room of Lackey Hall. (Please do not bring Reader's Digest or text books.) The ECW contributes all proceeds to the Church Periodical Club.

<u>Calendar for the Week</u>	
Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	7:00 pm Bell Choir
Wednesday	6:00 pm Potluck Supper 7:00 pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	7:00 pm Adult Choir AA Meeting