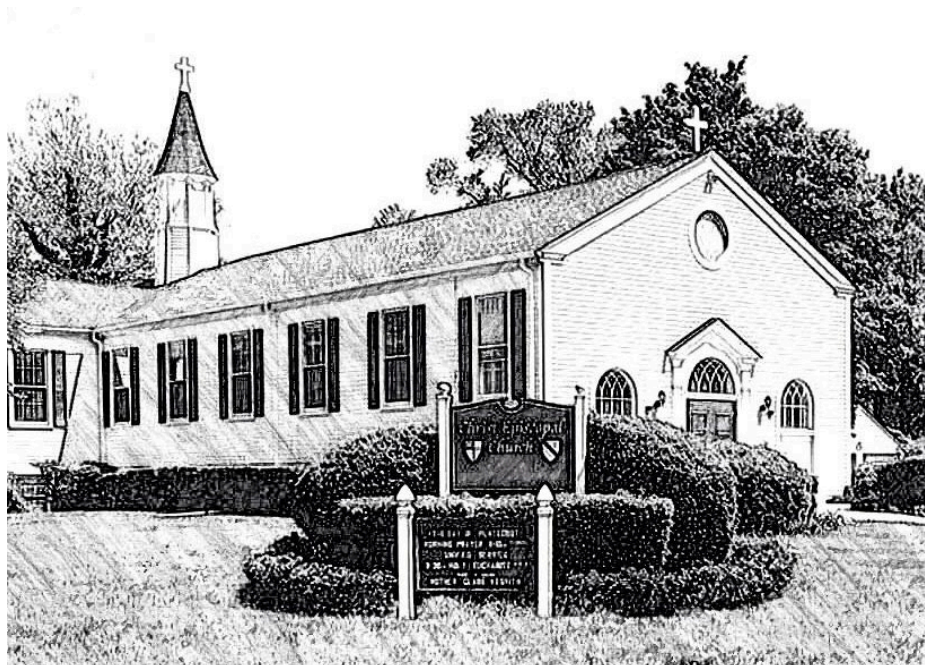


Christ Episcopal Church



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany and Annual Meeting January 22, 2023

*Held in the hands of God...
Reaching out our hands to others*

12 Prospect Street
Babylon, New York

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany and Annual Meeting

Year A

January 22, 2023

Book of Common Prayer, page 323

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

[We ask that during the service you mute all electronic devices]

Prelude

Announcements

Opening of the 2023 Annual Meeting

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

BCP p 355

Gloria *All glory be to God on high*

service music in pew

The Collect of the Day

see insert

First Lesson *Isaiah 9:1-4*

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

see following pages

Second Lesson *1st Corinthians 1:10-18*

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 536, v 1-2

Open your ears, O faithful people

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 4:12-23*

Sermon

Mother Clare

Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

The Prayers of the People *Response Lord, have mercy*

Confession & Absolution

BCP p 360

The Peace

BCP p 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn *see music insert*
Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee

Offertory Response *Doxology* Hymnal 380, v3

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p 369

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* *service music in pew*

The Lord's Prayer BCP p 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem *Jesus, Lamb of God* *service music in pew*

Communion Hymn Hymnal 304
I come with joy to meet my Lord

Post Communion Prayer BCP p 365

Epiphany Blessing

Announcements, Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Recessional Hymn Hymnal 539

Dismissal

Postlude

Immediately following this morning's worship service, the 2023 Annual Meeting of Christ Church continues in our Community Room. Please join us for coffee and a continental breakfast, after which we will resume the business portion of the gathering today.

Christ Church's Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

Readings for Third Sunday after the Epiphany

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall
keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his
dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his
dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the
Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord,
when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say,
"Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in
displeasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my
salvation.

The Epistle: 1st Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Prayer List for Sunday, January 22, 2023

Let us offer prayers of healing, comfort and strength

Bill D., Bob C., Bob N., Bonnie H., Deb, Karen, Lydia, Mama Clare, Nora, Phil B., Ronnie, Sandy M., Wayne, Sr. Joy, Lorraine, Lou-Ann, Michelle, Brianna and family, Robin, Audrey, Lillian, Carol, Dottie Z, Chris, John, Joseph, Joanne, Alison, Ashtyn & Billy, Cindy, Edwin, Andrea, Lisa, Mthr. Sonia Waters, Mthr. Abby Murphy

We continue our prayers for all across the United States and the globe suffering from Covid-19, and those who are suffering from long Covid.

