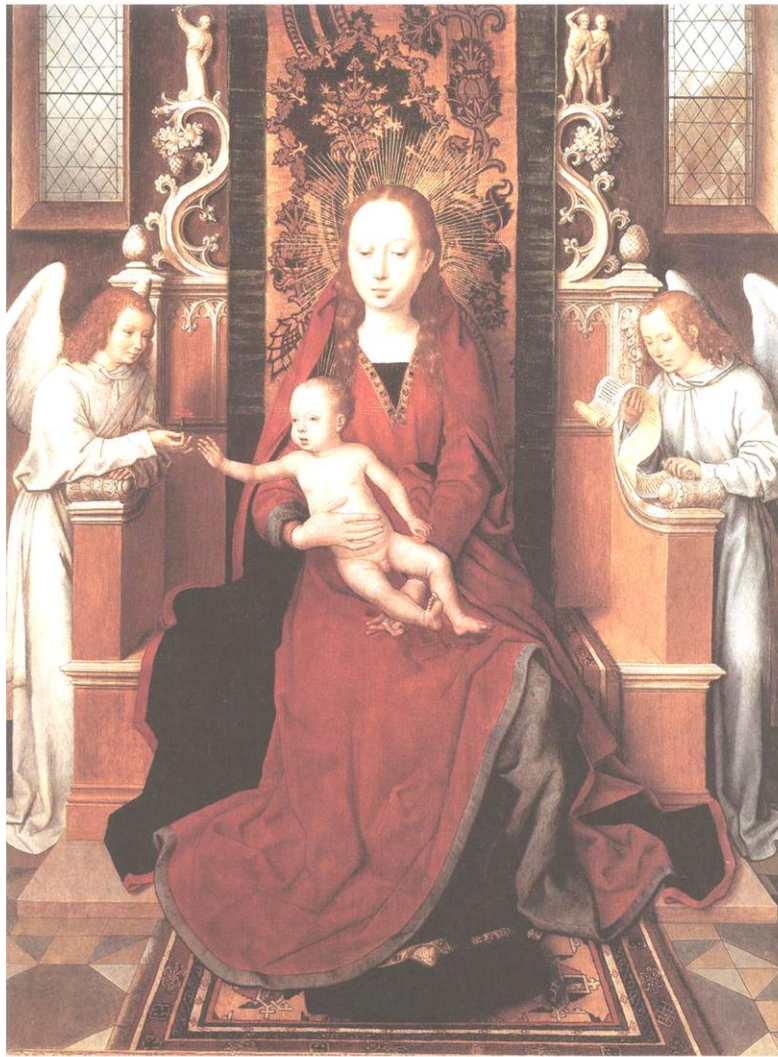


CHRIST CHURCH

Exeter, New Hampshire



The Feast of the Nativity
December 24, 2010

8:00 p.m.

COVER:

Virgin and Child Enthroned with Two Angels – Hans Memling, Flemish (ca. 1440 – 1494)

Welcome

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-3, 14

Welcome, Guests! If you have questions, members of our Hospitality Team will be glad to assist you. We invite you to fill out one the welcome cards in the pew rack in front of you. You may give it to a member of the Hospitality Team, one of the clergy, or place it in the offering plate. After worship, we invite you to join us for fellowship in our parish hall.

Welcome, Children! There are special liturgy booklets available for you from the Hospitality Team. You will find crayons around the church in the windows. Nursery care is available beginning at 9:15. The Nursery/Toddler Room is located downstairs (go out the doors toward the parish house and down the steps).

A Restroom is located outside the doors in the corner of the church that lead directly to the parish house. You will find one in a hallway immediately to the right after exiting the church. This restroom is handicapped accessible. Restrooms are also available in the parish house. After exiting the church, go up the stairs, turn left, and walk all the way around toward the office.

Hard of Hearing? If you need help hearing the service, we have devices for you to use. See a member of the Hospitality Team for assistance.

Accessibility: The church is completely accessible. If you wish to go to the parish house, you will find a lift outside the door leading toward the parish house. This lift will take you to the parish hall and the classroom level. See a member of the Hospitality Team for assistance.

