

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 423 – Immortal, Invisible God

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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.**

GLORY TO GOD – S280

Robert Powell

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 Father:

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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

A READING FROM EXODUS 32:7-14

***Reader:* A Reading from Exodus.**

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

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

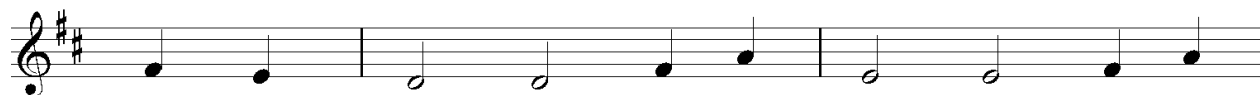
I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

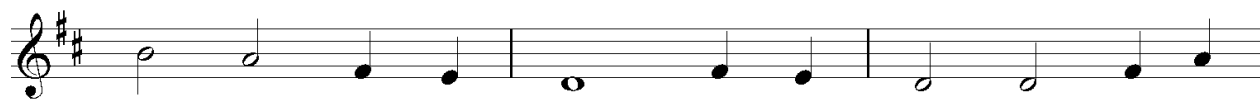
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 686 – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

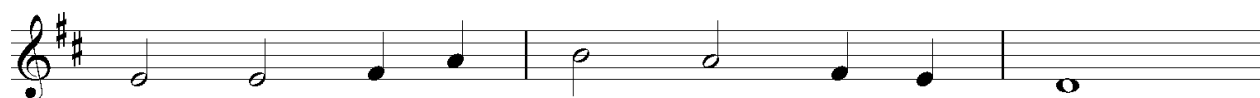
Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



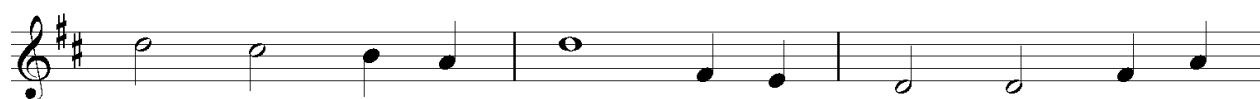
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

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

May our actions in the name of Christ deepen the faith of others. May we be perceived as different, a change from the ordinary in our culture. May we never destroy another person's relationship with God, a great treasure with eternal worth and deep significance. May our reality be interwoven with that of God's kingdom on earth. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

Prayer is our way as Christians to face trouble, hardship, illness, to ask forgiveness, and to express joy and gratitude. Prayer is praise, healing, faith-sharing, trusting, enduring, and a pathway to guidance. We have been brought out of sin into new life through the grace and mercy of the Lord. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

We pray for the worldwide Church. Help us to understand each other's needs and to appreciate and utilize each other's gifts and talents. In the Anglican Communion, we hold the Church of Bangladesh in prayer. In the Diocese of Maryland, we remember our neighboring parishes of St. John's, Hagerstown; St. Luke's, Brownsville; and St. Paul's, Sharpsburg. We also ask Christ's blessing for our leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. May we together praise and serve God, giving our best in love. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

May our parish ministries continue to reach out to the vulnerable in our communities, those in prison, those who are refugees, and those under economic pressure from job loss, chronic illness, depression, disability, homelessness or lack of educational opportunities. May our sharing of time and resources bring God's love to others. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us today. The vitality and richness of our parish family grows with the contributions of each heart and soul in our midst. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

We pray for those ill in body, mind, or spirit, especially Tim, Cynthia, Jim, Betsy, Neal, Aisha, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Baby Coy, Rená, Ray, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name.. May God's healing touch restore their health. We ask the Lord's blessings and protection for those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. We also pray for the recently departed, especially Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Henry Bates, Brianna Bates & Zenzia Bates. May the light of Christ ease the pain of those who grieve, and guide the way to eternal life. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

