



## CHRIST'S CHURCH

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***Our present church building is the third built for this parish. The first church was built in 1823, the second in 1851, and the third in 1891. It is of English Gothic style, with 23 beautiful stained glass windows that tell stories from the Bible.***

***Just as paintings, frescoes, mosaics and sculptures had instructed our ancestors, so then stained glass, rich in symbolism, portrays the Christian message.***

*Photos by Howard Yant*

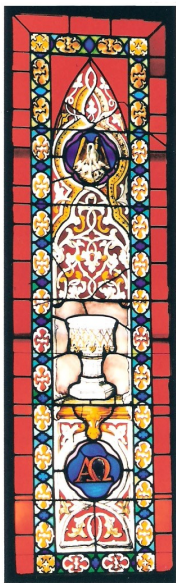
# Welcome to Christ's Church

WINDOWS





## NORTH TRANSEPT WINDOWS



**Left Window**

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

*REVELATION*



**Center Window**

*"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."*

*JOHN 1 1:25*



**Right Window**

*"And he took a cup...and he took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them...saying, 'This is my body...'"*

*LUKE 22:17-19*

**SYMBOLS:**

- Pelican and Young: Sacrifice
- Baptismal Font: Cleansing and rebirth
- Alpha/Omega: The beginning and end

**SYMBOLS:**

- Dove: Holy Spirit
- Cross: Christ risen and triumphant
- IHC: Greek for Jesus

**SYMBOLS:**

- Lamb: Sacrificial nature of Christ
- Chalice: New Covenant
- Divine Tetragram: Hebrew for God

## CHANCEL WINDOWS



**The Resurrection of Our Savior**

*"All authority in heaven has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."*

*REVELATION 1:8*

**SYMBOLS:**

- Christ: Prior to Ascension
- Cross: Symbol of Christianity
- Nimbus Lamb: Victory over death
- Red Cloak: Martyrdom
- Seraphim: Power of deity
- Laurel: Triumph and eternal life
- Myrtle: Love, Gentiles
- Centurions: Cower before the angel at resurrection



**Our Lord in Majesty**

*"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God."*

*MARK 16:19*

**SYMBOLS:**

- Christ: Risen, victorious with crown, cloak and scepter
- Stars: Majesty and power
- Cross: Victory banner
- Nimbus Cross
- Mandorla: Golden rays
- Stole: Priesthood, yoke of duty
- Cherubim: Divine wisdom, perhaps the eight graces or beatitudes



**Supper at Emmaus**

*"When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight."*

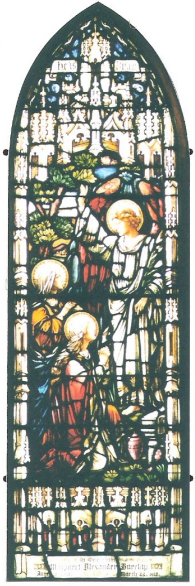
*LUKE 22:17-19*

**SYMBOLS:**

- Christ: Reveals himself
- Cleopas: Monk's tonsure
- Table: Commemorates post-resurrection supper at Ems
- Red Rose: Blood of Jesus
- Jars: Miracle of turning water into wine
- Perpetual Light: Light of Christ and Word of God



**EPISTLE (SOUTH) SIDE WINDOWS**



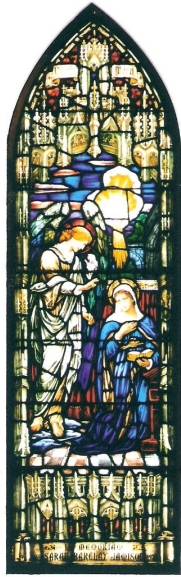
**He Is Risen**

*“And he said to them, ‘Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him’”*

MARK 16:5-6

**SYMBOLS:**

- Angel: Red wings, Christ’s passion
- Two Marys
- Laurel: Eternal life
- Jar of Ointment: Anoint for purification, sign of devotion
- Hyacinth: Unuttered words of grief



