



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, November 9, 2025 | Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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: www.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.

I AM A
CHILD
OF
God

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 390 | Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY|

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we

may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Reader: *A reading from Haggai.*

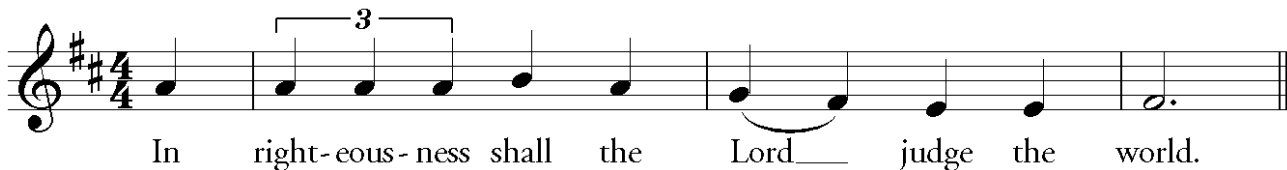
In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 98 | *Cantate Domino*



Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Antiphon

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Antiphon

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Thessalonians.*

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

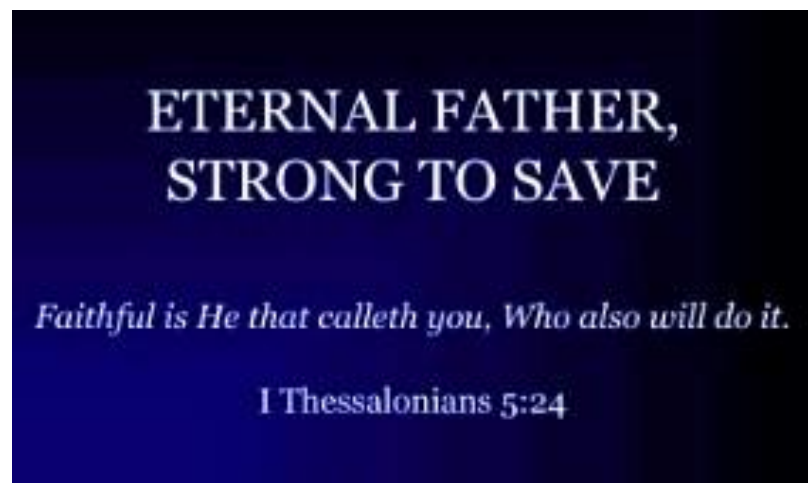
But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 20:27-38

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second

and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The people may be seated at the invitation of the 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 worshipped 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 |

As Christians living in difficult times, we are making our way in the world seeking security, stability, and kinship, but we don't do this alone. Jesus sacrificed all to become our Teacher and our Advocate with the Father. And the Lord continues to build up and care for all humanity despite human failings. We lift our voices in praise, saying: **"Blessed be the Lord, who abides with us now and forever."**

We pray for the worldwide Church, that it may be a witness to God's love for all people throughout the world and a beacon of healing light and hope in our times of sorrow and darkness. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies. In the Diocese of Maryland, prayers are offered for our sister parishes. We pray for our spiritual leaders -- our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. Guide them and sustain them in their ministry, as we pray: **"Blessed be the Lord, who abides with us now and forever."**

We place into Your Hands, Lord, the needs of our brothers and sisters who are poor, the lonely, hungry, unsheltered, abused, the oppressed, the imprisoned and those who are without hope. We remember those who are ill, especially Patricia, Nancy, Patrick, Winifred, Priscilla, Jim, Kayode, Pamela, Isaac, Abel, Rachan & Sherry, and those you now name. May they and their caregivers feel Your Power in their lives strengthening them. We pray: **"Blessed be the Lord who abides with us always."**

We remember the lives of those who have entered eternal life and abide with the Father, especially the victims of Bibiana Yeng, Hurricane Melissa, and those you now name. We give thanks for their lives and ask that you comfort those who grieve, saying: **"Blessed be the Lord who restores and sustains us."**

