

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 9, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time. We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude | Priere a Notre-Dame from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Leon Boellmann
Ola Oladipupo, organist

Opening Hymn | 390

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Lobe den Herren

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. **Amen.**

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reader: A reading from 2 Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

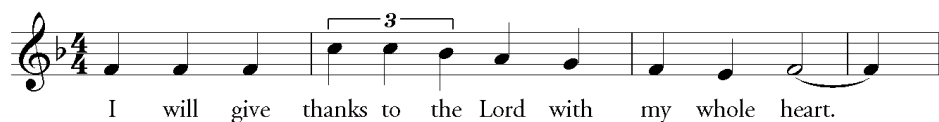
But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm | Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*



Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Antiphon

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

Antiphon

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures forever.

Antiphon

The Second Lesson | 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Reader: A Reading from 2 Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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 | BCP Page 358

Prayers of the People |

With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you and say, **Great is the Lord!**

Lord of all, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with your truth, grace, and peace. **Help us to rebuild your Church.**

In the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, and for the Churches of in our diocese, we hold up in prayer Emmanuel, Baltimore; Grace & St. Peter's, Baltimore; and Guardian Angel, Baltimore. We also ask our Lord's blessings for our own Christ Church, Columbia. We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people, including our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Intern, Mike and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. We also warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors today. **Adopt us as your children, and make us heirs of eternal life in you.**

Lord our Great Governor, bless the leaders of our federal, state, and local governments, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to others. We pray for all victims of war and for all refugees, who seek a new life in a distant land. We also give tribute to the original settlers of our lands, the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. May we improve their hopes for a better future. **Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream.**

Man of Sorrows, we pray for those poor, hungry, oppressed, and imprisoned. May we give care and compassion to those in any danger and those suffering from the ravages of cyclones and hurricanes, especially the people of Puerto Rico and of Florida. **We are needy; make haste to help us.**

Great Physician, we pray for those ill in body, mind or spirit, especially for Cynthia, Betsy, Neal, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and for others we now name... Please restore them to health and wholeness. **Give us hope in our afflictions.**

Rock of Ages, we pray for those who have departed this earthly life, especially those we now name. **Help us to know we will be with you forever.**

We rejoice and celebrate the birthdays of Alfreda, Ron, Chester, Drew, Patrick, Amy, Peter, Jill & Melanie, and anniversaries of Erin & Jason Whong, Patrick & Stacey Frith, Dee & Bob Bauer, with joyful hearts, we pray. **Lord, bless us on these occasions of joy.**

Great Commander, we commend to your care all members of our military forces, especially those from our parish family who are in harm's way: Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. **Lord, defend our defenders.**

Good and gracious God, you call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings, to use your gifts wisely, to share generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further your kingdom on earth. **We pray, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Great High Priest, give us grace to glorify Christ in our own day. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin | BCP 360

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 |

Pan de Vida

Bob Hurd & Pia Moriarty

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP Page 355

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.**

The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanks to God. In response we proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

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

*Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.
You may receive just the bread if you prefer.
If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.
If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.
If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.
Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.*

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Hymn | LEVAS 152

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional Spiritual

1 Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) [Refrain]

3 Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) [Refrain]

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 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 | BCP 365

The Blessing |

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

Closing Hymn | 389

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

Dismissal |

Postlude | Prelude in Bb Major

J.S. Bach

PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER 9 TO OCTOBER 15

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am	Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Great Hall
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Great Hall
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level
10:30 am	Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 6:00 pm	Sundays at 3 Concert Rental – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Zoom

Monday, October 10 – Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day – Office Closed

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, October 11

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Children's Choir – New Brick, upper level

Wednesday, October 12

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am	TOPS – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

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Thursday, October 13

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bible Study – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Waterloo Al-Anon – Old Brick

Friday, October 14

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
1:00 – 6:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, October 15

2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA - Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA - Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XVIII

Join us at any of our three worship services... Our first service is an 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 various Adult Formation gatherings 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. We continue to follow the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, which means that mask use is optional, though still recommended. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our **website**, **YouTube**, or **Facebook** pages.

Stewardship 2023

Last week, we mailed each parishioner their pledge card for 2023. We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service. We pray that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. Our in-gathering service is on Sunday, November 6th, but in the meantime, parishioners can still return their pledges **or pledge online**. You may also pick up a pledge card in the Narthex.

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**

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. Our Stewardship series continues with *Stewardship of Others: How We Love Our Neighbors*, a panel discussion. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study is also gathering in the Parish Hall Conference Room, so you have several options.

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or those who 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.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication 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.

Still 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** if you might be interested or have any questions. Thank you.

Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports Now

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! In preparation for our Annual Meeting, we ask that all Christ Church Ministry and Committee leaders submit their annual reports to our Communications Administrator, Chris at **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs in. For those who haven't yet, why not let the rest of the Christ Church family know what your ministry has been up to over the past year, fill them in on your plans for 2023, and explain how they can help.

Church Office Closed This Monday

In observance of Columbus Day, October 10th, the Church Office will be closed this coming Monday. It will reopen on the morning of Tuesday, October 11th.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

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 Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is **[here](#)**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

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.](#)** 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! If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

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. Thursday Bible Study is a hybrid gathering; the Zoom link is **[here](#)**, Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club resumes this 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** for details. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226** and Password is **CECBooks**

WOCC October News

- **Robinson Nature Center WOCC Walk:** Wednesday, October 26th, 12 noon - 2-ish. Come walk through the colorful autumn leaves at the Robinson Nature Center. The leaves should be “peaking” in color, and it’s a beautiful setting to view them. The trails are short and friendly, with lots of signs and small creeks. Bring your lunch and we’ll enjoy some conversation before setting out. If you have any questions, shoot us an email at **wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

- **Save The Date:** Sunday, December 4th, 1:00 p.m. - Women of Christ Church Christmas Luncheon at King’s Contrivance Restaurant. Come join us for friendship and feasting at King’s Contrivance Restaurant for our Christmas Luncheon. We will be advertising the details and the menu selections soon. As usual, we will use this event to gather Christmas presents for our friends at Springfield Hospital. Hope to see you there!

