

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, September 25, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The wearing of face masks is recommended, but optional, at Christ Church.

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### THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Adagio from Sonata Op. 65, No. 1

*Felix Mendelssohn*

OPENING HYMN 184 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

*Christ ist erstanden*



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!  
2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,  
3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.  
takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:  
is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

#### *Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord  
 God, heaven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther:  
 re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
 Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

*Reader:* **A Reading from Amos.**

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
 and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
 and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,  
 and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
 and like David improvise on instruments of music;

who drink wine from bowls,  
 and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
 but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
 and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

PSALM 146

*Lauda, anima mea*



desc. The Lord gives jus - tice to those who are op - pressed.

Choir The Lord gives jus - tice to those who are op - pressed.

tone: SINE NOMINE



- 1 Hallelujah! ... Praise the [LORD O] my soul!\*  
I will praise the LORD as long as I live; ...  
I will sing praises to my God while I [have] my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, ... nor in any [child] of earth,\*  
for [there is] no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, ... they re-[turn] to earth,\*  
and in that day their [thoughts] perish.

*Antiphon*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob [for] their help,\*  
whose hope is in the [LORD] their God;
- 5 who made heaven and earth, ... the seas and [all that] is in them;\*  
who keeps his [promise] forever;
- 6 who gives justice to those who [are] oppressed,\*  
and food to [those] who hunger.

*Antiphon*

- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; ... the LORD opens the [eyes of] the blind;\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are [bow'd] down;
- 8 the LORD loves the righteous; ... the LORD [cares for] the stranger;\*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, ... but frustrates the [way of] the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall [reign] forever,\*  
your God O Zion, ... throughout all generations. ... [Hal]-lelujah!

*Antiphon*

A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

**Reader:**        **A Reading from 1 Timothy.**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**Reader:**        The Word of the Lord.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 552 – Fight the Good Fight

*Pentecost*

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy  
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine  
 \*3 Cast care a - side, lean on thy Guide; his bound - less  
 \*4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chan - geth

strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life, and  
 eyes and seek his face; life with its way be -  
 mer - cy will pro - vide; trust, and thy trust - ing  
 not, and thou art dear; on - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
 fore us lies, Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
 soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
 thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

*The people stand as able.*

THE NICENE CREED

*All:* **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 was made man.**

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Father, Almighty God, hear the prayers of Your people here today in Christ Church, Columbia, and of all people across the world, in whatever language they use to reach out to You, through their spirit they call You.

We pray for this congregation, for those here for many years, for those new and visiting today, for all those in-between. Guide us as we warmly welcome all newcomers, encourage us as one in the Spirit. **Be with us, Lord.**

We pray for the work of the people in churches and other houses of worship around the world, as we strive to serve You and our fellow man. We pray for peace, justice, and opportunities to improve lives in all communities and nations. We ask our Lord's blessing for the leaders in our Church: the Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Intern, Mike; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We also pray for our vestry and laity, who bring guidance and care to our parish. In the Anglican worldwide Church, we pray today for The Anglican Church of Burundi, and in our diocese, we pray today for the people and priests in St. John's, Deer Park; St. John's, Frostburg and St. Matthew's, Oakland. **Be with us, Lord.**

We pray for our nation, as we work to meet the changes of climate change, to respond to economic challenges, to confront educational disparities, to end hunger, to build affordable housing, to solve labor inequities, to unify families, to end the epidemics of depression and addiction, and to bring peace to armed conflicts and oppression in many areas of the world.

**Guide us, Lord.**

We pray for understanding of people who appear to be different from us. May we be united by the many areas of our lives that we have in common and not be divided by our differences.