We give thanks for those who are new or visiting with us today. We pray that you may find blessing and peace at the

Lord's table. We are also grateful for the many occasions of joy in our Church family, including- birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, and wedding anniversaries for Karikari, Paul, Ross, Robin & Paula, Jenn & Leigh, and Linda & Steve Alpern. We raise our voices saying: **"Blessed. be the Lord, who abides with us now and forever."**

Lord, You are the Source of our lives, and with Your Love, our abundance. We ask that You help us remember that no matter who we are or where we reside, we are all walking each other home to You. **AMEN.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

Celebrant: 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.

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 |

**MAY THE PEACE OF
THE LORD BE ALWAYS
WITH YOU**

2 Thessalonians 3:16

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | My Good Lord's Done Been Here

*Moses Hogan
arr. Rollo Dillworth*

Please scan to give.



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 HOLY COMMUNION



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:



The Celebrant continues

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."

All: *Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*
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 |

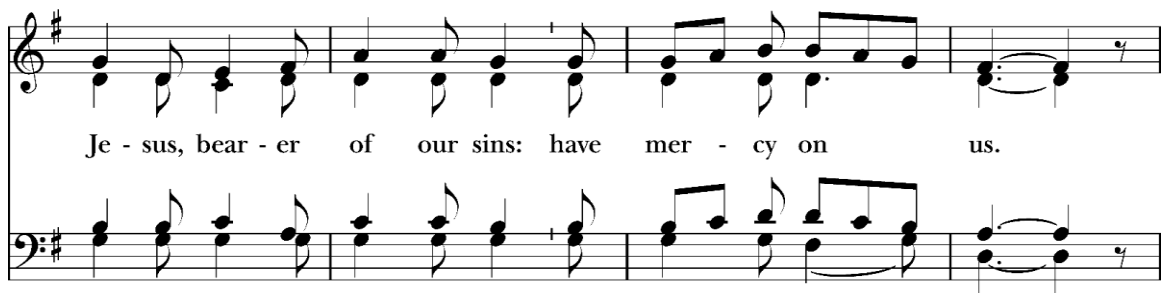
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