We celebrate with joy birthdays and anniversaries of those in our congregation. This week we extend our love to Danny, Noah, Joan, William, Laura, Judith, Momodu, Bill & John, David & Kim Mosier, Marinda & Momodu Sonii, and Michael & Rhonda Tomlinson. May God's presence continue to shine in their lives. **Lord, revive and strengthen our spirits.**

Our Creator God hears our cries and lightens our burdens. He invests His Spirit on all willing to receive His love and obey His guidance. Our Lord gives wisdom, joy, vision, endurance and energizes our souls. Thanks be to God. **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 – Amazing Grace

New Britain

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 *5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me to
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The people stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN 380, V. 1

Old 100th

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.**

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 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - turc's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

10:30 a.m. service

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

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 460 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Old Brick
- 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast, Great Hall
- 9:00 a.m. – Family Service, New Brick
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Circle, Old Brick
- 9:30 a.m. – Bible Study, Parish Hall Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. – Parenting Seminar, Great Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Parish Hall
- 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Music, New Brick
- 11:30 a.m. – Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream
- 1:00 p.m. – WOCC Meeting on Zoom
- 1 – 2 p.m. – Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. – Grassroots Drop-off
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Livestream
- 7:30 p.m. – Outreach Meeting on Zoom

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

FLEA MARKET – 9 A.M. – 2 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Old Brick
- 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast, Great Hall
- 9:00 a.m. – Family Service, New Brick
- 9:30 a.m. – Sunday Circle, Old Brick
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org
To receive our weekly newsletter, email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XIV

Beginning this Sunday, the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we have THREE services. Our first service is an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our new Children & Family Service is in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and Adult Forum: 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. There are other gatherings this morning, as well, and you can find those details later in our service leaflet. Nursery services are also available for those who need them, and that is downstairs in New Brick.

Sunday School Begins

This Sunday, we begin our fall season of 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

Sunday Adult Formation at Christ Church

Beginning this Sunday at 9:30 a.m., there are several new and refreshed Adult Formation gatherings, with something for everyone. Our Sunday Circle starts up in a new location - Old Brick - and this week, Father Manny will lead a class on the *Book of Common Prayer*. Bible Study gathers in the Parish Hall Conference Room, and this fall we are exploring the book *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Everyday Lives* by Wayne Muller. And our new 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 - begins in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). **All of this information is on our website's Adult Formation page.**

Confirmation and Inquirers Class - Sunday Afternoon

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 call the Church Office if you're interested in joining us for this class.

Send in Your Vestry Candidate Nomination

The deadline is this Sunday, September 11th, to nominate candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry. If you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record to Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. This year, the election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th.

Currently, the nominees are (in alphabetical order):

- Denisa Abdallah
- John Curley
- Simone Kolnik
- Ray Lyon

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We are still accepting nominations, but **all submissions are due by this Sunday, September 11th**. We need your unique gifts to assist in guiding us, so we hope that you'll consider submitting your name. If you do, you'll need to draft a short biography of yourself stating why you want to stand for election, or what has called you into service. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you very much.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in and see what Centering Prayer is about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Calling all singers - if you enjoy music and love to sing, then our choirs are the place for you! All are welcome, whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and we sing at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. services throughout the year. The Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. and will sing for services at various times during the year. **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 our Director of Music, Larissa Sanders, at church on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

CEC Bible Study - Thursdays

This is an opportunity for everyone to share an in-depth study of the Bible. You don't need to know much or anything about the Bible; all we want you to do is to join us and learn with everyone. This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans, and the Gospel of Matthew. Thursday Bible Study will begin this week on September 15th, so bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. We'll be using the Core Christianity book *The Letter of Paul to the Romans: Bible Study* and will have limited copies to give out on a first-come, first-served basis; **you can also purchase your own online.** This class will be led by Emmanuel Mercer and Marcia Davenport.

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club is back with a new series of books for the remainder of 2022. We gather virtually via Zoom every Friday at 7:30 p.m. and always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details.

