

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Christ the King

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 26, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. and 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!

Today we are celebrating that Christ is the King of ALL nations by reading in languages of some of the many nations represented by our Christ Church family.

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Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***People:* Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Read by Sonni Aribiah in Efik & Shahra Toth in Hungarian

Reader: A Reading from Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 100 | Read by Jane Adams in Mandarin

Jubilate Deo

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A Reading from Ephesians 1:15-23 | Read by Dione Mahoney in Portuguese & Jefferson Cuarezma in Spanish

Reader: A Reading from The Epistle to the Ephesians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn | Laudate Dominum

Jacques Berthier de Taizé

Laudate Dominum
Laudate Dominum
Omnes gentes
Alleluia!
Sing praise and bless the Lord,
Sing praise and bless the Lord,
peoples, nations,
Alleluia!

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

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon | Steve Alpern, *Lay Preacher*

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.

Prayers of the People |

Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise on our nation's day of Thanksgiving, for the many blessings You have bestowed on us. We at Christ Church live in a country with many flowing streams and bountiful fields. Even so, we know that every day, many in our country and throughout the world go hungry. We pray for those whose streams are dry, whose fields are barren, and whose cupboards are empty. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the generosity of our Christ Church family so that other families may enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. We praise You for inspiring us to give cheerfully to the Grassroots Center, to the patients of Springfield, Somos Amigos, Refugee Communities and everywhere members of our parish help others through giving of time and treasure. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for Your saving grace and the hope for a better life for all. We lift up the ministries of the Anglican Church throughout the world especially the Province of The Church of Nigeria. We remember Ascension, Scarborough; Christ Church, Rock Spring; and Emmanuel, Bel Air. We raise in prayer and in thanksgiving for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; Diocesan Bishops, Eugene & Carrie; Rector, Manny; Deacon, Denise; Rector Emeritus, Richard; Postulants, Mike, Kiona & Rebecca. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We remember all of who have died from gunfire in this country and from war and other forms of violence throughout the world. Today, we remember the conflicts in Ukraine, Palestine, and Israel. Guide those who fight to uphold peace, especially Connor Warlow & Kofi Abdallah May their souls rest in peace and may their survivors find some comfort. We pray that world leaders find ways to end the senseless killing. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We ask for Your comfort for those who will observe Thanksgiving without their loved one who has died. We remember Lidell Ford, Sr., Yancy Moiwo, Olayemi Osunniyi, Cesar Palatino, and those you now name and give thanks for the time we shared with them. We also ask for Your blessing on those who are ill and their caretakers, including Debbie, Sarah, Harriet, Doug, Mary Ann, Lexi, Jon, Sunny, Georgia, Dennis, Altra, Barbara, Sherry, Tim, Christine, Jan, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Nell, and those you now name. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, You have shared so abundantly with us. In addition to gathering with family and friends for today's holiday, we remember birthdays and anniversaries we celebrate this week, including Emily, Kayode, Erin, Rosa, Matthew, Dione, Ginger, Hope, Tolu, Gavin & Randolph, wedding anniversaries of Amanda & Hao Cheong, baptismal anniversaries of Grace, Rosa & Dione, and we give thanks for the birth of Roslyn to Jordan and Luke Penn-Geddes. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord, You made us to know hunger, in body, mind and spirit. But You also created us to know the goodness of Your provision. We give thanks for all we have and pray for those who share this world with us. May we leave today with the inspiration to spread the Good News and to do our part in ending hunger, hatred, and violence wherever they occur. **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

Offertory Choral Anthem | We Praise You, O God, For Your Gifts of Creation

Jennifer L. Stammers

Please scan to give.



The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 3) |

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

Eucharistic 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:



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 | BCP 365

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 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The organ part is marked 'organ' and the vocal part is marked 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The organ part features a melodic line with various ornaments and a bass line with sustained notes. The vocal part is a simple melody with lyrics written below the notes.