**Guide us, Lord.**

We give thanks for the joy and happiness in all our lives, especially today giving thanks for the birthdays Malcolm, Dominic, Ian, George, Thomas, Harrington, Emily, Rebecca, Shannon, Alicia, Patricia, & Gavin, and the baptismal anniversary of Brian. **Cheer us, Lord.**

*(continued)*

We ask for Your presence with those who are sick, those who are lonely, those who are desperate for love or hope, that in our times of greatest need, especially Amanda, Tim, Ellen, Landon, Laura, Lorna, Cynthia, Betsy, Neal, Aisha, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name, we may know with certainty that You are holding us, that You never leave us. We also hold up in prayer those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. We pray for those who have died and entered eternal life, especially Jim Carver and those you now name. We ask that You comfort all those who grieve and strengthen their faith. **Sustain us, Lord.**

We ask that you open our hearts to give freely of our time, our talents, and our treasure. All that we have and all that we are comes from You. **Inspire us, Lord.**

The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING CHORAL ANTHEM – How Can I Keep From Singing?

*Robert Wadsworth Lowry*  
arr. by John Abdenour

*The people stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 380, V. 1

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God  
of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord, of the Lord, Ho - sa - na in the  
high - est, ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant:* After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*All:* **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.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

*James E. Moore, Jr.*

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

at 10:30 a.m. service

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* 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.

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN 609 – Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

*Gardiner*

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:*  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE – Dans la Gloire des Invalides; Verset X

*Marcel Dupre*  
Ola Oladipupo, organist

*Today's altar flowers were donated in celebration of Christ Cruickshank's birthday  
by Nesta Henlon.*



*Today's altar flowers were donated in honor of Mildred Keller's birthday  
by her children, Monica Keller-Sawyer & Frantz Sawyer.*

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## **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Old Brick
- 9:00 a.m. – Family Service, New Brick
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Circle, Old Brick
- 9:30 a.m. – Parenting Seminar, Great Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Parish Hall
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, New Brick
- 11:30 a.m. – Virtual Coffee Hour

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 7:30 p.m. – Centering Prayer, Zoom

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 5:00 p.m. – Children's Choir Practice

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Livestream

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

- 8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 5:30 p.m. – Bible Study, Old Brick
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Practice

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

#### **REHOBOTH RETREAT**

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Livestream

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**REHOBOTH RETREAT** *until Sunday, October 2nd*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org)  
To receive our weekly newsletter, email us at [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XVI**

Join us at any of our three worship services on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Our first service is an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Service takes place in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and Sunday Circle (Old Brick) for the adults at 9:30. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are available in New Brick for those who need them. Howard County is no longer in the "high community impact" tier and now follows the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, so mask use is optional, though recommended. The Diocese of Maryland's report for this week can be read [here](#). As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages.

### **Sunday School**

Youth Formation has a slightly different look this fall - including breakfast and worship - and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at [sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **Adult Formation**

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick as Father Manny concludes our September exploration of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Our Parenting Group - an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, share the joys and challenges of parenthood, and learn new and exciting perspectives - gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). This Sunday, Bible Study is NOT gathering but will return next Sunday, October 2nd. **All of this information is on our website's Adult Formation page.**

### **Confirmation and Inquirers Class**

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed, Received into the Episcopal Church, or wish to Reaffirm their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. This class takes place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Speak with Father Manny or [email the Church Office](#) if you're interested in joining us for this class.

### **Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings**

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. What's Centering Prayer, you ask? Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

### **Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays**

Calling all singers - whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Lectionary Bible Study - Thursdays**

This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans, and the Gospel of Matthew. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. Bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. We also host this on Zoom; the link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

### **The CEC Book Club - Fridays**

The CEC Book Club resumes with a new series of books for the rest of 2022, and we gather virtually every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just [email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.hoke@efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details. Then simply log in to Zoom this Friday for an hour or so. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226** and Password is **CECBooks**

### **Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports Next Week - September 30**

Almost time! In preparation for our Annual Meeting next month, we ask that all Christ Church Ministry leaders submit their annual reports to our Communications Administrator, Chris, no later than next Friday, September 30th. You can email them to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org). Thank you to those who have already sent theirs.

### **The 2022 Christ Church Retreat - September 30 - October 2**

Christ Church's Annual Rehoboth Retreat takes place from September 29th to October 2nd with the Rev Marcia Davenport as our retreat leader, and we'll be centering on the Christ Church theme for the coming year: ***Be an Instrument of God's Peace***. At this time, all on-site slots are reserved but if you'd like to join us for the program and stay off-site, you are welcome to do so. Please email Ellen Hoke at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com) and she can give you more information.