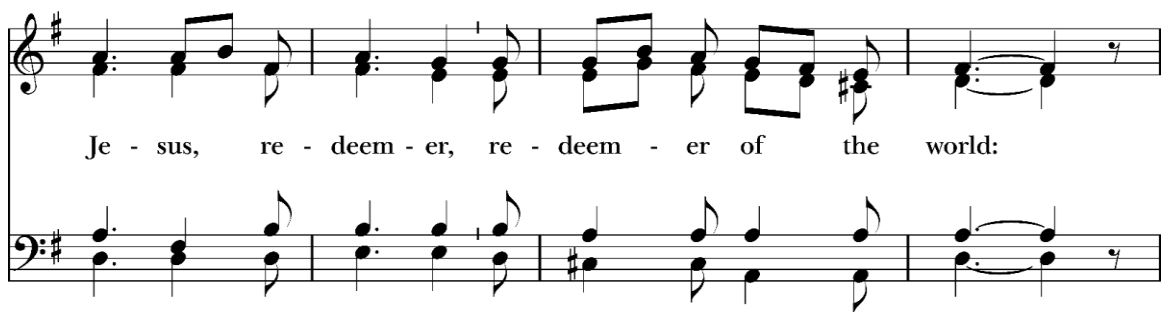




Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



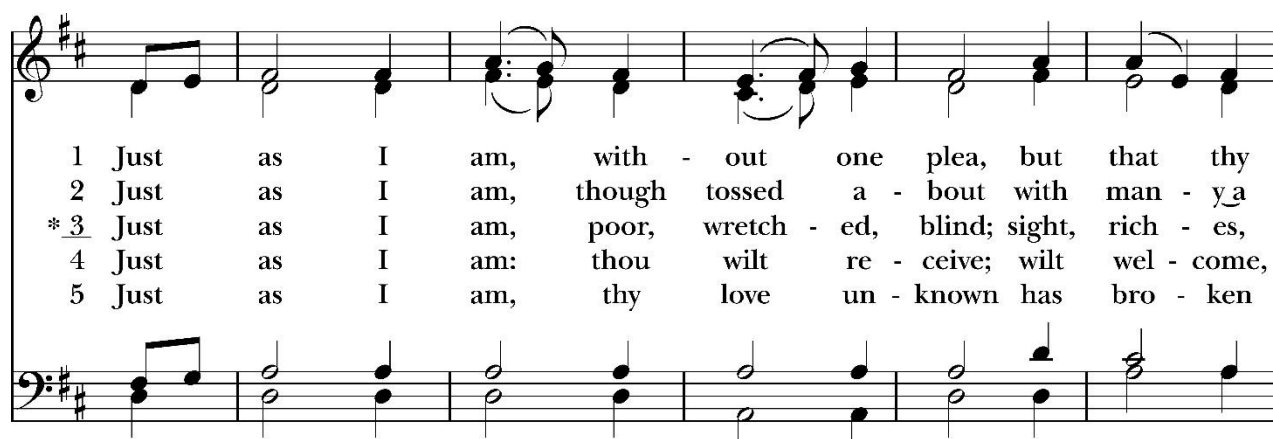
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.



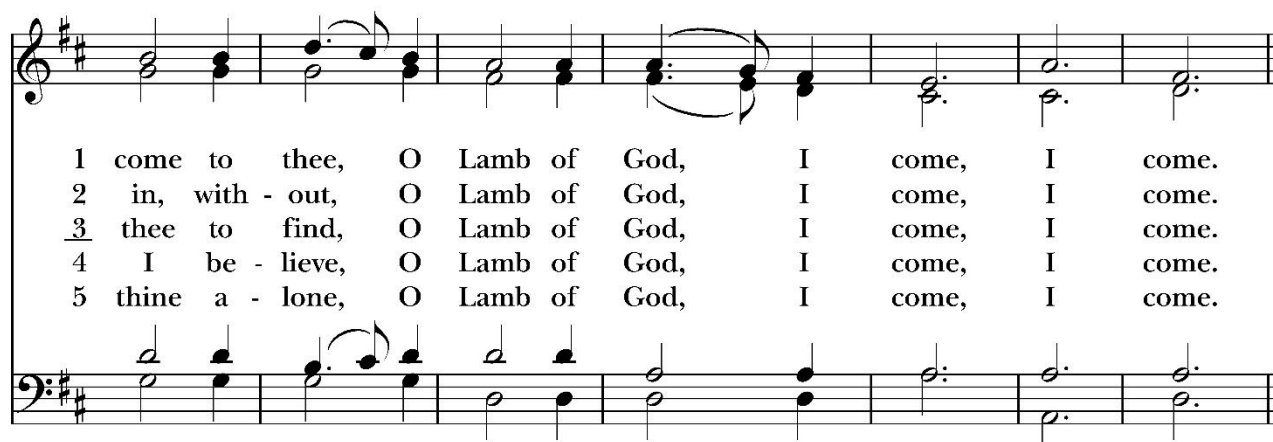
*The Gifts of God
for the People of God*



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in -
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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 offers a blessing, and the People respond **Amen**.*

CLOSING HYMN LEVAS 194 | Lead Me, Guide Me

Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,

For if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Fine

Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and power to—
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

1. help me o - ver my weak - est hour; Help me
 2. aid when sa - tan and sin op - press; I am
 3. blind with - out thy light to see; Lord, just

1. through the dark - ness thy face to see,
 2. put - ting my trust in thee.
 3. al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

D.C.

1. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 2. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.
 3. Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people who respond.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Chalicer: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quarley

Chalicer: Theo Jones-Quarley

Acolytes: Chloe Spencer, Hope Spencer, Eli Wasula

Altar Guild: Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Maria Rios, Virginia Jarrett

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams,
Betty Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Tellers: Amanda Kirkpatrick, Andy Delong

NEXT SUNDAY:



YOUTH
SUNDAY
November 16

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9 – 15, 2025

Sunday, November 9

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am– 9:30 am	Coffee Hour
9:00 am– 9:30 am	Children & Family Worship – New Brick, UL
9:30 am– 10:30 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Zoom
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom & Parish Hall, CR
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, November 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Meal for Rt. 1 – Parish Hall Parking Lot
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, November 11

All Day	Veterans Day – Office Closed
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Summer Yoga Camp – ONLINE

Wednesday, November 12

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, November 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Summer Yoga Camp – ONLINE
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club - Zoom

Friday, November 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, November 15

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
9:30 – 11:30 pm	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep – Old Brick
9:00 pm – 2:00 am	Manny Event – New Brick, LL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

Youth Sunday - November 16

This is a day when our incredible youth will serve as lectors sharing the readings of the day, as ushers and greeters who welcome you to worship, lead us in prayer for one another and the world, and provide a unique sermon from their perspective. Come and gather with us as this special part of our church family leads us in worship.

Pledge to Christ Church for 2026

We are incredibly blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for the next year, as well.

Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the Narthex to fill out, or you can safely complete one on our website at christchurchcolumbia.org/2026-pledge. You can also call the church office, and they will send one to you in the mail.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for supporting our worship, outreach, youth, music, and every other vital part of our common life.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming service, you can do so by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. Then please email or call the church office and let them know, and we'll be sure to place an acknowledgment in the Sunday service leaflet for that day.

Christ Church Offers Two Ways to Help Howard County Face a Hunger Crisis

A growing number of our neighbors can't afford to buy groceries due to the government shutdown and an interruption in food-stamp benefits known as SNAP. The [Community Action Council of Howard County](#) (CAC), which operates the Howard County Food Bank, has extended hours and urged community support.

One way to help is by participating in the Fall Food Drive that Christ Church will hold this Saturday, Nov. 8, from 1 to 5 p.m., at Dorsey's Search Giant supermarket, 4715 Dorsey Hall Drive, Ellicott City, Md. The supermarket limits the size of the group, and many of you have signed up for a one-hour shift. If you are interested, please email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org to learn if a slot is available. Groceries collected from shoppers will go to the Food Bank and its gluten-free partner, [SAFE](#).

A heart-warming way to help while at church is to contribute items to our annual Thanksgiving collection of non-perishables. Given that providers expect many more people will require help beyond the holiday, please bring in more than the traditional thanksgiving sides such as boxed stuffing, cranberry sauce, and canned vegetables. Feel free to put these along with items like tuna, peanut butter, pasta, soup and cereal in the marked boxes in New Brick. The collection for the food bank runs through Thursday, Nov. 20.

Invitation: Attend an Outreach Meeting and Help Grassroots on Monday, Nov. 10

On the second Monday of each month, the Outreach Commission holds a remote meeting on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. Please join in to learn many ways to help others. You'll find the Zoom code in church notices. Earlier in the day, the experience is hands-on as the meals team feeds the hungry at two sites operated by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#).

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At midday, a group led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that our volunteers serve in person after car-pooling to Grassroots' Day Resource Center (DRC) in Jessup. To help on Monday, November 10, please refer to our [DRC online signup form](#) for details. Meet-up and drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick. We last participated on Oct. 13th.

Parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick, where a volunteer picks up the food for delivery to Grassroots' Emergency Shelter. Its staff handles serving that meal to shelter residents, who include numerous children. Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#). It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day, in total, feeding about 150 people. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds cover the cost of the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

MOCC Monthly Breakfast - November 15

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in October, it will take place next Saturday, November 18, at Silver Diner, located at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. See you there!

