

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Second Sunday After Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude		
Announcements		Dick Young
Processional	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	Attached
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria	<i>Glory to God</i>	S-278
The Collect of the Day		Attached
First Reading	Jeremiah 31: 7-14	Attached
Psalm	Psalm 84	Attached

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen**

Second Reading	Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-19a	Attached
Gospel Hymn	<i>Glorify Thy Name</i>	Attached
Gospel	Luke 2: 14-52	Attached
Sermon		The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Nicene Creed		BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III		Attached
Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP-360
Birthdays/Anniversaries/Blessings		BCP Inside Cover
Travel Blessings		BCP 831

Offertory

Offertory Sentence		BCP 376
Offertory Anthem	<i>Think of Me and Remember by Joel Raneu</i>	
Doxology	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	H-380, v. 3

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	S-129
The Lord's Prayer	<i>Our Father</i>	Hymnal Inside Front Cover
Fraction Anthem	<i>Christ Our Passover</i>	S-155
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364

The Invitation & Distribution

Communion Hymn	<i>Taste and See</i>	W-764
Post Communion Prayer		BCP-498
The Blessing		Celebrant's Choice
Dismissal Hymn	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name</i>	H-450, Vs 1, 2, 3
Dismissal Acclamation		BCP 366

Collect of the Day

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Psalm
Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
 **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my
flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young; *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
 they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
 whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
 for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
 and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
 hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
 and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- [9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
 **and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents
of the wicked.**
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
 he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
 from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
 happy are they who put their trust in you!]

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

The Epistle
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in

Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:41-52

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Prayers of the People

Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: **That we all may be one.**
Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**
Lector: We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer, our Bishop, Gerardo, our Rector and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: **For all who serve God in his Church**
Lector: Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in our military, serving at home and abroad, including the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, Space Force, and Merchant Marines. We pray specifically for Matt, Zach, Christopher, and Tierra.
People: **Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; grant them a sense of your added presence wherever they may be.**
Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**
Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**
Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**
Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest.
People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**
Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**
Lector: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant & People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Shine, Jesus Shine

♩ = 94

Graham Kendrick

Voice

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, In the midst of the
 2. Lord, I come in Your awe-some pres - ence, from the sha-dows in-
 3. As we gaze on Your kind- ly bright - ness, So our fac- Es dis-

Vo.

dark-ness shin - ing; Je- sus, Light of the world shine up- on - us,
 to Your rad - iance; By the blood I may en- ter Your bright- - ness;
 play Your like - ness; Ev- er chang-ing from glo- ry to glo - ry,

Vo.

set us free by the truth You now bring - us; Shine on - me.
 Search me, try me, con- sume all my dark - ness; Shine on - me.
 Mirror-ed here may our lives tell Your sto - ry; Shine on - me.

Vo.

Refrain

Shine on - me. Shine, Je- sus shine, fill this
 Shine on - me. Flow riv- er flow, flood the
 Shine on - me.

Vo.

land_ with the Fa- ther's glo- ry; Blaze, Spir- it blaze, set our
 na- tions with grace and mer- cy; Send forth Your word, Lord and

Vo.

1. *f* hearts on fire 2. let there be light. D.S.

GLORIFY THY NAME

$\text{♩} = 80$

Donna Adkins



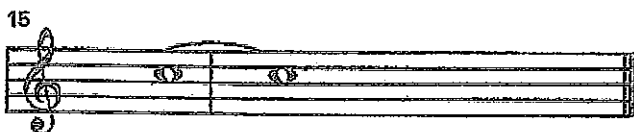
1. Fa ther } we love You, we praise You, we a dore You.
2. Je sus
3. Spi rit }



Glo ri fy Thy Name in all the earth. _____ Glo ri fy Thy



Name, Glo ri fy Thy Name. Glo ri fy Thy Name in all thy



earth. _____

St. Christopher's uses the following texts as worship aides:

The Book of Common Prayer = BCP
The 1982 Hymnal = H
Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal = WLP

Today's Worship Leaders

Celebrant:	The Rev Gerardo Brambila
Verger:	Patty Emanuelson
Crucifer:	Al Franco
Gospel Bearer	Betty Roddy
First Reading and Psalm	Judi Soock
Second Reading	Marva Martinez
Prayers of the People	Beth Mayhew
Chalice Bearers:	Betty Roddy & Al Franco
Music Director	Mr. Don Palm

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Our Vision:

One congregation worshiping and serving in two languages.

Our Mission:

We are the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus: welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

Please leave the music inserts and the Prayers of the People inserts in the pews or in the narthex. Thank you for helping to save administrative costs.



