



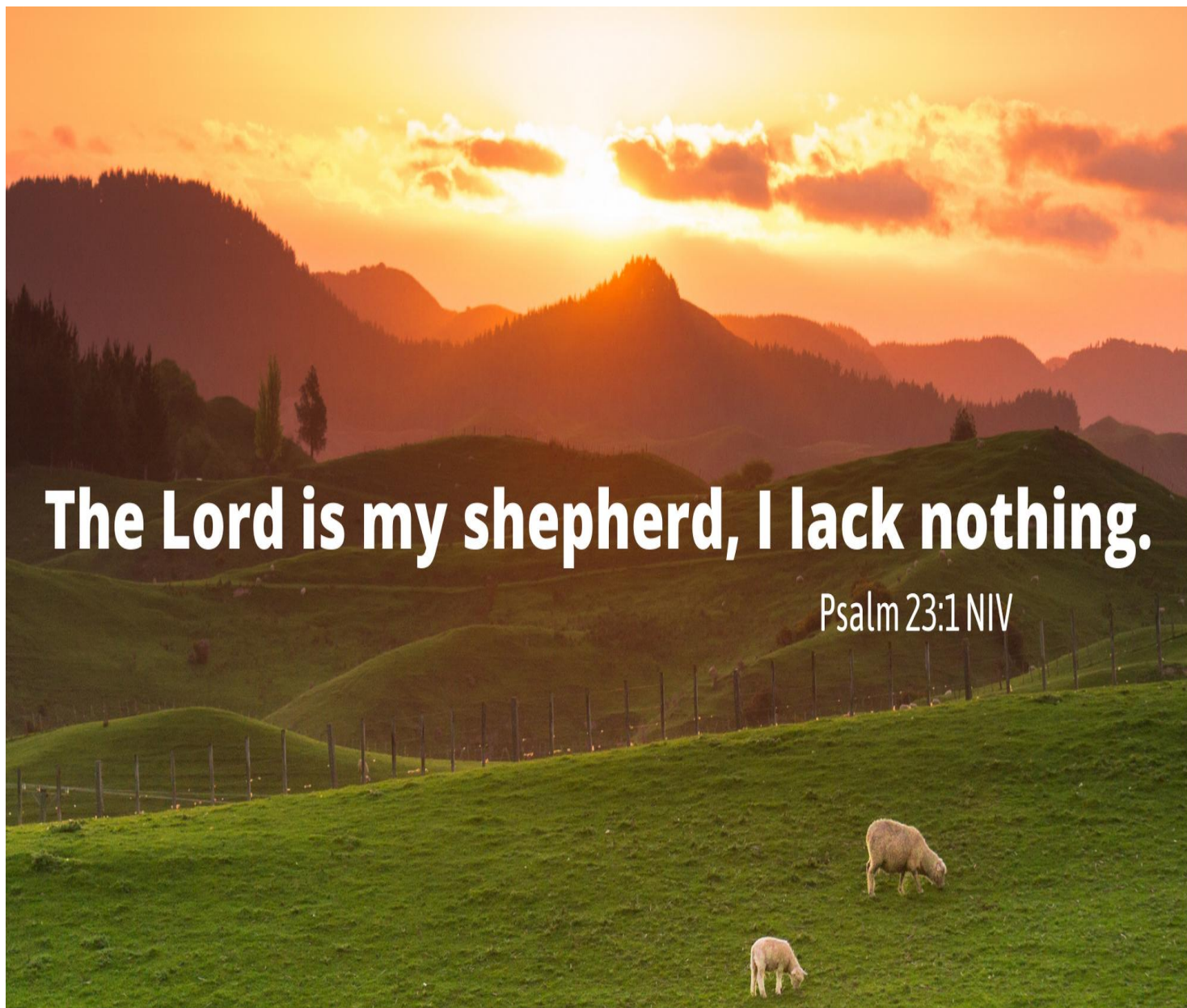
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 | Twentieth 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.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 399 | To God with Gladness Sing