We Could Use a Few Volunteers in the Office - September 14

The Stewardship mailing is being prepared, and so we need a few volunteers to help compile and get them ready for mailing. If you can help out for a few hours this Wednesday, September 14th, please call the Church Office, or simply stop by that day. Thanks!

Theology on Tap - September 21

Looking for a space where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles from the pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal? Theology on Tap is an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners at a different local watering hole each month. Our next gathering is at The Ale House in Columbia on September 21st, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening! Speak with or email **Sarah Thomas** or **Mike Looney** for more details.

The 2022 Christ Church Retreat – September 30

Christ Church's Annual Rehoboth Retreat takes place from September 30th 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 call, or text Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115 or email her at efboudreau1@gmail.com and she can give you more information.

Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports

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 Friday, September 30th. You can email them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

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 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.

We Still Need Altar Guild Volunteers

We need a few people to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild**, a vital group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, and vessels of the parish, and prepare the sanctuary for services. During certain seasons, they also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - jdeboissiere@gmail.com

Help! We're in Need of a Few More Tellers

Christ Church is in need of some tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you.

Any AutoCAD Users Out There?

Christ Episcopal Church is a parish with nearly 300 years of history - Old Brick is the oldest church building still in use in Howard County - and we have a digital project that will help us preserve some of that history for future generations. We have a detailed map of the Christ Church Cemetery that was created several years ago and is now in need of updating. The files were created using AutoCAD software and we could use some help in bringing things up to date. If anyone in the parish has AutoCAD experience, please contact John Hadley at: jahadleyjr@comcast.net or call his cell - 443-812-8234 for more information. Thank you!

WE CAN'T BUY IT IF YOU DON'T DONATE IT!!

YOU CAN'T BID ON IT IF YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS DON'T DONATE IT!!

Guilt trip? We don't think so!! Of course, we are talking about the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction! Are you excited? We are! It is time to stop thinking about what you will put up for bidding, and time to do it NOW! The last date for donations is October 2nd for both the Silent and the Live Auctions. Please consider donating items &/or events. If you have questions about an item being Auction-worthy or need our help submitting your donations, you can simply email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org. You can also place your Auction donations directly into the website at https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauction.net/auction2022/donate_items/new. And remember - the fair market value is tax-deductible, and you will receive a written statement from the Auction Committee. **Learn more about the Auction at christchurchcolumbia.org/auction** and watch this space for more information!

Come One, Come All: Inviting Parishioners to Virtually Attend our Christ Church Outreach Meeting this Monday, September 12th

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, September 12th. **The Zoom link is here**, Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968**, and Password is **Outreach!** We are looking forward to seeing you!

It's the Second Monday of the Month! Volunteer to Serve a Meal or Add to the Menu for Our Homeless Friends at the DRC and Grassroots

Now's the time to experience the Christ Church tradition of helping the homeless on the second Monday of each month. There's a lot of camaraderie involved, so why not see it for yourself on Monday, September 12th? 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 August 8th, **which you can see in this week's Outreach blog**.

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 rendezvous at that time to car-pool 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 more 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.

SAVE THE DATES: January 8-14, 2023 is Our Next DreamBuilders Trip to Puerto Rico!

Our mission trips to San Juan in 2019 and 2022 were so successful and so 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 of 2017. FEMA estimated that 53% of all structures on the island were significantly damaged. Now, 5 years later, thousands of families in Puerto Rico 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 be working 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!

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A New Representative Will Transport Our Donated 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**.