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

We are the dwelling of God, fragile and wounded and weak. We are the body of Christ, called to be the compassion of God. (You call me Teacher and Lord; I, who have washed your feet. So you must do as I do, so the greatest must become the least.) There is no Jew or Greek; there is no slave or free; there is no woman or man; only heirs of the promise of God.	(Somos el templo de Dios, frágiles seres humanos. Somos el cuerpo de Cristo, llamados a ser compasivos.) Ustedes me llaman "Señor". Me inclino a lavarles los pies. Hagan lo mismo, humildes, sirviéndose unos a otros. (No hay esclavos ni libres, no hay mujeres ni hombres, sólo aquellos que heredan el reino que Dios prometió.)
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Bilingual Refrain:

Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor,
cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.
At this table the last shall be first.
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.

The people stand as able.

Post-Communion Prayer | Read by Fr. Manny in Fanti

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.**

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 10:30 a.m. services

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.**

The Blessing |

*The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond **Amen.***

Closing Song Hymn LEVAS 62 | In Christ There is No East or West

McKee

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

3
him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

6
ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Apache Blessing |

May the sun bring you new energy by day,
may the moon softly restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries,
may the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty
all the days of your life.

The Dismissal |

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

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lectors/Readers: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Jo Emily Knox

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

10:30 a.m. Service

Lectors/Readers: Rebecca Warlow

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Hope & Eva Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Setutsi Abdallah

Chalicerist: Rebecca Warlow

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Eileen Harlee

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 2

Sunday, November 26

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – 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
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, November 27

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, November 28 – #GIVINGTUESDAY

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, November 30

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, December 1

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 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, December 2

9:00 – 12:00 pm	Advent Quiet Day – Old Brick
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Advent Wreath-Making Youth Fundraiser – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements, email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening. For a digital copy of the complete service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website, or visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/worship-archive

WOCC Christmas Feast Deadline – THIS SUNDAY

On Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m., we will gather for our annual Christmas Feast at **The King's Contrivance Restaurant**, and we hope you'll all come! The special price for the event is \$48. per person, and you can sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. Deadline for signing up is November 26th.

Centering Prayer - November 27

Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings for Centering Prayer, a special evening prayer gathering that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are; **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Giving Tuesday - November 28

In the midst of the blessings of the Thanksgiving season, we are invited each year on Giving Tuesday to make a gift to our favorite charitable organizations. This year, Christ Church invites parishioners to support our Music Ministry this Giving Tuesday. You can do so by visiting **our Online Giving Form**, selecting "Music Ministry" from the *Fund* dropdown menu, and writing "Giving Tuesday" in the *Memo* line. Christ Church's Music Ministry has grown this year - our Choir Camp and Handbell Choir are beautiful examples of this - and your gifts will help us deepen and strengthen this vital ministry even more. For this, we are very thankful.

Thursday Healing Eucharist - November 30

Christ Church offers midday worship in historic Old Brick, including readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. There will be no service next week - be sure to join us for Thanksgiving Day worship at 10 a.m. instead - but everyone is welcome to join us for a prayerful time as we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones, so come reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful chapel.

Christ Church Choirs - November 30

CEC Choirs will take next week off for Thanksgiving but return on Thursday, November 30th. Handbell Choir gathers from 7-7:30, and Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30-9 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.**

CEC Book Club - December 1

Join us on Zoom for the Christ Church Book Club next Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always welcome new readers to join us, so how about you? **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Passcode is **CECbooks**. And please note - Book Club will take next week off for Thanksgiving.

First Wednesday Fellowship - December 6

Don't miss next month's FWF as we celebrate the holiday season with an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest and gift swap. Wear your favorite ugly sweater to the gathering and bring a gift valued at around ten dollars so we can put it in the grab bag and share it with others. We're still working on the meal for the event, but it's sure to be delicious. Mark the date: Wednesday, December 6 (also St. Nicholas Day!) at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall... be there!