Camano

Descant

3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his

1 To God with glad - ness sing, your Rock and Sa - vior
2 He cra - dles in his hand the heights and depths of
3 Your heaven - ly Fa - ther praise, ac - claim his on - ly

on - ly Son, your voic - es raise to him who

bless; in - to his tem - ple bring your songs of
earth; he made the sea and land, he brought the
Son, your voice in hom - age raise to him who

makes all one! O Dove on

thank - ful - ness! O God of might, to
world to birth! O God Most High, we
makes all one! O Dove of peace, on

us de - scend, joy in - crease!

you we sing, en - throned as King on hea - ven's height!
are your sheep; on us you keep your shep - herd's eye!
us de - scend that strife may end and joy in - crease!

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Isaiah 25:1-9

Reader: *A reading from Isaiah.*

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
 let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 23 | *The Divine Shepherd*

The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing I shall want.

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my **shepherd**;^{*}
 I shall not **want**.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green **pastures**;^{*}
 He leadeth me beside the still **waters**. *Refrain*
3. He restoreth my **soul**;^{*}
 he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's **sake**.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no **evil**;^{*}
 for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they **comfort** me. *Refrain*
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine **enemies**;^{*}
 thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth **over**.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**;^{*}
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord **forever**. *Refrain*

THE EPISTLE | Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: *A reading from Philippians.*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 664 | My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

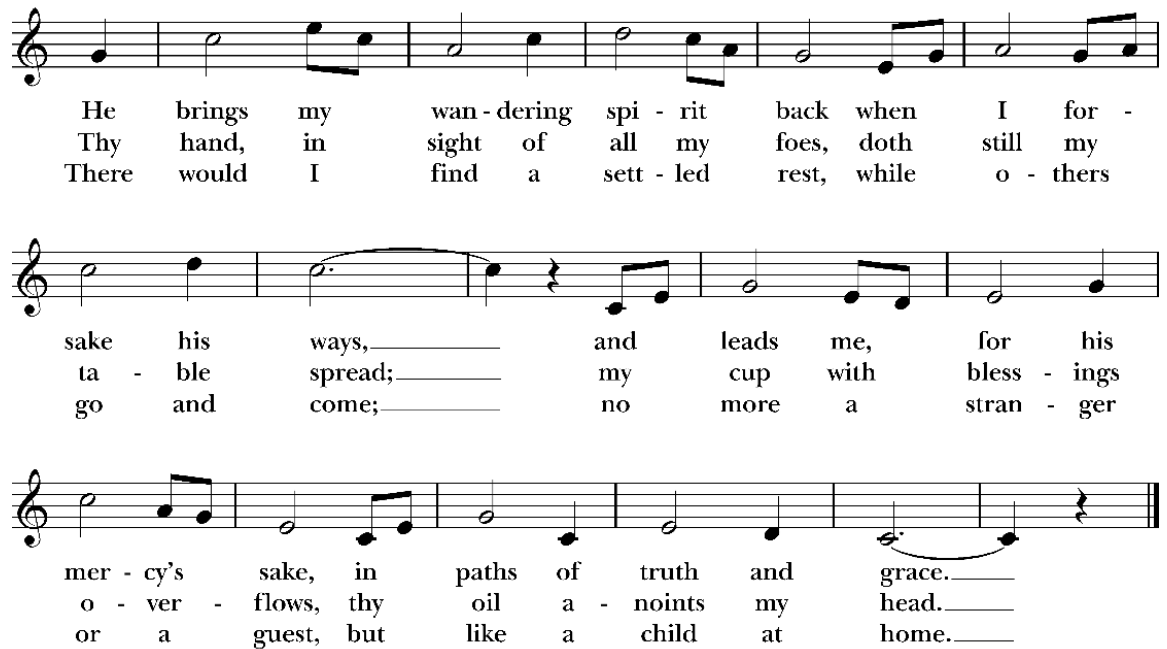
Resignation



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
 or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Natalie Tinner, *Associate Rector*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is 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 |

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

Lord of all, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with your truth, grace, and peace. Provide for it, reform it, and reunite it. **Help us to rebuild your Church.**

