



Parish Notes

Christ Church Cathedral

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December 14, 2025

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news

"A Christmas Carol" at 3:00 PM Sunday, December 21

Mark Your Calendars for Next Sunday, December 21. The Cathedral's own Mr. Liam O'Daniel-Munger will read "A Christmas Carol" as abridged by the author. Seasonal treats and beverages will be served. Admission is free. An offering will be taken up to the benefit of Room in the Inn. You won't want to miss this reading!

Make Plans Now to Attend the Christmas Eve Service at the Cathedral

Wednesday, December 24 at 9:30 PM Christ Church Cathedral will open the Festival Holy Eucharist with incense and a choral and instrumental introduction. All are welcome! For those looking for an earlier service time, consider attending the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Eucharistic Ministers For Christmas

If you have been thinking about becoming a Eucharistic Minister, but are not sure what is involved and would like to know more, Christmas Day is an opportunity for you to share in this ministry. We need three Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Day. If you would like to know more, just let Tim Tice know. He will be having a short (15 - 20 minute) practice session after today's service and another one after the service again next week. What better day than Christmas to share in a ministry that you've been considering, and would like to try?

updates

Midweek Noon Eucharist at the Cathedral

Join us for noon (12:00–12:30) services of Holy Eucharist each week at Christ Church Cathedral.

✦ Tuesday, December 16: Channing Moore Williams, Bishop and Missionary
Chapel Leader: Dorothy Converse
Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Amy Real Coultas

Ladies Lunch Bunch Meets This Week

The ladies lunch bunch will meet this Thursday, December 18th at The Service Station at 208 Burnett Ave, Louisville, at 11:45 AM. Please email Lea Ann Garbrough at lgarbrough@att.net or call her at 502-550-8646 to RSVP. Come get warm and have warm conversations. Hope to see all there!

reminders

Wednesday Morning UP Coffee Ministry Looking for Regular Weekly Volunteers

If you have been at the Cathedral on Wednesday Mornings, you have likely seen or encountered our group of kind Volunteers who show up from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to make sure the UP Guests enjoy both coffee and a welcoming, friendly face. We are in need of a few more regular volunteers to make sure that ministry can continue. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with Mike Dariff or Becky Norris.

Articles for *Parish Notes* must be sent to susan@ccclou.org by COB on TUESDAY



**You can help
our neighbors
experience a
warmer winter!**

**Have you
noticed that the
Grinch's heart
is expanding?**

Don't forget we are collecting hats, gloves, and socks (preferably black). Hang them on the Grinch tree in that hallway across from the office. Watch the Grinch's heart grow as we prove that Christmas is more than just gifts - it is sharing God's love with our neighbors. For more information, please contact Judy Bradley.

Volunteers Needed for new Sunday Services

The Worship Committee is asking for volunteers to help implement new contemplative 5:30pm Sunday services during the season of Advent. Each service is in need of one acolyte, one lector, and one lay or ordained officiant. These positions are not currently scheduled on the monthly Rota. If you find yourself looking for a way to deepen or diversify your spiritual life during the advent season, please reach out to Dean Matt or a current member of the Worship Committee (Aaron Angel, Hunter Lumbatis, Liam O'Daniel-Munger) for further details and/or to offer your time. *Upcoming services are planned for 12/14 and 12/21 in the chapel.*

Seasonal Gifts to Staff

At this time of the year, we have an opportunity to recognize, through financial gifts, the many contributions of the Cathedral staff who assist the clergy by enhancing worship or taking care of our beloved Cathedral. These financial donations will be collected through Christmas, December 25, either in the offering plates or by mail. Please designate your contribution as "staff gift" on the check's memo line or as a note with the cash gift in an envelope. You can also make a gift online by clicking on the "Donate" link on our website and choose "staff gift" from the drop-down menu.

Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

John Kiesel, Senior Warden

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Capital Campaign

Dean Matt Bradley reported that the National Fund for Sacred Places (NFSP) has awarded a \$500,000 one-to-one matching grant for our Capital Campaign. Dean Bradley, Lee Cochran, and Jan Margerum attended a three-day meeting with other grantees and NFSP officials to become oriented with procedures and processes applicable to this grant. In addition, NFSP provides a supplemental \$20,000 planning grant for establishment of fund-raising activities. NFSP also provides technical and architectural consultants, as well as a dedicated contact person for the duration of the grant.

The next step is for the capital campaign team to meet with our consultant and update our campaign plan and timeline in light of the new information we have received. The congregation will receive a full presentation on our new plans at the annual meeting in January.