Prelude

In Dulci Jubilo

Bruce Adami, organ

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

**Please remain seated as you join the choir in the singing of the hymn.*

Hymn 107 (vv. 1-2)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Congregation & The Christ Church Choir

In dulci jubilo

En! Natus Est Emanuel

The Christ Church Choir

M. Praetorius
(1571-1621)

Translation of Latin:

Lo! Emmanuel, the Lord, is born, whom Gabriel foretold. The Lord is our Savior.
He lies in a manger, the Lord, the wondrous boy. The Lord is our Savior.
This light, the Lord, has dawned this day from the Virgin Mary.
The Lord is our Savior.

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

The Festival Orchestra

16th c. French,
arr. Drelich

Carol of the Bells

The Christ Church Choir

M. Leontovich
(1877-1921)

Hark, how the bells, sweet silver bells, all seem to say, "Throw cares away."
Christmas is here, bringing good cheer to young and old, meek and the bold;
Ding, dong, ding, dong: that is their song, with joyful ring, all caroling.
One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air.

Oh, how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale telling their tale.
Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here.
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas; Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas,
on, on they send, on without end, their joyful tones to every home.

Text and choral setting by Peter J. Willhousky (1902-1978)

What is This Lovely Fragrance?

Bruce Adami, organ

Harrison Oxley
(b. 1933)

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing	<i>The Christ Church Choir Emily Ellis & Cathy Hammon, duet</i>	Attributed to Charles Burney (1726-1814)
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Hark! Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise! Join the triumphs of the skies!
With the angelic hosts proclaim: Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace. Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing: "Glory to the newborn King!"

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Emmanuel Comes	<i>Matthew Radford, piano</i>	Mark Hayes
Jus' a Little Farther to Go	<i>The Christ Church Choir</i>	Noel Dexter (Jamaican)

They walkin' the road that lead to the stable (jus' a little farther to go).
The donkey, him walkin' as fast as him able (jus' a little farther to go).
Oh, Joseph and Mary, the Baby soon born,
Come sing hallelujah on Christmas morn (jus' a little farther to go).

The shepherds them coming with sheep bells a'ringing (jus' a little farther to go).
They watching the sheep where the angels them singing (jus' a little farther to go).
Oh, Joseph and Mary, the Baby newborn,
Come sing hallelujah on Christmas morn (jus' a little farther to go).

Text: Dennis Scott

The Holly and the Ivy	<i>The Festival Orchestra</i>	English Traditional arr. Drelich
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Unto Us is Born a Son

The Christ Church Choir

Piae Cantiones, 1582.
arr. David Willcocks

Unto us is born a Son, King of quires supernal:
see on earth his life begun, of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heaven descending low, comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know, becradled in the manger.

This did Herod sore affray, and grievously bewilder,
so he gave the word to slay, and slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild this the Christmas story;
and O that Mary's gentle child might lead us up to glory.

O and A, and A and O, *cum cantibus in choro*,
Let our merry organ go, *Benedicamus Domino*.

Noel in G

Bruce Adami, Organ

Louis-Claude Daquin
(1694-1772)

The Holy Eucharist

Please participate with us in worship. This booklet contains most of the liturgy. Hymns not included in the booklet will be found in the *Hymnal 1982*.

The texts for this liturgy are taken from *The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship*, the Northumbrian Office, *Intercessions for the Christian People*, and the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible*.

Although there are customary postures (such as standing and kneeling) in Episcopal worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

The Word of God

✦ *The bell tolls following the Prelude. The people stand, as they are able.*

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn 83, vv. 1, 3

O come, all ye faithful

Adeste fideles

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

✘ *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

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. For all the boots of the trampling warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel of the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

✦ Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn.

Gradual Hymn Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem___ hath sprung! Of Jes - se's
lin - eage com - ing as seers of old___ have sung. It came, a
blos - som bright, a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half spent was___ the night.

Words: 15th century German / Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, harm. by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

The Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

✦ The people stand, as they are able.

Sequence Hymn 96, v. 1

Angels we have heard on high

Gloria

The Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Assisting Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✠ *The people sit.*

Sermon

The Rev. John E. Denson, Jr.