BOOKSTORE: Cookbooks! This week we have a new exhibit of cookbooks. The table and shelves are full of new arrivals, cookbooks of all kinds and in beautiful condition. There are foreign cookbooks and books of specific ingredients. They are fun to read. Start the New Year with a healthy kitchen. Also new are children's books in good condition. Prices remain low – no inflation here.

BIBLE STUDY: One of the best ways to connect and grow in our church community is through small groups. Small groups are a place where we can study God's word together and support each other in our faith journeys. The Bible Study is open to everyone and takes place on **Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**. Come and join in fellowship.

MORNING PRAYER BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAYS AT 10:05 AM: If you like morning prayer and can't get to church all the time, feel free to join us on Zoom any Wednesday morning around 10:05 – 10:35. For more information, contact Patty Emanuelson, Mona Guarino or Beth Mayhew (602-435-5272). Look forward to seeing you!

Giving Statements for 2025 as of 11-30-25: Please check your mail cart folder for your current 2025 giving statement. If you find any errors or have questions please call or text Beth Mayhew at 602- 435 -5272. Thank you for your generosity.



FELLOWSHIP AND COFFEE HOUR NEEDS YOUR HELP! Coffee hour needs donations of cookies, donuts, coffee cakes, fruit trays, or anything you would like to bring. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help in the kitchen. Sign up in the kitchen.

We really do appreciate the help everyone gives each week! Thank you!

NAME BADGES: We ask everyone to please remember to wear your name badge as it would be of immense help for Fr. Gerardo, new parishioners, and visitors. If you need a name badge, please contact the office.

2026 PLEDGES/PROMISE FORMS: The Vestry and Stewardship Committee of St. Christopher's would like to thank Trinidad Fabela who has submitted a 2026 Promise forms.

We are pleased to report now that the combined total of the commitments received is \$129,662. This is about 58% of the anticipated budget.

FOOD BANK/FOOD DRIVE: Next week is "PB & J" Sunday. Please bring peanut butter and jelly (or other kinds of nut butter) or honey. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Monthly Food Bank Donations

	December 29	2025 Total
Weight	100 lbs.	1,857 lbs.
Cash	\$20.00	\$1,320.00

Monthly Thrift Shop Stats

	December 29	December Total	2025 Year Total
Bargains	\$583.10	\$2,837.10	\$23,712.55
Bookstore	\$38.00	\$206.50	\$2,631.50

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Everyone Celebrating in January

Mikayla Abel	January 4	Nnenna Anako	January 18
Andres Borda	January 4	Michael Rowe	January 19
Ivette Rios	January 6	Erick Aleman	January 19
José Cazarez	January 7	Barbara Fabre	January 19
Anthony Reyes	January 8	Lorena Sanchez	January 21
Frieda Spann	January 9	Johnny Elicio	January 23
Feliciana Reyes	January 10	Gabriel Bustamante Diaz	January 27
Emilee Fabre Parsons	January 14	Dudley Dickey	January 30
Lourdes Rios	January 14	Mariana Borda-McNamara	January 31
Raymond Cortez	January 16	Clive Chancey	January 31
Carol Masters	January 17		



Happy Anniversary in January

Diane & Eugene Plein

January 15

48 years

This Week's Prayer List

One of the ways we care for one another in this church is through prayer. We believe that prayer is powerful and can bring comfort, healing, and peace. Today, we pray for the people below.

* Kelli Abel * Juan Gabriel Aleman * Anne * Jim Barnette * Viviana Brambila * Judy Broeder *
* Jan Browning & granddaughter Kia * Tom Camper * John Card * Clive Chancey *
* Rev. Sandy Chiles * Christopher * Claudio * Colleen Combs * Jonathan Dombek * Jean Durrett *
* Barbara Fabre * Gale & Arthur Farinas * Cathy & Gary Gustin * April Harris * Michael Heap * Judith *
* Gene Lapham * Terry Lewis * Domingo Lopez * Monica Maldonado * Ernesto Martinez *
* Marva Martinez * Wayne Martino & Family * Christina Mason * Brenda McCormick * Mia *
* Shawn Mirigian * Joanne Mola * Mr. Monata * Bryan Nance * Marla Karla Pallas * Don Palm *
* Joanne Porter * Ramon * Jill Renner * Bill Richardson * Rick & Robbie * Betty Roddy * Javier Sanchez *
* Socorro Sanchez * Sharyn * Sherrie * Sebastian * Charles Jay Smith & Family * Stella *
* Kurt Tetrick * Anna Van Scoter * Victoria * Lynn Viviano-Webb * Ester Zamora *

For those who have died

* Jim DuFault * Jim Dunkelberger * Peter Houle * Ruth Jones * Raol Zamora

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