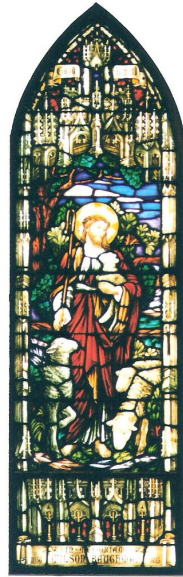
**The Virgin Mary**

*“And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus:”*

LUKE 2:6-7

**SYMBOLS:**

- Angel Gabriel
- Mary: Blue, holiness
- Book: Sacred writings
- Dove: Holy Spirit
- Cloud: God, heaven
- Lilies: Resurrection



**Good Shepherd**

*“I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me...And I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd.”*

JOHN 10:14-16

**SYMBOLS:**

- Jesus: Nimbus cross
- Wounds: Death and resurrection
- Lambs: Lost/saved
- Oak Tree: Strength and endurance
- Cloud: Heavenly Kingdom
- Laurel: Eternal life



**Magnificat**

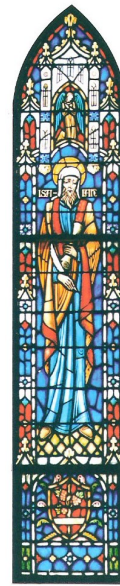
*“My soul magnifies the Lord...”*

LUKE 1:46

**SYMBOLS:**

- Mary: Blue, holiness
- Elizabeth: Green, rebirth
- Archway: Elizabeth’s home
- Rosa Mystica: White rose, motherhood, purity
- Porta Coeli: Fortress, Gate of Heaven

**REAR WINDOWS**



**Isaiah**

*“Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel”*

ISAIAH 7:14

**SYMBOLS:**

- Herald Angel: Nativity
- Scroll: Isaiah’s prophecy
- Branch of Jesse: Genealogy



**The Nativity**

*“And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”*

LUKE 2:6-7

**SYMBOLS:**

- Herald Angel: Nativity
- Star of Bethlehem
- Manger
- Three-rayed Nimbus: Trinity
- Donkey: Humility
- Ox: Sacrifice
- Hawthorne: Nativity
- Wheat: The believer
- Shepherds



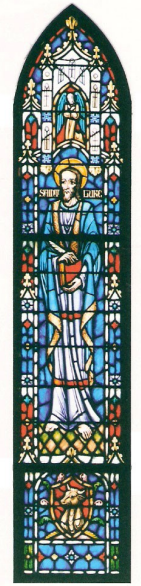
**Flight Into Egypt**

*“Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you...”*

MATTHEW 2:13

**SYMBOLS:**

- Herald Angel: Nativity
- Star of Bethlehem
- Manger
- Donkey: Humility
- Hawthorne: Nativity
- Palm: Triumph



**St. Luke**

*“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace among men with whom he is pleased.”*