✠ *A brief period of silence is observed following the sermon.*

✠ *The people stand, as they are able*

A Canticle *(said together)*

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

The Prayers of the People

As we join the shepherds and celebrate with joy the birth of Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who shines the light of Christ on all creation, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the peace proclaimed by the angels might be realized on every field of war and on every street of violence.

Leader Let us pray to the Lord,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

That the Christ Child might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs of the homeless, the hungry, the ill, and all those in any need.

Here the intercessor prays for parishioners on our prayer list; please add your own prayers, also.

Leader Let us pray to the Lord,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

That the rejoicing of this day might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship.

Leader Let us pray to the Lord,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

That the blessed hope we celebrate this day might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in faith.

Here the intercessor prays for those, if any, in whose memory flowers have been given; please add your own prayers, also.

Leader Let us pray to the Lord,

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with a collect.

✠ *The Confession is omitted during the Twelve Days of Christmas.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
- san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting based on the hymn tune *Hyfrydol*

✦ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

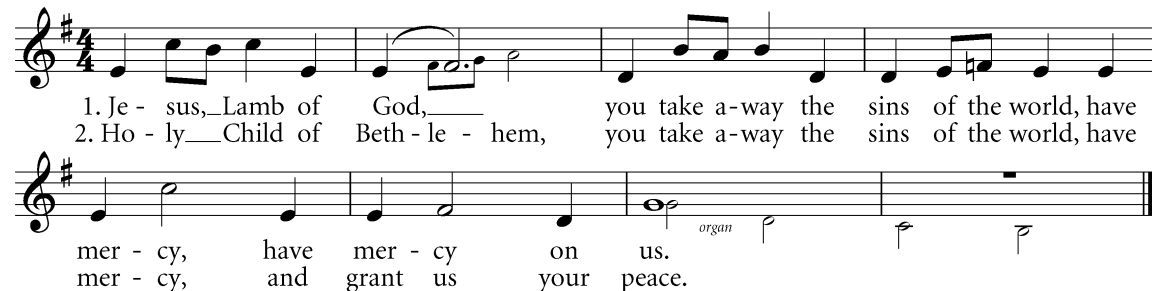
The Breaking of the Bread

✦ *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

✦ *A period of silence is kept.*

Fraction Anthem

✦ *All sing:*



1. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
2. Ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, you take a-way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.
mer - cy, and grant us your peace.

organ

An Invitation to Communion and Healing: Instructions Concerning our Customs

✘ *All are invited to receive Holy Communion. As you approach the altar from the center aisle, please go to the first available place at the altar rail beginning at the center and then out to the sides. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). You may also receive by intinction, dipping the bread into the wine. Please be careful not to put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice at all, please cross your arms over your chest. Even if not receiving the wine, please do not leave the altar rail until the chalice passes you.*

✘ *Those who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.*

✘ *Healing Prayer is offered during the Communion portion of worship. You are invited to come to the healing station before or after you receive Communion. At the healing station you can tell the healing minister of some concern for which you want prayer; however you don't have to say anything. You can be an intercessor and ask for prayers for others. You can stand or use the kneelers. The healing ministers normally put oil on your forehead but sometimes a person's hands can be anointed. People who come for healing have a variety of experiences. Some feel a warming or tingling sensation or some other physical sensation; some hear the minister speak in a (prayer) language; some have no physical sensations, but experience a deep peace. You may feel that something has happened or you may not. Healing, in whatever form, often occurs later. Healing is a sacramental act, an outward and visible sign of the interior work of the Holy Spirit. This means that you can be assured that God will do what's best for you.*

Communion Hymns

78, vv. 1-3	O little town of Bethlehem	Forest Green
109, vv. 1-3	The first Nowell the angel did say	The First Nowell
101	Away in a manger	Cradle Song
112	In the bleak midwinter	Cranham

The Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

✠ *The people kneel or stand, as they are able.*

Celebrant and People

Mysterious God, we thank you
for feeding us with yourself;
and for making yourself known to us
in the holy child Jesus, the Christ.
Let us carry within our hearts your Holy Spirit,
that same Spirit which was in Jesus,
so that we may help bring your peace to all the earth
in Jesus' Name. Amen.