Associate Dean Search

Dean Bradley previously announced to the parish that Father Charles Myers of Orlando, Florida, has accepted our call to fill the Associate Dean position. He will arrive in town during the week of November 24 and will be present at the Sunday service on November 30.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kay Shields Wilkinson informed the Chapter that the Cathedral was in a good financial position at the end of October. Regarding the preliminary budget development, she noted that many pledges have been received; however, fifteen households which pledged last year have not yet submitted pledges for 20226. Chapter members will contact each of these pledging households prior to the December Chapter meeting.

Speaker System Update

The Cathedral has received the quotes for the purchase and installation of the speakers and the electrical work for the wiring component. Dean Bradley will contact individuals who have expressed an interest in contributing to this work and report back to the Chapter.

Property Issues

John Werst reported that the grilles on two air return vents located in the west area of the Nave are in need of removal and cleaning. The Chapter authorized that maintenance.

Room in the Inn Louisville

Dean Matt announced that overnight services for unhoused women and their minor children will begin January 5, 2026. The Chapter decided for parish members to staff the Cathedral site on the opening night (January 5) and commit to staff at least one night per week during the duration of the program.

Safety Plans and Procedures

Tara Durnil presented the complete Safety Plans and Procedures for review and acceptance. Several minor issues were identified for resolution. The Chapter accepted the Safety Plans and Procedures with revision.

Seasonal Employee Gifts

The annual seasonal collection to recognize all non-clergy employees for their service to the clergy and Cathedral will begin on Sunday, November 30, and conclude at the service Christmas morning. Contributions can be submitted either in the offering plates or by mail.

Development of Strategies Identified at the Retreat

At its July Retreat, the Chapter identified six areas of specific strategies for action by Chapter members. These six areas are Membership Growth, Staff Growth, Successful Capital Campaign, Chapter-Led Volunteer Committees/Structure, Growth in Electronic/Virtual Presence, and Financial Growth to Support These Goals. All Chapter members were equally distributed among these working groups, and each group has begun its activities with four of the six groups providing their initial reports.

— John L. Kiesel, Senior Warden

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Christ Church Cathedral's
Cathedral Arts
Presents

*A CHRISTMAS CAROL.
IN PROSE.
BEING A GHOST STORY OF
CHRISTMAS.*

by CHARLES DICKENS

**In Dramatic Reading,
As Condensed By The Author**

**Performed by Liam O'Daniel-Munger
for the benefit of
A Room At The Inn – Louisville**

sponsored by
Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral
421 S 2nd St., Louisville, KY 40202

December 21, 2025 • 3 PM

**Seasonal treats and beverages
will be served**

Christ Church Cathedral Welcomes Fr. Charles Myers

The Rev Fr Charles T. Myers is a native of Florida but has lived in Chicago, Los Angeles and returned to Florida. He graduated from Stetson University with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and a Master of Divinity from Northern Seminary with an emphasis in Worship in the Urban Context and has been ordained as a priest in the Anglican/Episcopal Tradition for



eighteen years. Prior to answering the call to be the Associate Dean and Missioner for Outreach and Evangelism at Christ Church Cathedral, Fr Charles served as pastor of The Episcopal Church of St John the Baptist in Orlando FL, an African American Church that is rooted in Civil Rights and committed to Community Rights. He also ministered with the poor, the homeless, and recovering addicts on Skid Row in Los Angeles, California planting Eucharistic Communities and serving Churches in cross-cultural contexts.

Fr Charles has partnered with community organizations and nonprofits on issues of housing, immigration, mental health, HIV testing,

and fair wages. He has spoken to the powers that be through engagement with city, county, and state government as well as building relationships with state and local leaders.

“Archbishop Rowan Williams says that God has a Mission and that Mission has a Church. Like the Apostle Paul in Romans 15:16, my priestly vocation has always been defined as a missionary taking the Liberating Word of the Gospel and the richness of our Episcopal Tradition to the streets among marginalized, ostracized, the poor, and the broken. I see this same vision being expressed here at Christ Church Cathedral and I invite those who are inspired by the Spirit to join us in this journey!”

Fr Charles, his wife Monique, and son Moses are grateful to the Triune God to minister with Christ Church Cathedral in the beautiful city of Louisville, and his family will be coming to join him near the end of December. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them!

Opportunity for Baptism in the new year

If you are thinking about Baptism, the next opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Baptism will be on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 11. If you or someone you know is interested in being Baptized or if you would like more information, please contact Dean Matt.

Weekly Bible Study

Our weekly Bible Study is held every Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) at 9 A.M. in the Chapter Room on the second floor of the Diocesan House. If you want to attend online you can also join via Zoom. Just click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/69vbtu8m>

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Advent & Christmas



**CHRIST
CHURCH
CATHEDRAL**

“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”

Featuring Mr. Liam O’Daniel-Munger

Sunday, December 21, 3 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24

at the Cathedral

9:30 PM Choral and Instrumental Prelude

10 PM Festival Holy Eucharist

4 PM at Calvary Episcopal Church

821 S. 4th Street

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Thursday, December 25, 10:30 AM

**CHRIST CHURCH
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL**

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421 S 2nd St, Louisville, KY 40202



Flower and Music Donations

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers and support for instrumental music for Christmas.

