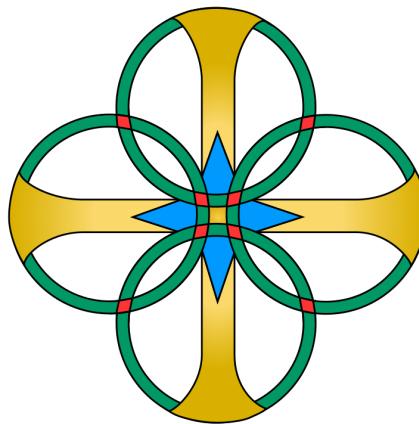


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

January 11, 2026
8:00am and
10:30am (Livestreamed on Facebook)



CHRIST CHURCH
The Episcopal Church of Norcross

We invite you to join as an active participant in the worship of God. The worship service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer (found in the pew racks) beginning on page 355. The scripture readings and the Prayers of the People are printed in the worship bulletin. Scripture texts are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. We use the red Book of Common Prayer, the blue 1982 Hymnal, and the Lift Every Voice & Sing II hymnal, all located in the pew racks.

In the time before our worship begins, please be mindful of those who need this time for quiet prayer and meditation.

Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly. May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.

The mission of Christ Church Episcopal is to live, love, and serve boldly together in the name of Jesus Christ.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude	<i>This is my father's world</i>	arr. Cindy Berry
Processional Hymn	<i>Salzburg</i> Songs of thankfulness and praise	Hymnal #135
Opening Acclamation		BCP p. 355
Collect for Purity		BCP p. 355
Song of Praise	<i>Glory to God</i>	Hymnal #S-280

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 42:1-9

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 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

Refrain



“Glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God!” Sing for - ev - er “Glo - ry to God!”

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of the Acts.

Acts 10:34-43

Then 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.

Sequence Hymn

McKee

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal #529

All remain standing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Then 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

The Rev. Edgar Otero

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p. 292

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant Through our baptism we are joined to Christ as God's beloved children. As sisters and brothers in the Spirit, let us call to God for the needs of the world and the church, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the victory of justice among the nations, and for the outpouring of the Spirit's gift of peace, we pray especially for Donald, our President, and Brian, our Governor, Nicole, our County Chair, and Craig, Mayor of the City of Norcross, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For the liberation of all oppressed and imprisoned, for the preaching of the liberating gospel, we pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop, Rob, our own bishop, Edgar & Dan, our clergy, and for reconciliation of all who oppress and persecute others, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For the healing of all who are gripped by despair and frustration, and for all who inspire them with hope and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all in this community to be alive to the call of their baptism, for the newly baptized, and for all who guide and teach along the way, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all in their illness look to us for strength and healing Christ, especially Brooks, Jack, Cathy, Marcia, Heather, John, Bob, Jenny, Debanhi, Judy & Richard, Fr. Edgar, Graham, Wes, Ron, Robert, Walt, and Mike, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For all who have died in the expectation of Christ's full victory in their life and death, especially Theresa Snyder Bernard, mother of Keith Bernard, Woodrow Francis, childhood friend of Myrna Campbell-Kelly, and Tina Rinaldi, sister-in-law of Lori Landis, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: For those who minister to others, especially the Neighborhood Cooperative Ministries, Rainbow Village, our Thrift Shop volunteers, our Stephen Ministers and those for whom they care, and for our Vestry, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For members of our parish that we pray for this day

Rann Warr;

Bonnie Watts;

Rick & Shelley Waxweiler;

Toni Weir;

and for those who serve in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Daniel, Andrew, and Mamie, let us pray to the Lord.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Leader: For the altar flowers given to the glory of God by Karen & Dale Swenson, in thanksgiving for Fr. Edgar Otero and Deacon Dan Burrows. Lord in your mercy.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Celebrant: Loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as your favor comes upon us, enlighten us to see those who search for the victory of your love. Make of us your gracious servants, that the world may rest in your peace and sing your praises with full hearts and voices, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one God, this day and forever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Absolution

BCP p. 360

Peace

BCP p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

Mission of Mercy Recipient

The Mission of Mercy recipient for January is the Church of the Common Ground.

Blessings of Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

E-Giving QR Code—>



THE HOLY COMMUNION

As we prepare for Holy Communion let us listen attentively with an open heart to the music of the anthem.

*We have gluten free communion wafers available for anyone who requests them.
Please ask the priest for them when you are at the Altar rail.*

Offertory Anthem	<i>Star of the East</i>	arr. Alan Bullard
<i>Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.</i>		
Presentation Hymn	<i>Caithness</i> Christ for when you were baptized	Hymnal #121
<i>The people remain standing.</i>		
Eucharistic Prayer B	Great Thanksgiving	BCP p. 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Hymnal # S-130
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ our Passover</i>	Hymnal #S-164
Invitation		BCP p. 364
Communion Hymn	<i>Take me to the water</i>	LEVAS II #134
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 366
Blessing		
<i>The priest blesses the people, saying</i>		
May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. <i>Amen.</i>		
May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. <i>Amen.</i>		
May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. <i>Amen.</i>		
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. <i>Amen.</i>		
Post Communion Hymn	<i>Deus Tuorum Militum</i> O love how deep, how broad, how high	Hymnal #448
Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude	<i>Jesus shall reign</i>	arr. Cindy Berry

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A Psalm of David. *The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,*

the world and those who dwell therein.