✠ *The people kneel (or sit, if you are not able to kneel) during the candle lighting and singing of "Silent Night."
During the anthem the acolytes will light the candle of the person at the end of each row. That person should then light
the candle of the person next to them, and so on, until all the candles are lit.*

Anthem at the Candlelighting

What Is This Lovely Fragrance?
The Christ Church Choir

Old French Carol
arr. Healey Willan

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?
Shepherds, O tell us whence such beauty, hear you not heavenly caroling?
What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flowers in spring?

What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes?
Never the Morning Star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies.
What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wondering eyes?

Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior born today.
Low at his feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye.
Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps, seek the Savior born today.

Hymn 111 Silent night, holy night *Stille Nacht*

The Blessing

✠ *The people stand, as they are able.*

Recessional Hymn 87, vv. 1, 3 Hark! the herald angels sing *Mendelssohn*

The Dismissal

Assisting Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

✠ *Please extinguish your candles before leaving the church, and place them in the basket at the back of the church.*

Postlude Toccata on “Mendelssohn” David Willcocks
 Bruce Adami, organ (b. 1919)

The worship is over. ✠ The service begins.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Luke 2:13-14

ASSISTING IN THE LITURGY

Readers	Cindy Nottage, Richard Marshall
Intercessor	Matthew Radford
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul Wainwright, Barbara Beardsley
Acolytes	Abby Hughes, Mia Stilwell, Robyn Marshall Lindsey Hubbell, Harry Hubbell
Altar Guild	Carla Ranks, Kitty Clark, Alice Hill

THE CHRIST CHURCH FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Laura Wyskiel, flute; Wendy Gladstone, recorder; Lucy Paine Kezar, violin;
Grace Maull, oboe; Peter Johnson, trumpet; Joey Rokous, trumpet;
Bonnie Porter, French horn; Walt Porter, trombone; Emily Ellis, percussion;
Jamie Loy, timpani; Bruce Adami, organ

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

Patti Andrews, Sue Camlin, Howard Colwell, David Corbett, Burt Dibble, Emily Ellis,
Ann Elliot, Toy Fountain, Matthew Geary, Wendy Gladstone, Cathy Hammon,
Christi Hammon, Shirley Jackson, Lucy Paine Kezar, Jack Maull, George Radford,
Matthew Radford, Paul Stinson, Pat Stromquist, Lil Walker

THE FLOWERS and poinsettia plants are given to the glory of God and in loving
memory of departed family and friends including:

Ellen Scott	Paul & Ruth Nottage	James O'Connell (Papa)
Grace Critcherson	Norma Stilwell	Aunt Beth
Nana & Pa	Lyman B. Pope	Edward & Elizabeth O'Reilly
Virginia Gilbert	Dominic Valinoti	Eric and Martha Andrews
Frank Gilman	Eric and Martha Andrews	Peter Howell, Jr.
George & Elvia Hetu	Harry Miller	Charlotte Wheaton
Judyellen Maudlin	Marion Miller	Joseph Grensavitch
Anna Mary Macatee	Meg Latimer Kearns	Michele LaCroix
Richard Beauvais	Sarah & Haxall Latimer	Virginia & F. Bingham Walsh
Bill Kramer	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stoltz	Mr. & Mrs. Alonzo Hammon
Mary Kramer Schafer	Maria Luisa Faria	Allyson Elizabeth Mullen
Lois Buswell	Ernie Rutherford	Madalena Machado
Mitzi Miller	Sara Waugh	Walton & Priscilla Ross
Paula Miller	Donald G. Thacker	Paul Ducharme, Sr.
Mig Pearson	Dorothy Osier	Dolores Rita Stinson
Walter Samolchuk	Harvey M. Wescott	Richard & Emily Gilbert
Peter & Anne Howell	Otto & Dorothy Kollmorgen	

All the loved ones of Jim and Anne Ehler
All the loved ones of the Savage family.
All the loved ones of the Gage family.