So that we may list names in the Christmas bulletin appropriately, please complete the following information and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Cathedral office by Sunday, **December 14**.

Thank you so much for your donations to make our worship meaningful this Christmas and throughout the year.

Make checks payable to: Christ Church Cathedral. Write Christmas flowers or Christmas music in the memo line.

today's date _____

your name _____

address _____

city _____ *zip* _____

state _____

email _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ toward Christmas flowers

I would like to donate \$ _____ toward Christmas music

in memory of _____

in honor of _____



Please use this form
for all donations,
otherwise you may not be
properly acknowledged.

If using an offering envelope,
please also complete and
include this form.

All donations and forms must
be received by December 14
to ensure being listed in the
Christmas bulletins.

If making donations to both
flowers and music, you may
write one check as long as
you designate how much
you desire to go to each fund.
Otherwise, the donation will
be split equally.

We Pray . . .

Prayer is at the heart of Christian community. We use this space to bring before God and the community the needs of those we love. Please submit prayer requests for yourself and others to the church office: info@christchurchlouky.org. We will include those names here so that the community may join you in prayer..

. . . in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, the Church in Bermuda

. . . in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Peter's of the Lakes Church, Gilbertsville

. . . **for Cathedral members in need of healing**

Judy Donahue, Kitten Lawless, George Hubbard, Robert Huffman, Carlos LaGantta
Ginger Shackleton, Dean Weller, Marcia Wilmet

. . . **for Cathedral members in our abiding prayers**

Jim & Dean, Carol Brown, Dorothy Converse, Charles Cooksey, Michael L. Foster,
Maurice Gordon, Terry Laun & Art Embrey, Ashley Pasteka, Hollis Real,
Ginger Shackleton, Len Sjogren, Joy Stultz, Tim Tice, Marcia Wilmet, Betty Lynn Williams

. . . **for family and friends of Cathedral members**

requested by

Clara Eskridge, Bill Smith	Matt Bradley
Marge Brown	Carol Brown
David Davies, Pam Williams	Jerry Brown
David Collett, Fonetta Collett, Kathleen Dina Betty Harrison	Melinda Collett
Janet Shedd & family, Savannah Wright	
Debbie, Ellis, Honey, Jessica, Jody, Larry, Marilyn, Packy	Jim & Becky Collings
Aidon, Kelly Brown, Tom Everhart, Anne Steele, Ed Swan, Gail & Alex Ocana	Dorothy Converse
Tom & Andy Rochester	Page Curry
Sophia Flores	Michael Ellis
Molly Muennich	Cynthia Fanning
John Clark, Elizabeth Foster, Michael Foster	Mike Foster
Ron Adams, Kathy Bischoff, Diane Flechler, Charlie Grubbs, Judy Horton	Bobbie Fritton
Phillip Koloff, Byron & Leilani Sprinkle, Lindsay Tompkins, Neisja Yenawin	
Forrest Cook, Mike Freund, Paul Fussenegger, Sr., David Hammer, Julie Jones	Vance Fritton
Scott Livesay, Melissa Masterson, Jenny, Lee & Walter Morris. Gibbs Reese, Alex Rohleder	
Justin Gallahar	Lea Ann Garbrough
Rorie Guillen	Rob Guillen
Ric Hovda	Diane Kyle
Eric Zoerb	Sissy Lanier
Art, Nick & Sally, Judi, Gregg & Mary, Whitney, Elvin, Charles Raith	Terry Laun
John, Becky E., Paula Hamilton, Martha Hyatt, Dave Kalinowski, Peggy Kalinowski	Kitten Lawless
Leisa, Kailey	
Caroline Potter, Kevin, Shay, Molly, Sammy, Noah	
Foster care children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky	
Philip Mitchell	Hunter Lumbatis
Patsy Cox, Judy Cummins	Jan Margerum
David Ellis, Yihong Liu	Jerry Marsh
Stephen Peters	Tom Peters
Jim	Susan Shockey
Michael, James, Joey	Tom Thill
Khem Tice, Emily Tout	Tim Tice
Rita, Jerry, Corbin Harris	Carolyn Van Zant
Colton Rubsamen	Ann Vellom
Carolyn White	Terry White
Jared Stivers	Kay Shields Wilkinson
Tom & Karen Doyle	Mike Wright

. . . **for those celebrating birthdays**

Jim Wilkinson, Leonard Sjogren, Paul Real

Additions or deletions to the Prayer

Lists must be sent to Tom Thill

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