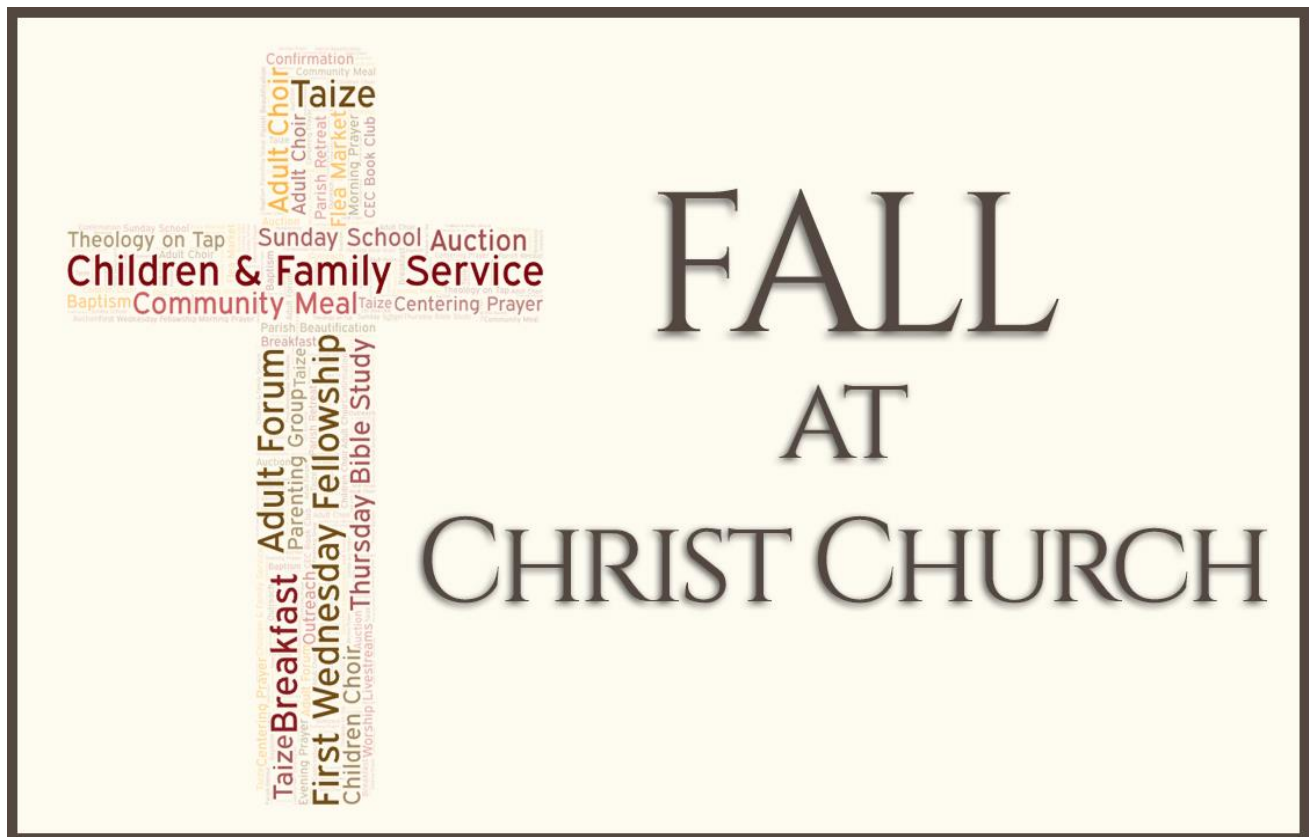
At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the primarily volunteer organization. Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall on weekdays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

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. 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.





It is such a wonderful time in the life of our parish. Throughout the many challenges of the past couple of years, you have remained faithful, generous, compassionate, and diligent. Today, I'd like to share with you some of the exciting programs lined up for you this fall and beyond. I am grateful to the clergy, staff, and parishioners who worked so hard to put all of this together. Our goal is to serve, and we are eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Please find below some of the exciting programs lined up for Fall @ Christ Church:

Children & Family Service

We are beginning a new worship opportunity for children and families at 9:00 a.m. This will be a 20–25-minute service with a children's homily and communion. Children will have the chance to actively participate in the service. Children and Family service will begin on September 11 in New Brick.