MOCC Holiday Dinner - December 16

The MOCC has its Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 16th at The Ale House in Columbia. We will gather there at 6 p.m. The cost is \$50. per person, **and the menu can be found here**. You can pay using **our Online Giving Form**, selecting "Men of Christ Church" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and writing "2023 Holiday Dinner" in the *MEMO* line. Interested to learn more about the MOCC, or this event? Please email Duane Smith at **cduanesmith@verizon.net**

Christmas Flowers and Music

Christmas Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one are being gratefully accepted. These help fund the wonderful greenery, flowers, and musicians that assist in bringing the seasons of Advent and Christmas to life for everyone. There are two ways you can donate - you can do so digitally using our **Online Giving Form** and simply select "Christmas Flowers & Music" or "Christmas General Offering" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write the dedication name(s) on the *MEMO* line. If doing so by check, you'll find both Christmas envelopes in the Narthex and in Old Brick. When using either method, please be sure to submit yours no later than Wednesday, December 20th.

Meals Ministry

The Stewardship season focuses on the giving of our time, talent, and treasure, and one way to do so is by lending a hand to those in need. Christ Church's Pastoral Care Commission is growing its Meals Ministry to ensure that there is always someone who can provide a home-cooked meal to those who might need one. If you would like to help, or if you know someone in need, please speak with Deacon Denise or email her at **deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year - such an important milestone for our church - and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or need more information, please speak with Robin Bradley or email **300@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers Communion to You, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, speak with or email Rebecca Warlow at **rwarlow131@gmail.com**

Christ Church Sends Humanitarian Aid to Victims of War in Holy Land

At the Nov. 13 Outreach Commission meeting, we approved a \$600 donation to **Episcopal Relief and Development** (ERD) for humanitarian aid in the Holy Land. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to all who make it possible.

During the Israel-Hamas War, (ERD) has been partnering with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to support its hospital ministry among the Palestinians. In recent updates to **an online post**, ERD described efforts at Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Previously it posted about its partnership with **HIAS** within Israel in the wake of the Oct. 7 Hamas attack. ERD also provides **a link** to encourage prayers in a time of crisis. Please continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land and for ERD and its partners.

Grant a Child's Wish for Angel Tree Gifts by Our Dec. 8 Deadline

The Angel Tree is up in the Narthex as our tradition continues. Between now and Dec. 8, the Outreach Commission invites parishioners to purchase new clothing and special items to complete Christmas gift "packages" for young angels. We are supporting a dozen children ages 8 to 13 to meet a need identified by the Howard County (Central Maryland) division of **The Salvation Army**. The nonprofit organization oversees the Angel Tree initiative here and elsewhere.

Please provide one or more gifts for girls and boys who are represented by tags that remain on the tree. To participate, you will need to sign up online by going to the **Christ Church 2023 Angel Tree SignUp** to view the list and make your choices. It has instructions on next steps. Each child will receive an outfit, consisting of pants and a top. Besides the clothing, there are three other categories for each angel: Need, Wish, and Favorite item. You'll find an array of wishes, so have fun shopping for items that range from roller skates and Legos to twin sheets and an alarm clock. The deadline to bring in your **unwrapped** gifts is 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Please put them under the tree or in the Parish Hall Operations Room.

The aim is to lift the hearts not only of the angels but of their families. Parents obtain the unwrapped gifts from The Salvation Army to prepare for a brighter Christmas than they could otherwise afford. We'll do our best to update the list of angels and their wishes on a spreadsheet that will be displayed near the tree. In Old Brick, we'll bring the list to you. In both locations, you'll get a slip with the child's name, ID, and wished-for gift. Someone will be on hand after both worship services on Sunday, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3 to assist in logging on.

