

Nathaniel Gumbs, concert organist

Sunday, February 5 at 4:00 pm



Free and open to the public

Concert organist Nathaniel Gumbs has performed at many venues in the U.S.A. and abroad. He is Director of Chapel Music at Yale University where he coordinates music for three worshipping communities: the University Church in Battell Chapel, and at Yale Divinity School in both Marquand Chapel and Berkeley Divinity School. He earned his undergraduate degree from Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia, his Master of Music degree from Yale University, and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Eastman School of Music.

Announcements

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH! We are happy to have you worshipping with us today! If you are a visitor or if you would like to know more information about the life, work and ministry of Christ Church, please fill out a "Connect Card" located in the pew rack. You can drop the completed card in the offering plate or give it to a member of our staff, an usher or vestry member following the service. We are glad you are here!

COFFEE HOUR is immediately following the 10 am worship service. Light refreshments are served. Please consider staying after worship for this opportunity of fellowship!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR CHILDREN will resume next week, February 5, during 10 am worship service. We use the Montessori-based curriculum, Godly Play.

TOWER LIGHTING The tower lights are lit each night in January in loving memory of Joanne Green given by her husband, Jim, and family.

BLESSING BOX: Lincoln School children have returned to school. Their needs for food and clothing continues. Community Liaisons shared a need for peanut butter and pants for both girls and boys sizes 6, 7 and 8. New and gently used and washed items are greatly appreciated.

Warren Family Mission continues to serve lunch and dinner Monday thru Friday from 12:00PM - 12:30PM. Due to a water leak, the clothing rooms are closed until further notice. There continues to be a need for donations of food and personal hygiene items. The numbers of people being cared for are greater now than in the past.

THE PARISH CHOIR will resume REHEARSALS on Thursdays, February 2 at 7pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome!

NOTICE

Our 186th Annual Meeting of Christ Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, February 12, following the 10 am worship service. New Vestry members will be elected and the annual operating budget will be presented.

ALL outreach or program and groups "chairs" need to submit your 2022 review and summary to the church office email (info@christchurchwarren.org) no later than Monday, January 23 in order to be published in the Annual report. Thank you!



Sunday, January 29, 2023 (8 am & 10 am)

The 4th Sunday after Epiphany

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth Jr., Bishop of Ohio
The Rev. Tom Furrer, Interim Rector

Jamie Shiell, Director of Music

Paul Keriotis, Director of Formation

Prelude

Prelude on *How brightly shines the morning Star* - Otto Olsson

AT THE PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR

The People stand for the Processional Hymn and remain standing through the Collect of the Day

Processional Hymn No. 556 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! – *Marion*

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Song of Praise No. S 280 Glory to God

setting: Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my

people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Psalm 15 [*sung by the choir at 10 am*]

- ¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the Lord.
⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
⁶ He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
⁷ Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

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

**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, forever and ever. AMEN.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-155 Alleluia! Christ our Passover *setting: Gerald Near*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn No. 542 Christ is the world’s true Light – *St. Joan*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Assisting with worship today:

At 8 am: Cindy Thirion, Lector Steve Watts, Lector & Chalice

At 10 am: Faith Scarmuzzi, Prayers, Lector & Chalice
Kevin Knowlton, Lector Carol McMichael, Lector & Chalice
The Parish Choir Steve Repasky – Guest Organist

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus No. S125 Holy, holy, holy, Lord *setting: Richard Proulx*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Sequence Hymn No. 661 They cast their nets in Galilee – *Georgetown*

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Furrer

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able and together say

**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 became truly human.**

**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 again 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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Leader Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

[silence]

For Christ's church on earth and for those who proclaim the good news of the kingdom, that all divisions cease, let us pray.

People **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

Leader For sky and sea, fish and bird, and the beauty of the whole creation, that God's goodness be seen through our everyday surroundings, let us pray.

People **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

Leader For our political and social leaders, that they use their power justly, and for all the nations of the world, that peace and understanding prevail, let us pray.

People **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

Leader For all who call upon the Lord for help: those dealing with gloom or anguish, those who are afraid, those suffering with illnesses (especially...), and for those who seek shelter, that God provide them with compassionate caregivers and advocates, let us pray.

People **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

Leader In thanksgiving for the faithful departed (especially...), that their witness to the spread of God's word inspire us in our doings, let us pray.

People **Cleanse and renew us, O God.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Offertory Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus – Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Offertory Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow – *Old Hundred*

1. Praise God, from Whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving: Enriching Our Worship – Prayer 1

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 him thanks and praise.**