And be sure to catch our new Random Act of Kindness that helps support Comfort Cases further down in this section.

We Need to Show A Bit More Kindness for Our Neighbors

Dear friends, it is time to shop for those of our LEMS neighbors who need food and household items to get them through this tough time. We are all painfully aware of how many families in our area have lost jobs or are working without pay, and although we have just been informed that some SNAP benefits may be renewed, we don't yet know when this will occur or whether the full payment will be restored.

The staff at LEMS has requested specific goods, so please visit CECevents.org/LEMS-Kindness and sign up for one or more items:

- Boxes of cereal
- Bags or boxes of white rice
- Cans of stew, chili, or soup
- Toothpaste
- Paper Towels
- Reusable shopping bags

All donations must be brought to the narthex of New Brick by next Sunday, November 16, and placed in the blue bin. If you have any questions, please contact us at LEMS@ChristChurchColumbia.org. Thanks for being God's Light to the World!

Deadline Extended for Items Going to Baltimore International Seafarers Center

The Women of Christ Church (WOCC) will give parishioners more time to shop for the [Baltimore International Seafarers Center](#), and has narrowed its wish list. The deadline is Thursday, Nov. 20, and the items are: warm hats and scarves (no fringe or woolen balls), warm gloves, and hand-warming packets. Place these in the designated bin in the Tower Room to brighten the holidays for mariners who are so far from home.

The Center is a ministry to ships that come into Baltimore Harbor and is supported by the [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) in its annual [Bishop's Appeal](#). If you have questions, please speak with Carolann Sawyer or Cindy Read.

241st Diocese of Maryland Convention - Nov. 21 & 22

Each year, elected delegates from each congregation in our diocese gather to elect diocesan leaders, discuss issues, and review policies and structures. While voting delegates and alternates must register to participate and vote in the Convention, anyone is welcome to attend as an observer at no cost.

The Convention takes place at the [Claggett Center](#), Frederick County, MD, and all of the relevant Convention details and materials are posted at episcopalmaryland.org/diocesan-governance/diocesan-convention.

The Bishop's Visit - November 30

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be the homilist at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, November 30th, and we invite everyone to join us for this very special occasion.

This is an opportunity for all of our children to have an up-close and personal interaction with her, to hear about what the role of a Bishop is, what a bishop wears and why, and to hear about the sacrament of Confirmation. The children, as a group, will offer a song to celebrate Bishop Carrie's visit, and we hope that the entire congregation will join us that special day as we receive new members of the church.

WOCC Christmas Feast - December 7

Come Join Us For The Women of Christ Church's Christmas Feast: Sunday, December 7th, 1:00 p.m. at Kings Contrivance Restaurant. The cost is \$63 per person for a delicious 3-course meal and non-alcoholic drinks, all inclusive (fancy drinks can be purchased from the cash bar).

Sign up in the Narthex by November 30th. Subsidies are available - just talk to Father Manny. We'll be collecting unwrapped gifts for Springfield Hospital again this year. You can find their wish list on the poster in the Narthex, along with more details about The Feast. See you there!

MOCC's Random Act of Kindness

The MOCC's current R.A.K. (Random Act of Kindness) is supporting Comfort Cases, and they can use your donations and assistance. A Comfort Case is a small duffel bag or backpack designed to provide comfort for youth as they enter the local foster care system.

In today's world, the number of kids entering the foster care system is rising, and so anything that can be done to help provide a level of comfort and care for the youngest is welcome. The MOCC is accepting donations from now through January 10th, and you can find details and a donation bin in the Narthex. You can also speak with Duane Smith, Ed Chrzanowski, or any other MOCC member to get more information about Comfort Cases or upcoming MOCC gatherings.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace.

We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is 817 6254 3177, and the Passcode is CP. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Yoga Camp Online - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parishioner and certified yoga instructor Jane Adams held Yoga Camp at Christ Church this past summer, and now she continues to offer it in a new way—join her from the comfort of your own home!