We pray for all who are struggling economically during this time, for those who are unemployed and under-employed, those searching for employment, those who are hungry and food insecure, and those who are homeless or fear eviction or foreclosure.

Let us offer prayers of thanksgiving

We give thanks for and pray for all those involved in feeding ministries and homeless ministries, especially for our Nourish Babylon volunteers and for all who have generously shared of their abundance with families and children in need through the Giving Tree.

Let us celebrate and pray for those celebrating birthdays

Gus Fishel, Nora Seplavy, Talia Taormina

Let us pray for those who have died

We pray for the repose of the soul of Joanne Dahl. We remember all those in whose memory Christmas flowers and greenery have been given, those who have died in the latest winter storms, all who have died as a result of gun violence and racial violence, and all who have died in the war in Ukraine.

Announcements



Souper Bowl Sunday

Help us tackle hunger! We will be collecting cans of soup (and other non-perishable food items) until February 12th. Donations will go to stocking shelves at local food pantries.

tacklehunger.org



150+ Capital Campaign Celebration!

Change of date! Friday, February 10, at 6:30pm

we will hold our final celebration of our 150+ Capital Campaign. We have so much to celebrate! So, be sure and put the date on your calendar and join us that evening!

Annual Meeting of Christ Church Babylon

The Annual Meeting is being held today, immediately following the unified service at 9:00 a.m.

Youth Ministry Committee – Next Sunday, January 29

Volunteers are needed to form a Youth Ministry Committee. The first meeting of this committee will be on Sunday, January 29, 2023, immediately following the 10 am service in the Sunday School room. This meeting will serve to evaluate how much interest there is in having a youth ministry at Christ Church. This committee will be responsible for guiding the formation of a youth group and/or organizing events for the youth at Christ Church. Please let Michael Vazzano know if you would like to be a member of the Youth Ministry Committee. If you are not able to serve as a committee member but have children in grades 6 through 12 that you would like to be a part of the Youth Ministry, it is important to let him know that as well. Michael Vazzano can be contacted by email at MichaelVazzano@gmail.com



Teaching
is a work of
heart.

Pride and Joy Childcare

We are pleased to announce that Pride and Joy Childcare are now enrolling for their third location here in the lower level of Christ Church! They offer a full day program for Toddlers and PreK, including nutritious breakfast and snacks. The program is a research-based curriculum and focuses on hands-on learning experience.

Call or email to schedule a tour:

631-620-3002 / prideandjoybabylon@gmail.com

Digital Giving Options

Scan this QR code to access our online giving site:



Scan this QR code to learn more about stewardship and fill out an online pledge card:



All Are Welcome

Christ Episcopal Church of Babylon represents and celebrates the diversity that is Long Island. We welcome everyone and believe that there should be no outcasts in the Episcopal Church. Our welcome knows no boundaries of marital status, age, race, ethnicity, cultural or religious background, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic condition, and physical or mental ability. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, there is a place for you at Christ Episcopal Church.

This is God's House...

and we are blessed by the gift of your presence with us. In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please let the priest know by crossing your arms in front of your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask at the communion rail.

Handicapped Accessibility

Our building is equipped with a lift located in the Sanctuary Annex, and a handicapped bathroom located on the lower level. For full access of the building both upstairs and downstairs, please ask a Greeter for assistance.

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Healing Service, 3rd Sundays following the Eucharist
The 10:00 a.m. service is also livestreamed
In-person Sunday School is suspended for the present time.

Church Officers and Vestry

Diane Gaidon, Warden (2024)

Michelle Taormina, Treasurer

Annette Lepsis, Clerk

Jackie Barnes (2025)

Vikki Boning (2024)

Marianne O'Connor (2023)

Annette Lepsis (2025)

Kathy Hannan (2024)

Lynn Simmons (2023)

Vera Langstone (2024)

Blosome Whyte (2023)

Clergy and Staff

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano, Bishop of Long Island

The Very Rev. E. Clare Nesmith, Rector

Dr. Christopher Hopkins, Minister of Music

Ms. Marie Rivera, Parish Administrator

Parish Office Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
and by appointment

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