In the worldwide Anglican Communion: we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi **and** for the Churches of in our Diocese, we hold up in prayer: our sister parishes. We also ask our Lord's blessings for our own Christ Church, Columbia. We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay people, including our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard, Marcia & Natalie. We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors today. **Adopt us as your children and make us heirs of eternal life in you.**

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

Man of Sorrows, we pray for the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. We also pray for those in prison, in trouble, and in any danger. We give care and compassion for those suffering from the ravages of cyclones, floods, hurricanes and the problems of extended periods of extreme heat. These disasters result in the loss of homes, possessions, jobs, transportation, and health care. **We are needy; make haste to help us.**

Great Physician, we pray for those ill in body, mind or spirit, especially for Ally, Sean, Maggie, Liam, Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Kaci, MaryAnn, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry and for others we now name. Please restore them to health and wholeness. **Give us hope in our afflictions.**

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

Great Commander, we commend your care and keeping all members of our military forces, especially those in harm's way. **Defend our defenders.**

Great High Priest, Give us grace to glorify Christ in our own day as we join those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions this week especially Patrick, Jill, Drew, Melanie, Hannah, Karita, Kathy & Alex; Ron and Bob & Dee Bauer.

Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift, your will be done. **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 |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Mark Schweizer

Please scan to give.



PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 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 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 - san - na in - the - high - est -

! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name -

- of the Lord, - of the Lord -

- Ho - san - na - in the high -

est, Ho - san - na in - the - high - est.

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."

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 has risen.
 Christ will come again.**

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. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

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



FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

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.

COMMUNION HYMN MHSO 93 | Pan de Vida

Pia Moriarty/Bob Hurd

Refrain

*Pan de Vi - da, cuer-po del Se - ñor, cup of bless - ing, blood of Christ the Lord. At this ta - - ble the last shall be first, *po - der es ser - vir, por - que Dios es a - mor.

Verses

1 We are the dwell-ing of God, fra - gile and
 *** 2 Us - te - des me lla - man "Se - ñor," me in cli - no a la -
 3 There is no Jew or Greek, there is no

wound-ed and weak. We are the bod - y of Christ,
 var - les los pies: Ha - gan lo mis-mo, hu - mil -
 slave or free: there is no wom-an or man;

D.C.

called to be the com - pas-sion of God.
 - des, sir - vién - do-se u - nos a o - - - tros.
 on - ly heirs of the prom-ise of God.

* Bread of Life, body of the Lord,

** power is for service because God is love.

*** You are the Lord, and I bow to wash your feet: you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

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

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

THE BLESSING |

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

CLOSING HYMN 467 | Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love -

St. Bees

1 Sing, my soul, his won-drous love, who, from yon bright throne a - bove,
2 Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scep - ter swayed;
3 God, the mer - ci - ful and good, bought us with the Sa - vior's blood,
4 Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! Let his glo - ry be thy theme:

ev - er watch - ful o'er our race, still to us ex - tends his grace.
what are we that he should show so much love to us be - low?
and, to make sal - va - tion sure, guides us by his Spi - rit pure.
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

PERMISSIONS | *New Revised Standard Version Bible*, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. All rights reserved. Used by permission. | *Book of Common Prayer*, 1928 and 1979, Church Publishing. Public Domain | Music and texts under copyright are reprinted and broadcast by permission under OneLicense.net #A-701378 |

Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild

Cara Ocampo, Jan DeBoissiere, Maria Rios, Virginia Jarrett

8:00 a.m. Service

Chalicerist: Nesta Henlon

Lector/Reader: Nesta Henlon

Usher: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Eli Wasula, Hope Spencer, Lucinda Hart

Chalicerists: Cheryl Lucente

Lector/Reader: Sandra Griffin

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

Tellers

Bill Kirkpatrick, Phil Wright

PARISH CALENDAR OCTOBER 11 – 17, 2026

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Service
9:30 – 10:20 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays @ 3 Concert – New Brick, UL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, October 12

All Day	Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day - Office Closed
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Meal for Rt. 1 – Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, LL

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
1:00 – 10:00 pm	IRC Prep – Parish Hall, LL
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Larissa Recital Practice – New Brick, UL

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	EfM: Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, October 16

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

Saturday, October 17

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Calendar Meeting – New Brick, UL
8:00 – 10:00 am	Altar Guild prep
9:30 – 11:00 am	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner, ElkrIDGE
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Johnson Memorial Service – New Brick
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep

And Remember, Next Sunday there's only one service at a special time – 10:00...



