Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn

Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn,
celebrating 159 years of service and worship in Dearborn, MI.

Christ Episcopal Church Dearborn is a welcoming and inclusive community that nurtures relationships with one another through worship, fellowship, and love for all. Following the example of Jesus Christ, we seek to live a faith-centered life by embracing and serving our broader, diverse community.

Advent
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
According to the Book of Common Prayer

Our worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

About this Season

In the Episcopal Church, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. The name of the four-Sunday Season originates from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "to approach." During Advent, Christians joyfully await the coming of Jesus, a celebration commemorated on the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, also known as Christmas Day. The season is full of expectation and preparation, not only for Christ's incarnation, but also for his promised "second coming" in majesty.

Words of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader — O Faithful and loving God, we praise you for your tender compassion and give you thanks for you steadfast love for us and for all creation. Bless us as we light the Advent wreath. May its light strengthen us in the hope of Christ's coming among us, and may we live in joyful expectation of the day when all things will be made complete in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People — ***Amen.***

The Opening Acclamation — EOW p. 50

Celebrant — Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People — ***You come to your people and set them free.***

The Collect for Purity — BCP p. 355

All — ***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.***

Kyrie Eleison — BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day — See Insert

Please be seated.

The Lessons — Lessons are found in insert

1st Reading

The Psalm

2nd Reading

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed — BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Intercessor As the Church universal celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us lift up our prayers to God for the needs of all people everywhere. *Silence*
We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the Church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the strength to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of other. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for all who are in need, that they may know the healing power of Christ's love. We pray for all those who have been commended to our prayer, and especially those we now name before you,
See Insert
Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for this congregation, that we may put on the armor of light and share Christ's love in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray for the souls of the departed, that they may rest in God's eternal peace.
See Insert
Lord, in your mercy,

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you": Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

People ***Amen.***

The Confession of Sin — BCP p. 359

The Peace — BCP p. 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

- Please place your offering in one of the plates as it is passed. Ushers can assist you.
- You may also donate by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device or visit www.ChristChurchDearborn.org

THE HOLY COMMUNION — BCP p. 367
Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord's Prayer — BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread — BCP p. 364

The Communion of the People — BCP p. 364

Post Communion Prayer — BCP p. 366

Announcements

The Blessing

The Dismissal — BCP p. 366