### **WOCC News - Meeting October 3**

Thank you to our Christ Church family for your support of the annual flea market. It was a beautiful day, a successful event, and we could not have done it without your help. Thanks for your generous donations to the bakery, book, food, and white elephant tables. Thanks to all who helped to set up, clean up, grill, haul, serve, sell, bake, clean, mark spaces, and direct traffic. And, thanks very much to everyone who attended and shopped. The proceeds will be used to support Christ Church and its missions. Save the Date: The next WOCC Meeting will be on Monday, October 3rd at 1:00 via zoom. We will be discussing our Christmas luncheon, forming a nominating committee for next year's officers, deciding how to use the flea market profit, and recording some lessons learned from this year's event. See you there!

### **First Wednesday Fellowship - October 5**

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for dinner and fun! Our next FWF evening will be Wednesday, October 5th, beginning in the Great Hall of New Brick.

- 6-7 p.m. catered dinner by Famous Dave's BBQ... [please RSVP here to ensure we have enough food!](#) Please bring your own beverage. Thank you.
- 7 p.m. A community bonfire, with s'mores (of course!) and a live performance from the incredible Small Delusions!

Please donate as you are able to help offset the cost of the meal. An average meal costs about \$15. and [you can use our online giving form](#) - just choose "Parish Life & Activities" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "FWF" in the *MEMO* line. That evening, please bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on during the bonfire and concert, if you can. Let's meet some new friends and reconnect with older ones as we welcome autumn in with this unique event. We are looking forward to a beautiful evening, and hope that you'll all join us!



## **Altar Flowers and Gifts**

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

## **Looking for Help on Sunday Mornings**

Christ Church is still in need of volunteers to assist us on the occasional Sunday morning. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere (Altar Guild assistance) or Yetti Lipede (Teller help) or email us at [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org) if you might be interested or have any questions. Thank you.

## **TIME IS SHORT - PLEASE GET ON THE AUCTION TRAIN AND DONATE!**

It is time to get on the train – the train to the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction! We are so excited, and hope you are as well! Time is getting short as donations must be in by next Sunday, October 2nd, for both the Silent and the Live Auctions! That's less than two weeks away! Please consider donations of items, services, or events. If you have questions or need help submitting your donations, just ask the CEC Auction Committee by emailing [auction@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auction@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can also place your Auction donations directly into the Auction software at [https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2022/donate\\_items/new](https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2022/donate_items/new). Don't forget - the fair market value is tax-deductible, and you will receive a written statement from the Auction Committee. **Learn more about the Auction on our website's Auction page** and watch this space for more information! WELCOME ABOARD, and watch this space for more information! WHOO! WHOO!

## **Be a Part of God's Mysterious Ways: Bring Used Bikes to FB4K or Volunteer to Help the Nonprofit Group Collect Bicycles at Firehouses on Saturday, October 1st**

Many parishioners will recall hearing from Father Manny about a young man who was going off to college and needed a bike. An offer had fallen through, and his mentors turned to the power of prayer to find one – in less than a week's time – for little or no cost. As Father Manny said in "Be One Body in Christ, Belonging to Each Other," his **sermon of Aug. 28th**: "Sometimes we don't necessarily believe that God works in mysterious ways. But I want you to believe that God does work in mysterious ways to accomplish his purposes in our lives."

In the case of Ty's bike, the mentors followed up their prayers by sending email pleas to Christ Church Outreach Commission members. With the clock ticking, the mysterious ways included intervention by Outreach Chair Patricia Fanning, who had recently donated used bikes to **Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland** (FB4K). Its president and several members sprang into action to choose the right bike for Ty and to make sure a refurbished Trek was tuned and ready for delivery to him and his mentors at **St. Luke's Youth Center** (SLYC). See photos.

Now it's your turn to help the bicycle nonprofit. FB4K's annual collection day is Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at every fire station in Howard County. No matter how dusty –or rusty – FB4K wants your used child- or adult-sized bikes. As the organization says on **its Facebook page**, "We take bikes in any condition--even if your bike can't be fixed, we'll take usable parts off of it and correctly recycle the rest." No helmets, please, unless new in the box.