Yoga Camp Online is held for an hour on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now through November 25, and starts at 5:30. It's open to everyone interested in improving their body, mind, and spirit through movement, meditation, and breathing. To make yoga a part of your path towards improved physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org, and Jane will send you the details. But email her now - space is limited.

Join the Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

If you ever thought about giving Choir a shot, how about now? We have rehearsals in New Brick on Thursday evenings—Handbell Choir at 6:45 and Adult Choir at 7:30—and all adults are welcome to join us.

Whether you read music or not, have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit full-time or not, there's a place for you to give it a shot in our handbell &/or vocal choirs. If interested, please speak with Larissa at church on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or stop by New Brick on any Thursday.

CEC Book Club - Thursdays

The CEC Book Club is reading *The Heartbeat of God* by Katharine Jefferts Schori (former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States), an excellent book. Why not join us! You can participate via Zoom on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of readers, then this is definitely for you—we choose a book together, read a chapter or two each week, and then gather virtually for an hour or so on Thursdays to share our thoughts. If you've considered taking part or if this is your first time hearing about us, now's the time to join! Email us with any questions - bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

GET INVOLVED: Find a Ministry that's Right for You

We can always use some more people to keep Christ Church the vibrant, active, dedicated parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild, Inreach, or Buildings and Grounds ministries - and many others. None of these requires weekly assistance - they only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those interested in the Altar Guild, please email altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org, or inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org for Inreach (or [visit their website page](#)), and if you're interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Our NEW Youth & Family Ministry Newsletter is Here!

Christ Church's Sunday School, Youth & Family Ministry, and Communications teams have come together to create a publication highlighting very special members of our parish family, so be sure to check your inbox towards the end of each month for the latest edition! It'll contain articles, upcoming schedules, diocesan-related events, photos, updates of our own youth in action around town, and much more. If it's important to the younger parishioners and their families, we'll try to include it!

We also want to hear what you have to share, so if you'd like to contribute something to the newsletter, please email photos, stories, or interesting online articles, and we'll get them in the next issue.

Upcoming Diocesan Events for Youth of All Ages

The Diocese of Maryland's Youth Ministry has a lot of upcoming events and gatherings listed on their website, [and you can find them here](#). From the upcoming Diocesan Convention next month, to the 2026 Happening Retreat and Nightwatch NYC in next year, many gatherings are taking place for youth of every age. We will be taking part in most of them, but if you see one that you're particularly interested in learning more about, please email Diya Jackson, Christ Church's Youth Ministry Assistant, and she'll get in touch with you - you can email her at christchurchassistant@gmail.com

Christ Church Sends Aid to Victims of Hurricane Melissa in the Caribbean

Last week, Hurricane Melissa struck Jamaica as a deadly Category 5 storm, which an official in [an NBC News report](#) described as the most intense to hit Jamaica since record-keeping began. Melissa also caused destruction or loss of lives in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. In response, Outreach Commission members voted to contribute \$500 to UNICEF, which said in an [online post](#) on Oct. 31 that it had resources in place to swiftly help displaced families. UNICEF estimated Melissa had impacted the lives of more than 700,000 children in the Caribbean. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Thank you!

FISH and CCC Have Combined Pantries, and FISH Needs Phone Volunteers

[FISH](#) and [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) partnered earlier this year and merged their food pantries. CCC continues its distributions at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery to Howard County residents. For information, go online to [Get Help](#) or look for updates on [CCC's Facebook page](#). FISH continues to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label "FISH/CCC". Please keep bringing baby wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.

FISH will continue to provide guidance and financial support by telephone because the personal touch is very important in times of crisis. Consider volunteering from home by dedicating just one day a month to assist those who could benefit from FISH's financial assistance. Training is provided. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong or email andydelong.fish@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.



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