Sunday School

Sunday School follows immediately after the Children and Family service. Children will go downstairs with their parents to Sunday School. We are excited about the new curriculum we will offer for Children Formation. Sunday School will run for about 45 minutes, and we are hoping to have two separate classes for children. For questions about Sunday School, or to help us with this ministry, **please contact Jenn Atkins.**

Breakfast

Some of our parishioners are working to provide breakfast for Sunday morning. Breakfast will be in the Great Hall, right by the classrooms, and it will consist of juice, bagels, muffins, yogurt, fruits, etc. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. To help with breakfast, please contact **Preethi Jackson**, **Kathy Chrzanowski**, and **Simone Kolnik**.

Parenting Seminar

During Sunday School, parents will get the opportunity of joining a Parenting Seminar. This will be an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, share the joys and challenges of parenthood, and learn new and exciting parenthood perspectives. We gather in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level), and the point persons for this gathering are **Mother Marcia**, **Jason Whong**, and **Sarah Thomas**.

Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship

One of the exciting programs for the fall is the Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship. This is an opportunity to meet some new friends and reconnect with others. The more exciting part is that children eat free, so parents don't have to worry about cooking dinner. Parents are encouraged to make a generous donation towards dinner. Our next First Wednesday Fellowship evening will be on October 5th in the Lower Level of New Brick. Dinner is 6 - 7 p.m. Our RSVP link will be up in the coming weeks. For more information, contact **Jenn Atkins** or **Jason Whong**.

Children's Choir

Children Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and is open to children from ages 6 and up. For more information about Children's Choir, or if you have any questions, please contact our Director of Music, **Larissa Sanders**.

Thursday Bible Study

This is an opportunity for an in-depth study of the Bible. You don't need to know much, or anything, about it - all we want you to do is to come and learn with everyone else. The class will study some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Gospel of Matthew. Please bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. This class will be led by **Emmanuel Mercer** and **Marcia Davenport**.

Theology on Tap

Looking for a space where you can have a long chat about interesting religious articles on the pages of the New York Times, Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal? This is an opportunity for informal, structure-free interaction and discussion with fellow parishioners. For more information, contact **Sarah Thomas** and **Mike Looney**.

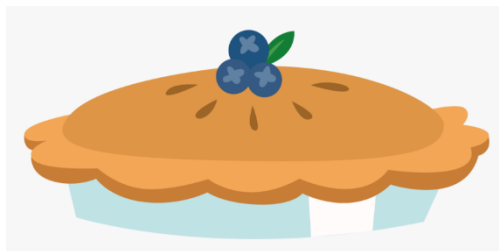
**We hope you will find these programs fulfilling
and spiritually nourishing.**



ONE WEEK AWAY!
The Flea Market is Coming!
Saturday, September 17th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

There are still a few spaces available, but they're going fast!

If you would like to rent a space for your flea market sales, please email wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org and we will send you the registration form and information you need. You can also use Realm to pay for your space by using a credit or debit card. You can use this link to get to it: <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/fleamarket>. You can also pay by cash or check, as in years past. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the WOCC email address above.



Attention All Bakers:

Yummy Goodies are Needed for the Flea Market Bake Table!

Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads, Rolls, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, all versions are welcome! We will need your delicious contributions by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, 9/17, or you can arrange with Ronnie Ivey to deliver them the day before. Our Flea Market attendees are always hungry for baked goods! We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can send an email to tell us about your baked donation: wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The White Elephant Table Needs Your Contributions!

Here's your opportunity to pass on those special items you don't need anymore, to others who are looking for something just like that! And it's for a great cause - all the proceeds from the White Elephant Table will go to our Afghan Refugee Ministry. Here's how to contribute:

- Donated items can be dropped off during the week of September 12-16 (M-F) during Christ Church Office Hours (10:00 - 3:00). Just buzz Aisha, and she will tell you where to put them in Old Brick.
- All items should have a sticker or tag attached showing the price you are suggesting. Remember, this is a fundraiser, so don't be shy.
 - All items should be clean and in good repair/user-ready.
- Please consider the size and weight of your contributions - no extra heavy items or large furniture.



We Want Your Books!