**ANNUAL MEETING
& VESTRY ELECTIONS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
ONE SERVICE AT 10 A.M.**





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

Get Your Donations Ready for the Christ Church Auction – THE DEADLINE IS TODAY!

The countdown to the best Christ Church social event of the year has begun, and the donation window ends this weekend! This is easily the largest fundraising event for our church all year, and to make this the best event ever, we need your donations. Please tell us by this Sunday, October 11 - [click here to access the auction's donation page](#), where you can enter all the info yourself, or email auction@christchurchcolumbia.org with what you plan to donate.

Here are some ideas for donations:

Gift baskets, filled with all kinds of goodies; Baked goods - think pies, cakes, baklava...; Hosted dinners; Holiday decorations; Monthly meal delivery; Concerts, theatre, & sports event tickets; Services like car washes & yard clean-up; Wine by the bottle or the basket; Vacation home/condo stay; Fitness lessons; Language lessons; Memorabilia and collectibles; Lottery tickets.

Let your imagination run wild! If you have questions about donations or need help with the Auction website, please reach out, and we will help you! Email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org, and we'll get back to you.

ALL MINISTRIES: Your Annual Report Submissions are Due Today

At each year's Annual Meeting, we publish and distribute the Christ Church Annual Report, which outlines the parish's activities and ministries from the past year and shares plans for the coming year. It's the one place where every parishioner can read and catch up on all of our groups' and ministries' latest activities, and share plans for the future.

We ask that each ministry submit a brief description of its activities and achievements, as well as its upcoming plans, to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org so he can include them in the report. If you have a special photo or photos you'd like us to include, send those, too. Email him if you'd like a copy of last year's Annual Report, to see what we are looking for. The submission deadline is Sunday, October 11, so please don't delay. Thank you.

Christ Church's Annual Meeting - Next Sunday, October 18

Everyone is encouraged to join us at Christ Church for our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections on Sunday, October 18. We have only one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick, followed by a brief lunch. At the Annual Meeting, we'll review our ministries and activities from the past year while planning for our leadership in the coming year.

We will also hold the Vestry Elections that day, so please read about all of our candidates at cecevents.org/VestryCandidates. We will also thank those Vestry members concluding their terms, thank our ministries and staff, and learn about our future direction as a parish. With so much happening that day, this is certainly one of the most important gatherings of the year. Don't miss it.

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting on Monday, Oct. 12

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. Look for Monday's *This Week on Zoom* email tomorrow morning, and we'll see you there!

Help Feed the Homeless on Monday, Oct. 12 as Our Meal Team Continues to Provide Meals at Two Grassroots' Venues

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC) in Jessup and supplies the menu for an evening meal at the emergency shelter in Columbia. Both are operated by the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. We last participated on Sept. 14 (See photos).

A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth serves the midday meal in person. Please check our **DRC online signup form**, which describes the procedure. To help on Monday, Oct. 12, bring your side dishes or items for the DRC pantry to the Parish Hall no later than 12:45 p.m. The group of servers will carpool to the Leola Dorsey Center, departing the Old Brick parking lot at 1 p.m.

To bring food for the shelter's evening meal, check our **Grassroots online signup form**. Side dishes should be marked and placed in the Parish Hall kitchen by 12:45 p.m. or handed directly to the carpool. Please note the change in time. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day, in total feeding more than 150 people. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Our support of Grassroots is for a worthy cause, in multiple ways. Recently the Dorsey Center, which partners with Grassroots by housing the DRC, won national honors. Grassroots posted last week on **its Facebook page** that the National Association of Counties Achievement Award recognized Dorsey's wraparound services. The diners who come for delicious meals also gain paths to greater stability.