Prayer Concerns

Please feel free to use this intercessory list, either verbally or silently, during the Prayers of the People, as well as offering up your own concerns and thanksgivings.

Parishioners: Barbara Armstrong, Kathy Austin, Barbara Beardsley, Esther Chandler, Rita and Mark Corke, Karen Foote, Chris Gurshin, Margery Heffron, Henry, Ralph Herzog, Maryellen Izzo, Pat Izzo, Jack Jette, Don MacFeeley, Jim McAllister, Debbie McKenna, Alison McMahan, David Michaud, Bob Miller, Claire Mixter, Cooper Mosher, Jane Palmer, Isabella Postle, George Radford, Alan Rollins, Paul Sadler, Debbie Valcich, and Cindy Vega.

Alex Foote, son of Karen Foote, who will be serving our country in Afghanistan.

Homebound Parishioners: Rosemary Coffin, Kay Downes, Helen Hobbs, Delma Judkins, Ethel Petroski, Ruth Rossi, and Shirley Thivierge.

Friends & Relatives of the Parish: Aaron, Mary Alsterberg, Victoria Arlen, Robert Beeman, Jr., Tim Bohan, Barbara Churchill, Deb Cohen, Robert Comeau, Jim Conrad, Goff Corke, May Corke, David Corson, Greg Dame, Stephanie Dame, Mark Dangora, Lizzie Daschbach, Keri Degen, Antonio Delgadillo, Barbara Denson, John Devoe, Rosemary Dickerson, Jean Donato, Tim Doucette, Michael Evans, Bill Farnham, Sukey Farmer, Jeannie Feld, Shirley Felice, Fran, Nathan Geisser, Lois Genis, Nancy Grimard, Trudi Guth, Bill Hahn, Tim Hooper, Susan Hunter, Jeff Izzo, Beth Janeski, Dwight Lawing, Nancy MacCallum, Deanna Makinen, Dan Makros, Geni Mark, Adam Marlatt, Elaine Martin, Lynn Maxwell, Jan McAllister, Peter Melanson, Melissa, Rosa Maria Miller, Mother Diane, Jared Parker, Patrick, Brian Pesce, Shirley Rollins, Sandra Rosen, Sarah and baby, Jessica Savage, Debbie Sheldon, Zachary Sherman, Elisabeth Shumoski, David Simon, Kathy Smith, Haden Steiner, Jan Streeleman, Jacob Tracy, Mark Travis, Martin Wallen, Beverly Williams, and Ted Wright.

LOOKING FOR A FAITH COMMUNITY?

Christ Church is a joyful, diverse community, anchored in Christ. People from different backgrounds find God's love here. We have ministries and opportunities for all ages and invite you to be a part of our community. You can learn more on our website: www.ChristChurchExeter.org. There's a place for you here!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU

We extend our deep gratitude to our Choirs and their directors, Acolytes, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Guild members, the Parish Staff, all who decorated the church for Christmas, and all who contributed plants and flowers to make our liturgy so glorious in honor of our incarnate Lord.

On behalf of the Vestry and Staff, we wish you a blessed Christmas. May the light of the Christ Child shine upon all of us, filling us with the wondrous love and grace of God throughout this season and the new year.

John, Annie, and David

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

On Sundays, December 26 and January 2 the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Childcare will be available during the 10:30 service, but **there will be no Church School or Adult Formation.**

The church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 27 and Monday January 3rd.

CHRIST CHURCH YOUTH THEATER RETURNS IN FEBRUARY

Shout! is an cappella musical that involves almost 40 youth from the parish and community. The show tells the story of a group of teens, weaving together themes of disappointment, redemption, forgiveness, trust and acceptance in ways that speak to people of all ages. This totally unique show is not to be missed! While this annual event involves a number of youth from the parish, it also brings together many adult parishioners as well as youth and adults from the surrounding community. We come together around a common good: telling a powerful story and reaching out to be a faith presence in the community. Please come to the show, and help us spread the word: February 10, 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under. For more information, contact Stephanie Denson (772-1665) or Peg Gaillard (772-2505).

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