To take part by giving of your time, please volunteer for one of two duties: Sign-up or Fulfillment. Sign-up duty on these two Sundays will help people after worship to register. The other duty is on Dec. 9 when you collate packages or shop for --but not pay for-- any unmet items. To volunteer, specify Sign-up or Fulfillment, or both, in an email to **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Thanksgiving Drive for the Howard County Food Bank Brightens Holiday Tables

Your donations of groceries such as stuffing mix, gravy, and canned goods are making a big difference at holiday meals starting this week. The **Howard County Food Bank** expects to feed about 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 for Christmas with its Holiday Meal Kits.

Christ Church collected 179 pounds of food during our annual drive for the **Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC)**, which operates the food bank. We further supported CAC with a monetary donation for its holiday meal kits. On Nov. 17, members of the Outreach Commission delivered the goods (see photo). Thank you for participating!

Columbia Community Care Takes Weekend Off, Plans Holiday Help for Kids

Columbia Community Care (CCC) will observe Thanksgiving by closing the pantry on Friday, Nov. 24 and its pantry and three distribution sites on Saturday, Nov. 25. CCC has also announced holiday activities to help kids and their families. Check the **CCC Facebook Group** for updates. To volunteer, go to the **“I Can Help” portion of its website**.

Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall when the church office is open or on Sundays. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

Please Donate All Kinds of Grocery Non-Perishables and Toiletries to FISH

FISH of Howard County needs non-perishable foods and toiletries. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. Please put donations in the basket at the altar or in the marked yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.



ADVENT QUIET DAY

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2

8:30_{A.M.} - 12_{NOON}

OLD BRICK
AT CHRIST CHURCH



You are welcome to join us as Advent Quiet Day gathers in Old Brick next Saturday. This important Christ Church tradition marks the start of the Advent season and helps us to focus and retain our perspective in these hectic weeks leading up to Christmas.

We are grateful to have Carol Abbott leading our morning retreat; she is a spiritual director and retired educator. Carol is a recent addition to the Christ Church family - she and her husband Jay recently moved to Columbia from California and are now parishioners. Carol is a mother and grandmother; her first son was born with severe cerebral palsy, which helped deepen her compassion for parents, caregivers, and those who feel marginalized.



We'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m. This is followed by readings, spirited discussions, shared community, and periods for quiet meditation, and concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a very special gathering each year, and we hope that you'll join us as we let the Light enter our feelings and actions to help make this a remarkable and enlightening Christmas season.

If you need more information or have any questions, please speak with Ellen Hoke or email info@christchurchcolumbia.org



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Festive Lock-In

Due to campus heating issues, we have had to postpone our Youth Festive Lock-In. More information will come in future communications.

Advent Wreath-Making Fundraiser - December 2

It is that time of year! Advent will be here soon, and we are having an Advent wreath-making fundraiser for our youth.

We will invite the entire parish to come and support the youth's efforts as they raise funds to help others by building houses in disaster-struck areas through DreamBuilders next summer.

We will need several teams of parent volunteers: Advent wreath materials prep team, decorating team, and food coordination team. More info is to come. In the meantime, we hope you come up with many great ideas!

Location: New Brick Venue Hall

Time: 12 noon - 2 p.m.

Advent wreath kit, lunch, beverages, holiday treats, and Christmas music will be provided!

Cost: \$50 per kit for a family of 3; \$70 for families of 4 or more.

Contributing youth and parents - FREE

Upcoming Youth Gatherings

Christmas Caroling: During the four weeks of Advent, for Youth Faith Formation, we will have a special focus on Advent and Christmas and prepare to carol for our home-bound parishioners and possibly at older parishioners' homes. Stay tuned!

Christmas Eve: Youth help with the Christmas Pageant as lectors and musicians.

Skiing trip to Whitetail: January 6

St. John's Discovery Weekend: January 20-21

Diocesan Retreat (9th - 12th Grade): February 16-18

Email Kiona with any questions at kiona@christchurchcolumbia.org



CHRIST CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

Donation envelopes are now located in the Narthex for those needing them. If you have any questions, **please email the church office.**

Thank YOU.

Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge**

Text Giving

You can 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 toward 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**

You can read the latest Vestry-approved monthly report [here](#).



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