- **Seafarers Donations Needed:** We will be making another trip to our friends at Seafarers in Baltimore Harbor in early November, so please bring your donations to the Seafarer’s bin in the Tower Room of New Brick by the end of October. They are in need of 2023 calendars, recent magazines, cards, warm weather hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. Thanks in advance for your support of Seafarers!

THE AUCTION IS COMING! THE AUCTION IS COMING!

Donations have come in from many - THANK YOU! - but if you still want to host or present something special we are more than happy to entertain your suggestions. **Email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know!** Donors can continue to drop off items at the Church Office during normal operating hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Otherwise, **be ready to log onto the Silent Auction** beginning Saturday, October 22nd, and check back several times that week as others outbid you... and you outbid them.... and they do the same.... and you finally WIN... all to raise funds to support Christ Church!

Then get ready to join us in person on Saturday, October 29th for the Live Auction, taking place in New Brick's Great Hall. Bidding or not, this is always a fun social event, and we are thrilled to once again host it in person! Beverages are provided, but if you'd like to sign up to bring appetizers or desserts, you can do so by visiting **tinyurl.com/AuctionRefreshments**.

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for all you're doing to make the auction a success!

Episcopal Relief & Development Aids Victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida and Beyond

Hurricane Ian swept away homes and bridges in Florida after making landfall as the fifth-strongest hurricane in the nation’s history, leading to the loss of at least 100 lives. **Episcopal Relief & Development** (ERD) offers **a guide to prayer** for hurricane victims.

Earlier Hurricane Ian had caused damage in Cuba and later was causing flooding along the East Coast. Destruction probably will be among the worst recorded, according to **an Oct. 4 report in *The Washington Post***. ERD said in **a statement** that it is working with partners to provide aid. “Our partners in the southern United States have deep

roots in the community and are using their relationships to assess the needs caused by Hurricane Ian,” said Lura Steele, 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 \$750. This is the latest in a series of disaster-relief donations in 2022, the most recent of which is [helping ERD to aid victims of Hurricane Fiona in Puerto Rico](#). These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible.

Don't Be Shy: Plan to Attend our Christ Church Outreach Zoom Meeting on Monday, Oct. 10

The Outreach Commission invites you to join its monthly meeting to learn about opportunities this fall. In keeping with our mission, the scope is local, national, and international. We meet virtually at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10. The Zoom link is [HERE](#), Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968** and Password is **Outreach!** Looking forward to seeing you!

Volunteer to Serve a Meal or Add to the Menus Enjoyed by Our Homeless Friends at DRC and Grassroots

Once again you can take part in the Christ Church tradition of helping the homeless on the second Monday of each month. There's a lot of camaraderie involved. Why not see for yourself on Monday, Oct. 10. You can read a thorough description of the heart-warming routine on the Christ Church website in [the Outreach Blog of July 7, 2022](#). We most recently took part on Sept. 12 ([see photos](#)).

If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center, our [DRC online signup form](#) also describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers also gather at that time to carpool to Jessup.

Parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of a live-in center on Freetown Rd. make their drop-off later, arriving in the parking lot at 3:15 p.m. A volunteer transporting the food departs at 3:30 p.m. Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#).

These facilities for the homeless are both operated by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#). It's efficient to provide for groups at two separate venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you!

Both the DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the monthly needs list under the words “Related Files” on each of the signup sites online.

There are vaccination requirements for in-person volunteers. For information, email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org to contact co-coordinator Nancy Winchester.

Donate Diapers, Baby Care Items 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 Sundays.

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. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.





Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, October 16th

The Christ Church Annual Meeting is being held on Sunday, October 16th, and will be an in-person gathering. As per tradition, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. We are also welcoming back the pre-meeting brunch for the first time in years, so if you'd like to volunteer to bring an item for this meal, visit our sign-up sheet at tinyurl.com/CEC-AMbrunch and leave your information.

Following brunch, we'll begin the Annual Meeting and Vestry Election.

Thank you to the individuals who have felt called to candidacy for the Christ Church Vestry. Prior to our Annual Meeting, we strongly encourage you to learn a bit about each of them - Denisa, John, Simone, and Ray - on our website's Vestry Candidates page - christchurchcolumbia.org/2022-vestry-candidates.

We are highly encouraging parishioners who cannot join us on October 16th for the Annual Meeting, but who want to vote, should contact the Church Office for their ballot.



The Christ Church Retreat was held this past weekend, and it was a wonderful success! Even though the weather was a bit damp, we gathered in fellowship and reflection as we discussed how we can strengthen ourselves and our community while centering on the **Christ Church theme for the coming year: *Be an Instrument of God's Peace.*** We are very grateful to Ellen Hoke for coordinating this event, to Mother Marcia for her wonderful presentations, to all the participants for an incredible and engaging community, and to the A. Felix duPont Memorial House for keeping us rested and fed throughout the weekend. If you'd like to learn more about the **Christ Church Spiritual Life Commission** and how to take part, email Ellen at efboudreau1@gmail.com.



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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.

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