Psalm 24:1 [Stewardship Quote]

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Prayers for Members of Our Parish

Brooks Breedlove, Jack Brocksmith, Cathy Canfield, Marcia Curtis, Heather Emery, John Emery, Bob Haer, Jenny Ham, Debanhi Hernandez, Judy & Richard Moore, Fr. Edgar Otero, Graham Perrins, Wes Quesenberry, Ron Rice, Robert Richardson, Walt Thompson, and Mike Wood.

Prayers for the Repose of the Soul

Theresa Snyder Bernard, mother of Keith Bernard;
Woodrow Francis, childhood friend of Myrna Campbell-Kelly;
Tina Rinaldi, sister-in-law of Lori Landis.

Prayers for Members of our Military

Jeff Jennings, Daniel O'Keefe, Andrew Pridgen, and Mamie Pridgen.

Prayers for Friends and Family

Cody, Veniamin Batuev, Brad Burns, John Buchek, Sophia Crawford, Nick Forleades, Anna Foy, Richard Freeman, Ernesto González, Lauren Harding, Christopher Hutchinson, Amy Ladd, Debbie Lasko, Val McCall, Howard McNally, Kaye McRoberts, Riley Moore, Marty & Anne Nordland, Anita Oliver, Patty Peña, Woody Pickren, Bonnie Pitman, Mindy Post, Ann Pruitt, Frances Rich, Gary & Cindy Russell, Joe Spencer, Hillary Stewart, Andrew Thompson, and Peter Tzianabos.

Please call 770/447-1166 or e-mail the church office at office@ccnorcross.org to add or remove names from the prayer list.

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TIME SENSITIVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read *The Christ Church Chronicle* (CCC) at www.ccnorcross.org for detailed announcements.

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ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Join us Sunday, February 1, 2026, after the 10:30 service in Webster Hall for our annual Souper Bowl Event where parishioners face off with their best soup, chili, stew, or chowder recipes. We are looking for tasty entries - and you can sign up now using this link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A4AD2DA5FD0-47236162-stew> Want to taste them all? Judges pay just \$5 for all the delicious samples, and proceeds go to the church fund of the winner's choice. We also offer leftovers for \$5 while supplies last. Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun and tasty lunch.

TAMALES ON FEBRUARY 1, 2026

As it is a tradition, we will have Tamales after the 1:00pm service on Sunday, February 1, 2026. This is part of the tradition after getting a baby Jesus inside of the Rosca de Reyes (King's Cake) and to commemorate the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Mother.

STEWARDSHIP 2026—TELL OUT MY SOUL

If you have not had the opportunity to return your 2026 pledge card, we encourage you to do so soon and to consider how you will support the mission and ministry of Christ Church Episcopal in the year ahead. We have several ways to return your pledge cards: mail it through the U.S. Postal Service, hand deliver to the church office, drop it in the offering plate at any worship service, drop it in the small black box in the Narthex, or signup on line through the church website at this link: <https://www.ccnorcross.org/2026-estimate-of-giving/> Let's rejoice in all that God is doing here as we tell out our souls and continue building a vibrant, welcoming community of faith.

SEWING GUILD & SCOFFREY'S CHOCOLATE DISPLAYS

It's time to start thinking about New Years and Souper Bowl Sunday on February 1, 2026. The Sewing Guild has been busy making your favorite crafts. They can be purchased during the week, 10am until 4pm, and on Sundays from 8am until 2pm in Webster Hall, using the "honor system" for payment. The delicious handcrafted treats--made with the finest Swiss chocolate--from **Scoffrey's Chocolate** is set up next to the **Sewing Guild** table at the back of Webster Hall. 20% of all proceeds will be donated to Outreach at Christ Church.

So now you can take advantage and do your one-stop shopping side by side.

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Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, January 11, 2026

Celebrant.....	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon.....	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes.....	Afiong Ekong, Jodi Arminio, Kristie Bernard, McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild	Jodi Arminio, Lori Landis
AV Team	Brook Sizemore; Dwalu Tay
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenny Ham; Lori Landis, Angela Becker
Greeters	Carla Johnson
Lectors	Jenny Ham; Aqeela Ray
Ushers.....	Scott Gottuso, Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day.....	Afiong Ekong; Scott Bruce; Diane Lynch

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, January 18, 2026

Celebrant.....	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon.....	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes.....	McKenzie Wortman, Jodi Arminio
Altar Guild	Karyn Angstadt, Ange Justice
AV Team	TBD
Eucharistic Ministers:	Kathy Smith; Lori Landis
Greeters	TBD
Lectors	Kathy Smith; Ashley Boggs
Ushers.....	Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day.....	Janet Orr; Diane Cunningham (10:30am & 1pm)

Liturgical Participants for 8:00am and 10:30am on Sunday, January 25, 2026

Celebrant	The Rev. Edgar Otero
Deacon	The Rev. Daniel J. Burrows
Acolytes	McKenzie Wortman
Altar Guild	Carla Johnson, Ann Post
AV Team	TBD
Eucharistic Ministers:	Jenny Ham; Ann Post
Greeters	TBD
Lectors	Steve Smith; Myrna Campbell-Kelly
Ushers	Carla Johnson, Stephanie Usher
Vestry of the Day	TBD

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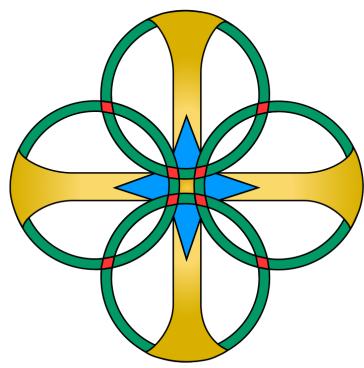
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