

Christ the Lord Church Office Hours

Sandy: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 12:30pm
(please call first if you need to meet with Sandy)

Sunday Service 10AM

CTL eNews for Dec 21 - 28, 2023

Please contact Elaine Brady elaine.brady592ctl@gmail.com for contributions to the eNews

If you would like something to be included in the E-news please contact Elaine

December

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent. Regular Sunday morning service



Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve - 7:30 pm caroling. 8:00 pm candlelight & Holy Eucharist service.

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day - 10 am, a capella worship service with Eucharist.

Sunday, December 31 10 am -Holy Innocents worship service. *These young boys killed by Herod were innocent of any crime, except that one of them might take over Herod's throne. The Holy Innocents did not know Jesus, but they died in his place. They are remembered by the church because of the circumstances of their death. Joseph was told by God to take the child Jesus and his mother and flee into Egypt because Herod planned to kill all first born baby boys in Bethlehem. Their feast day is December 28. At our service this Sunday, we will remember all the Holy Innocents; children that are being killed during our time due to wars and violence of which*

they have no part other than to be living in a land torn by war and violence. We pray and remember the Holy Innocents of today. The church gives us this feast day as a time to reflect on the sadness of the loss of so many very young and innocent lives through no fault of their own.

2024 Save the Dates:

Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 pm

Brass Roots Trio - free concert!

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concert "Reflections of Peace" -

2 pm Saturday, January 6 at CTL.

ROSETTA SENKUS BACON (piano), TRAVIS HEATH (trumpet) and DOUGLAS LUNDEEN (French horn and voice) have demonstrated their prodigious talents across the country and around the world with engagements at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, among many others. "Reflections of Peace" has been described as "Garrison Keillor meeting Aaron Copland on Bourbon Street". Sign up in the narthex to attend this FREE concert! Seating is limited by the Fire Marshal, so sign up soon!

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Sunday, January 21, 2024...BC meeting via zoom at 2pm

Saturday, February 3, 2024 -

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information to come. They are returning for their second concert with us.

Sunday, February 11, 2024 - CTL Annual Meeting for all CLT members, after worship. Voting for the 2 new members of the Bishop's Committee will take place.

Thank You to all who helped with the Christmas decorations and food for our stone soup on Sunday, Dec 17. A very special thank you to Jeanne Walpole for the delicious Stone Soup she created with our food donations and her base broths. Our church looks wonderful for the Christmas season. Everyone enjoyed a day of fellowship with many helping hands working to make our church beautiful.

Christmas Flowers! It's time to think about making our church even more beautiful and welcoming for Christmas! Attached with this e-News is a form to complete for dedication of flower donations. We recommend a \$25 donation, but any amount is most welcome!! In order to purchase flowers and print dedications in the Christmas worship booklets, we would appreciate donations and dedication text by Dec. 17. Thank you! (see attachment)

Planning for End of Life - a presentation by Debbie Plato from Callahan's Mortuary will be rescheduled to a date in 2024.

Stewardship Update: We have 2 members leaving the Bishop's Committee because their 3 year terms are up. They are Elaine Brady (Senior Warden) and Stephanie Bettencourt. Please consider being a member

Saturday, Feb 24, 2024... Bishop's Committee Annual Planning Meeting. First meeting for the 2 new members. Meeting is from 9am - 2pm

of this important committee. It shapes the present and future of CTL.

Advent Education Class Ends - the Book of Esther class had their last meeting via zoom on Monday Dec 18. It was well attended, with 7-9 participants. Thank you to Rev.Dr. Lois for facilitating this time of reflection, information, and prayer. Thank you to all who participated in making this class a very special educational event for CTL.

Our December 1st Sunday Special Offering is for the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties

Homebound Communion for CTL members
We have a Eucharistic visitor who will bring the communion elements (bread/wine/juice) and/or also do a service in your home. Please contact Elaine Glimme (510) 859-5317 or ElaineGlimme@comcast.net

Donations and pledge payments to support CTL and our various ministries may be given at <https://christthelord.gvtls.com>, or by sending a check to the church. Remember you can always give to charities of your choice at any time.

The "Ark" Birthday/Special Intentions Bank 2023 donations will be given to the Heifer International.