FB4K will clean and, if necessary, repair donated bicycles at its warehouse in downtown Columbia's Merriweather District. On Dec. 10, 2022, it will distribute them, along with a new helmet, to children identified by a network of schools, government agencies, and community groups. Since FB4K arrived in Maryland in 2019, it has given away 3,263 bikes.

President Ted Cochran tells Outreach that FB4K needs more volunteers to make it happen this fall. “Want to help us collect bikes on Oct. 1? Want to help move them to our refurbishing center? We can use a hand!” You can come as individuals or as a group. Please **sign up** to volunteer. No bicycle knowledge is required. There are tasks for all. Starting in October, work sessions are held Monday-Saturday from 3 to 6 p.m. Additional sessions take place as needed on Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m.

### **Episcopal Relief & Development Gets Aid for Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief**

Hurricane Fiona has lashed Puerto Rico, as residents cope with flooding and almost total power outages. More than 20 inches of rain caused mudslides, washed away bridges and roads, and left behind untold devastation, according to a **Sept. 21 report in The Washington Post**.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) offers a **guide to prayer** for hurricane victims. ERD said in a **statement** that it has made contact with Episcopalian and Anglican partners in Puerto Rico and other parts of the Caribbean. “Our partners are preparing for and assessing the needs in their communities while dealing with continued rain and flooding created by Hurricane Fiona,” said Angel Venegas, ERD Program Officer, US Disaster Program. “We stand ready to assist in the coming days and weeks.”

ERD has set up a **hurricane relief fund**. On behalf of Christ Church parishioners, members of the Outreach Commission voted this week to contribute \$500. This is the latest in a series of disaster-relief donations in 2022, the most recent of which aided flood victims in Pakistan. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible.

### **Christ Church Prison Ministry: Reconnection and Restoration**

More than 2 million people are incarcerated in U.S. prisons. Cut off from family and community, they are left to languish in an overcrowded, underfunded, sometimes corrupt system. Some—particularly people of color—are serving unjust convictions. Matthew 25 tells us Jesus commanded us to visit those in prison, saying, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” Our baptismal covenant, too, calls us to seek and serve Christ in *all* people—which includes those imprisoned, for whatever reason.

Christ Church is forming a group to discern our gifts, talents, and passion for serving those in prison. We will hold several meetings over the next few months, via Zoom, to discuss what might be involved: from simple acts of kindness like letter-writing to the possibility of hands-on relational ministry. If you’re interested in participating, please email **Deacon Denise**.

### **SAVE THE DATES: January 8-14, 2023 DreamBuilders Trip to Puerto Rico!**

Our mission trips to San Juan in 2019 and 2022 were so successful and rewarding that we are heading back for a third trip to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Maria. Hurricane Maria, a category 5 hurricane with sustained winds of 155 mph, devastated Puerto Rico in September 2017. FEMA estimated that 53% of all structures on the island were significantly damaged. Now, 5 years later, thousands of families in Puerto Rican are still living in damaged homes or crowded in with family members waiting for the day when their home can be made livable again. We are delighted to work with the SBP Puerto Rico team, who share their professional skills with friendship and fun.

We have reserved great housing in apartments a few blocks from the beach and near restaurants and shops. The average temperature in Puerto Rico in January is between 80-83 degrees. We will be opening registration for this trip soon, but we are limited to only 20 people, so SAVE THE DATES!

## **Donate Diapers, Baby Care Items for Transport to Columbia Community Care**

Starting this fall, Leigh Smith has become our representative and takes parishioners' donated items to **Columbia Community Care** (CCC), so that they can be distributed on Saturdays or stored until needed for home deliveries. Information about distribution sites, home deliveries, and how to volunteer in multiple ways can be found on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the primarily volunteer organization. Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

## **FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies**

Our representative from **FISH of Howard County** recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Please continue donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

**In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.**

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## **WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH**

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank *YOU*. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

**TEXT GIVING:** You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text ***CECGIVING*** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

**ONLINE GIVING:** You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

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