



**Christ Church**  
Sixth and Main Streets  
Clarksburg, WV

# The Good News Weekly

## Christ Episcopal Church

December 22, 2019

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**St. Barnabas Chapel**  
721 Hall Street  
Bridgeport, WV

### Upcoming Events

- 12/24 Christmas Eve Eucharist** 5:30 p.m. St. Barnabas  
**12/24 Christmas Eve Eucharist** 7:30 p.m. Christ Church  
**12/25 Christmas Day – No services**  
**12/29 Lessons & Carols** 10:00 a.m. Christ Church  
**12/29 Lessons & Carols** 5:30 p.m. St. Barnabas  
**The Christ Church office will be closed for the holidays from December 24 through January 2.**

### Christmas Eve Servers

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Nancy Cotten  
 Usher: Kipp Martin  
 Altar: Nancy Cotten  
**7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church  
 Lector: Bill Saviers  
 Chalice: Jody Morse  
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale  
 Altar: Kitty Clovis & Brenda Barnes

### Backpack Schedule

- 12/22 Pack upstairs at CEC** All help is welcome.  
**12/26 Food to church** Beth Sickles  
**1/2 Deliver backpacks** Dick Clovis

*Merry Christmas*  
*From the Christ Church Staff*  
*Rev. Nora, Beth Ann,*  
*Toni, and Mary Beth*



### Serving Ministry

**December 22, 2019**

**Advent 4**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at Christ Church  
 Lector: Bill Saviers  
 Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Zac Steed  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes  
**11:00 a.m. Coffee hour** in the parlor  
 Host: OPEN  
**11:00 a.m. Pack Backpacks - upstairs**  
**11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal**  
**5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Nancy Cotten  
 Usher: Tom and Becky Durrett  
 Altar: Kipp Martin



**December 29, 2019**

**Christmas I**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup**  
**10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols** at Christ Church  
 Lector: Chuck Critchfield  
 Ushers: Jody Morse and Ben Hardesty  
 Acolyte: Nate Critchfield  
 Altar: Kitty Clovis and Brenda Barnes  
 Host: OPEN  
**11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal**  
**5:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols** at St. Barnabas  
 Lector: Kipp Martin  
 Usher: Nancy Cotten  
 Altar: Nancy Cotten

**... to know, live, and share**  
**The Good News Story of Jesus Christ**

# Christmas Eve on the Internet

Those who cannot make it to St. Barnabas Chapel in Bridgeport (at 5:30 pm) or Christ Church in Clarksburg (at 7:30 pm) on Christmas Eve to worship can join with other Episcopalians in the viewing Christmas Eve services online. The Episcopal Church is offering two, digital Christmas Eve programs on December 24. Available on both the Episcopal Church Website [<https://episcopalchurch.org/celebrate-christmas-eve>] and the Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/Episcopalian>], these programs makes Christmas Eve worship accessible to those not attending a service or program at a local church.

Both services will be available beginning on Christmas eve: St. Thomas' at 4:00 pm and St. John the Baptist's at 12:00 pm as well as at 6:00 pm (all times EST) and then available on demand.

## PROGRAM OFFERINGS

### Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Saint Thomas Fifth Avenue**, New York, New York  
[<https://www.saintthomaschurch.org>]

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is one of the pivotal and most popular choral services of the year. For many, it marks the beginning of Christmas. The service follows a format designed by Edward White Benson, who later became Archbishop of Canterbury, in which nine lessons are interspersed among 12 carols, motets and hymns.



Saint Thomas is the only Episcopal church in the United States that operates a boarding school for its choristers. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Saint Thomas Choir School. The Choir of Saint Thomas is steeped in the Anglican choral tradition, offering at least five sung services a week, including weekday Choral Evensongs.

### Christmas Eve liturgy

**St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church**, Seattle, Washington  
[<https://sjbwestseattle.org>]

This is a traditional Christmas Eve liturgy with Holy Eucharist and congregational singing of carols, including *Silent Night* by candlelight towards the end of the service. The liturgy will be conducted in the expansive language version of the Holy Eucharist Rite Two. This updated version of the liturgical text was approved for trial use at the Episcopal Church's 2018 General Convention.



People choosing to participate in either or both of these services on the Episcopal Church Facebook page are invited to use ***Facebook Premiere***, a feature available through Facebook Watch which offers viewers the opportunity to “subscribe” to upcoming programs before the air date. Subscribers receive a reminder shortly before the program airs and will be able to comment and share their viewing experience with others around the world.

*Facebook Premiere* links for the service will be available on both the Episcopal Church Website and the Episcopal Church Facebook page on Saturday, December 21.