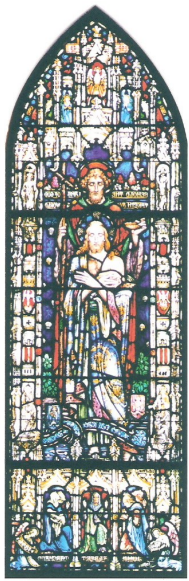
LUKE 2:14

**SYMBOLS:**

- Herald Angel: Nativity
- Book: Gospel of Luke
- Ox: Sacrifice, St. Luke



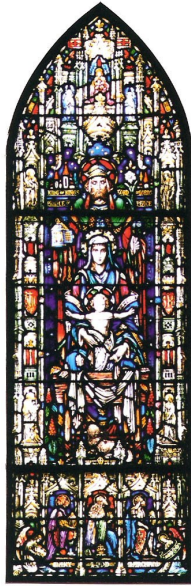
**GOSPEL (NORTH) SIDE WINDOWS**



**Baptism of Christ**

*"Behold the lamb of God taketh away the sins of the world."*

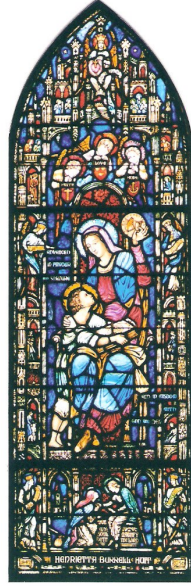
JOHN 1:29



**The Holy Family**

*"King of kings...Lord of Lords.."*

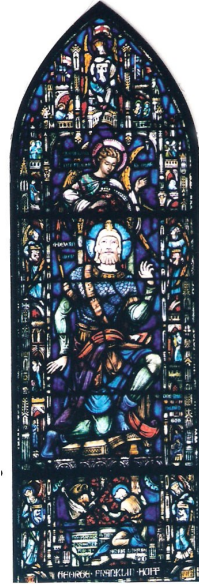
REVELATION 19:16



**Mary with Jesus**

*"Jesus advanced in favour and stature and in wisdom with God and men."*

LUKE 2:52



**Extension of the Christian Church**

*"Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God...  
Cornelius thy prayer is heard...  
A devout man and one that heard God."*

ACTS 10

**SYMBOLS:**

- John and Jesus
- Dove: Holy Spirit
- Scallop Shell: Baptism
- Wooden Cross: John the Baptist
- Pelican: Atonement
- Phoenix: Resurrection and eternal life
- Figures: Temptation, agony, crucifixion, resurrection

**SYMBOLS:**

- Central Figures: Life, death, resurrection
- Magi: Gold (Kingship), frankincense (Godhood) and myrrh (mortality)
- Fleur de lis: Mary
- Lamb: Sacrifice
- Lantern: Betrayal
- Lily: Resurrection
- Hyacinths: Grief

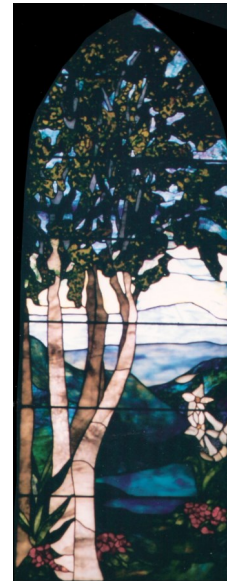
**SYMBOLS:**

- Archway: Temple
- Pierced Heart: Mary
- Butterfly: Life, death, resurrection
- Cherubs: Faith, love, hope
- Angels w/Banners: Loyalty, patience, sincerity
- Heavenly Hosts: Joy and praise

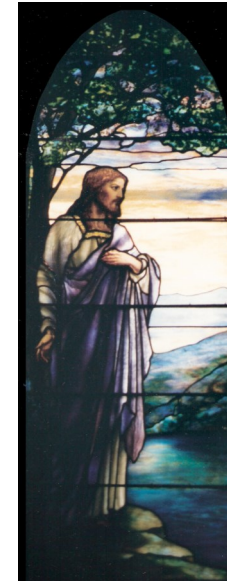
**SYMBOLS:**

- Cornelius: Centurion
- Peter: Blind faith
- Banner: Conquest over death
- Heavenly Hosts: Joy and praise
- Torch: Truth
- Angels: Church around the world

**SOUTH TRANSEPT WINDOWS**



**Left Window**



**The Good Shepherd**

*"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

JOHN 10:11



**Right Window**

The Tiffany window was installed in 1914 on the Gospel side of the church and moved to its present position in 1937. In 1992, Pittsburgh Stained Glass Studios was hired to design and manufacture two new stained glass windows to complement the Tiffany window. The windows were removed, cleaned, and new windows created to match.

***When the present church building was built, all of the windows, except for the ones in the North Transept, were multi-colored panes of glass, as shown in this early photo of choir master, Jim Thompson (right).***

**SYMBOLS:**

- Good Shepherd
- Tree of Life: hope and resurrection
- River: Rebirth
- Rock: Strength and stability