Here's your opportunity to unload all those books you read during the pandemic, and pick up some new ones for cheap! We are looking for all kinds of books, including children's books. You can drop off your books at the Christ Church parish hall during normal office hours, the week of September 12-16 (M-F, 10:00-3:00). Just buzz to get in, and follow the signs downstairs in the parish hall.



We Need Your Help!

This is a big undertaking, and we need help to make it run smoothly. We especially need people to help with parking and traffic flow, set-up and manning of the grilling and food station, and clean-up afterward. We have sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or you can volunteer via email at wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org, so please consider helping us out. The Flea Market is the biggest fundraiser for the Women of Christ Church, and all the proceeds are used for the Church.

SEE YOU AT THE FLEA MARKET!

Welcome, Michael Looney

A few weeks ago, Mike worshipped with us at Christ Church. After worship, he introduced himself and asked if he could make an appointment for a chat. I gladly accepted the invitation and asked him to email me with possible dates. We finally got together and to my surprise, Mike's request was that he is to begin seminary at General Theological Seminary in the fall and would be interested in serving at Christ Church for his contextual education.

Again, that was a surprise to me. And I didn't hesitate in agreeing to have him serve here at Christ Church. I don't remember asking Mike why he chose Christ Church. After all, what is it about Christ Church that attracted you? I am very sure he knows why he chose Christ Church, and I am sure he would tell you should you ask him.



I readily agreed to have him serve here because I, too, was a beneficiary of a similar opportunity at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. That experience was deeply spiritual, incredibly transforming, and unimaginably life-giving. For me, I cannot thank the then-Rector, Reverend Geoffrey Hoare, enough for the opportunity he gave to me, a stranger who simply walked into his church on a cold winter morning.

Remember what Matthew says: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

Again, I have no idea why Mike decided to choose Christ Church, but I am sure it says something about our hospitality, ministries, outreach, and the many ways in which this vibrant church extends its reach.

I remember telling our staff this past Tuesday that as a parish, we punch above our weight. And to a greater extent, that is true. This is because our common life is filled with many opportunities for worship, formation, fellowship, and ministry. The good news is that we can offer and share all of these with you because of your support and prayers. Mike will be with us for two years and will be very much involved in many areas of ministry. I invite you to offer him the Christ Church welcome. Please read about him below:

Hello Christ Church! I am your newest intern, Mike Looney, and I am thrilled to be serving in this amazing community. I am discerning my call to the priesthood and recently started my four-year journey at The General Theological Seminary in NYC, where I will be pursuing a Master's in Divinity degree online.

I am blessed with a beautiful family including my wife, Anne, children - Ella (22) and William (21), and our three loving dogs. We moved to Columbia from DC in 2001. Ella now lives in Denver, CO, and William is a senior at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD. Our home parish is St. Andrew's Glenwood.

In 1991, I graduated from McDaniel College (known then as Western MD College) and took a job at T. Rowe Price. After four years I joined a startup consulting company and in 2004 founded Chesapeake Benefit Partners, which I still own and manage.

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In 2017, I realized I could not deny my calling any longer and began to transition towards being "a teacher and a preacher". In 2020 I started teaching at McDaniel College (teaching two classes - Business Ethics, and Intro to Innovation). In 2021, I became the Director of the Program in Innovation and Entrepreneurship at McDaniel, and also formally entered into the discernment process with the Diocese of MD.

I expect to be with Christ' Church for at least two years and for starters will be involved with older youth Sunday School and helping to lead the 3rd Thursday, Theology on Tap program (first meeting 9/21 at The Ale House - join us!).

I genuinely appreciate the warm reception I have received at Christ Church and look forward to worshipping, serving, and growing with you.

*Blessings,
Mike*

I am grateful for the opportunity of mentoring Mike at this stage in his ministry, and I hope you will all join in sharing the many gifts and experiences that abounds here at Christ Church with him.

Welcome, Mike.
Manny

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

THANK YOU.



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