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The Presentation of Our Lord

Sunday, February 1, 2026 Holy Eucharist 10:30am



**The Presentation of Our Lord
Christ Church Memorial Window**

Presider: The Rev. Brendon Bedford

Lay Reader: Francis Richardson

Organist: Julian Delf

Server: Sarah Howard

Reader/Greeter: Linda Emptage

Cantor: Victoria Alcock



Our Land Acknowledgement

We at Christ Church are gathered together on the territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and commit ourselves to the hard work of reconciliation.



Our Mission Statement

Christ Church is committed to live in a generous and loving spirit in all its relationships.

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Welcome and Announcements

Post-Covid, we have curtailed the “passing of the plate” at Christ Church. There are offering envelopes in the pews and on the table at the back of the church. We thank you for your donation to the ministry and upkeep of the parish which can be placed on the offering plate as you enter the church.

OPENING GREETING

Please stand as you are able.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN #266 Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

PROCESSIONAL HYMN When Candles are Lighted on Candlemas Day
(INSERT (tune: Lourdes)

Gathering of the Community

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: and also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (Glory to God in the Highest) sung
(#702 blue hymn book)

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TALK & BLESSING OF CANDLES

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

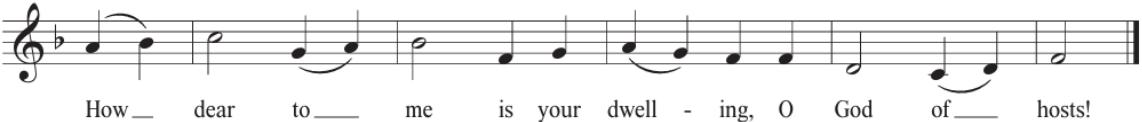
Malachi 3:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Book of Malachi

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84



(1) How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!
(2) My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
(4) my heart and my flesh rejoice in you, O living God. **R.**

(1) The sparrow has found her a house
(2) and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
(3) by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
(4) my God who reigns over me. **R.**

(1) Happy are they who dwell in your house!
(2) they will always be praising you.
(3) Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
(4) whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. **R.**

(1) Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
(2) for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
(1) They will climb from strength to strength;

(2) The God of gods will be seen in Zion.

(3) O God of hosts, hear my prayer;

(4) hearken, O God of Jacob. **R.**

(1) Behold our defender, O God;

(2) and look upon the face of your anointed.

(3) For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,

(3) and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God

(4) than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. **R.**

(1) You, God, are both sun and shield,

(2) you will give grace and glory.

(1) No good thing will you withhold

(2) from those who walk with integrity.

(3) O God of hosts,

(4) happy are they who put their trust in you! **R.**

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

Alleluia is played once and repeated by congregation 2 or 3 times..



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is for the treble clef and the bottom staff is for the bass clef. Both staves are in common time with a key signature of two sharps. The music is composed of eighth-note chords. The lyrics 'Alleluia!' are repeated twice. The first time, the melody is higher, and the second time, it is lower. The notes are labeled with musical terms above the staff: D, A/C# (or A/G#), G2/B (or G/A), D/A, G, D/F# (or D/E), Em, A, and D. The bass staff also has a bass clef and a key signature of two sharps.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel is read.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia #190 Sing a New Creation

As before the Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia repeated twice by congregation.

Please be seated.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Brendon Bedford
Priest & Rector

Please stand, as you're able.

THE NICENE CREED

Lay Reader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please sit or stand as you're able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Francis Richardson
Lay Reader

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Lay Reader: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Lay Reader: Most merciful God,

All: **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 neighbours 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

Remain standing, as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies #5 blue hymn book

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198 with preface for the Incarnation

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(pg 220) Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh

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We lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

THE SANCTUS (HOLY)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord - #735 (blue hymn book)

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (FRACTION RITE) sung Lamb Of God (Agnus Dei)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive communion at God's altar.

If you are not baptized, you are very welcome to come forward to the communion rail for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are interested in exploring baptism, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten free host (wafers) are available at the altar rail upon request.

COMMUNION HYMN Lord Divine, All Love's Excelling #486

blue hymn book

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE DOXOLOGY (said)

All: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, Who Left the Highest Heaven #581

(tune: 281)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Psalm from The Psalter, George Black; Lamb of God, David Clark Isele.
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This Week's Prayer List

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy; St. Michael & All Angels, Sarnia; Trinity, Sarnia; St. John the Baptist, Walpole Island.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Frank & Linda Emptage, Bev Evans. Peter & Mary Flippance and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

The Wider Church: We hold in our prayers the clergy and people of the Episcopal Church of the USA; the clergy and people of the Diocese of Jerusalem; the clergy and people of Bath Abbey and St. Giles, Cripplegate, UK as well as bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Charlie & Marg, Deanie, Fraser, Gord, Katharine, Ted, and their families, and any others who are in need of our prayers.



Memorial Flowers on the Altar

Flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God and with grateful thanks for the life and ministry of past members of the Chancel Guild.



NEXT WEEK

February 8, 2026, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The readings are: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-16); Matthew 5:13-20.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We thank Julian Delf for supplying as organist today.

The Midweek Eucharist is offered every Wednesday, at 12:00 noon, followed by a Bible Study at 1:00pm. All are welcome.

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

The next Repair Cafe is Saturday, February 14th from 9am to 12noon.

You are invited to bring in your palm crosses -- up until Sunday, February 15th - - to be burned on Ash Wednesday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING DATES

February 15	Transfiguration Sunday (bring in your palm crosses)
February 17	Shrove Tuesday, aka Pancake Tuesday (Gluten Free available) –held at Knox Presbyterian Church Meaford. The burning of palms will take place there at 4:15pm and the supper runs from 5 to 7pm. Freewill donations welcome – all donations go to the Meaford Foodbank. See posters.
February 18	Ash Wednesday 10:30am service here at Christ Church
February 22	1 st Sunday in Lent & <u>Vestry Sunday</u> ,

A Lenten Bible study will be offered – Thursdays at 4:00pm, beginning February 19th. The study location will alternate between St. George's (Blue Mountains) and Christ Church, beginning here at Christ Church. In the first session, we will read the book of Revelation from the Bible. You may pick up a copy of the book, *Revelation for Everyone* (20th Anniversary edition) from Amazon [here](#), (this is the enlarged print edition) or call to order one from the office (we will have a few available). 519-538-1330.

Vestry Sunday is February 22. There will be a brief meeting (like an Annual meeting) following the 10:30am service. A light lunch will also be available to have and take into the church for the meeting. All church members are invited to attend and have a say in the “goings-on” of the church.

For Urgent Pastoral Care, please contact the Rev. Brendon Bedford at brendonbedford@diohuron.org or 226-974-5060. For all other questions, concerns or ministries, please contact office@christchurchanglican.ca or 519-538-1330.