Grassroots also is being honored this week as Dr. Mariana Izraelson, executive director, receives a 2026 Hispanic Leadership Award from *The Daily Record*. CBSNews Baltimore posted an **Oct. 2 article**, "Honoring a Hispanic Leader Helping Communities in Crisis in Howard County," that includes a video showing Grassroots in action.

Johnson Memorial Service at Christ Church – Saturday, October 17

Gather with us and the Johnson family to celebrate the life of William P. "Bill" Johnson, Jr. at 2:00 p.m. in the New Brick sanctuary. Bill and his wife, Beth, have been parishioners at Christ Church for decades, and we hope that everyone will come and support his family and friends at this service. A repast will immediately follow downstairs in the Great Hall.

***Solo in Flight's* Fall Farm Market Field Trip - October 24**

Join us for a festive autumn Field Trip to explore two of Maryland's wonderful local farmers' markets: Bougher's in Westminster, and Miss Jenny's in West Friendship!

- **When:** Meet in the upper parking lot of Christ Church at 9:00 a.m. to organize carpooling.
- **What to Expect:** We will enjoy a fun morning selecting fresh seasonal produce, crisp apples, vibrant pumpkins, local honey, and artisanal fruit butters. Don't forget to treat yourselves to fresh apple cider, warm donuts, and delicious homemade pies to celebrate the harvest season and fill our treat baskets!
- **Call for Drivers:** Please let Mother Marcia know if you are available and willing to volunteer to drive for the carpool.

We look forward to a wonderful morning of fellowship and fun as we welcome the autumn season together!

Calendar Meeting's NEW DATE - Saturday, October 24

It's time for Christ Church's next calendar planning meeting, where we'll cover events scheduled for the remainder of the 2026-2027 program year. We'd like to ask one representative from each ministry to attend, and we encourage everyone to attend in person. However, the office will send a Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person.

We'll serve breakfast to those meeting on-site. Gather with us in the New Brick Narthex or on Zoom on Saturday, October 24, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please email the Church Office.

This Halloween, Join Us for Trunk or Treat! - October 24

Get ready for some family-friendly Halloween fun! Join us on Sunday, October 24 at 4:00 p.m. for our new Trunk or Treat event right here at Christ Church. Bring your little ones dressed in their favorite costumes to trick-or-treat safely from decorated car trunks in a welcoming community environment. The church parking lot will be completely transformed into a safe, festive staging ground lined with creatively decorated vehicle trunks. Kids of all ages can fill their bags with plenty of sweet treats while showing off their most creative, spooky, and fun costumes. All in all, it's a fantastic, worry-free way for families to enjoy the Halloween season together right here in our community. Fellowship, fun, and treats for all ages—we can't wait to see you there!

Youth Halloween Lock-In! - October 24

Get ready for a fun-filled night of fellowship, games, and spooky celebration!

- **When:** Friday, October 23 through Saturday, October 24. Please come around 4:00 p.m. on Friday to help hand out candy.
- **Where:** Lower level of the Parish Hall (where we will sleep overnight).
- **There will be no faith formation meeting** the Sunday following the lock-in, giving everyone a chance to rest and recover!
- **What We'll Be Doing:** Food & Snacks - Plenty of pizza, candy, and snacks to keep everyone energized.
- **Activities:** Tons of fun games, activities, and movie marathons throughout the night.
- **What to Bring:** Sleeping bags and pillows; Extra blankets; Pajamas and comfortable clothes; Personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)



A NIGHT IN THE EMERALD CITY
—♦— CHRIST CHURCH'S 2026 AUCTION —♦—

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
6:00 P.M. IN THE GREAT HALL**

REGISTER AND DONATE!



ChristChurchColumbia.org/Auction



Christ Episcopal Church

6800 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21045
(410) 381-9365

www.christchurchcolumbia.org

office@christchurchcolumbia.org

The Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*
The Rev. Marcia Davenport, *Associate Rector for Children and Family Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Ginnever, *Rector Emeritus*

Larissa Sanders, *Director of Music Ministry*

Ola Oladipupo, *Assistant Organist*

Yetti Lipede, *Parish Administrator & Ministry Coordinator*

Diya Jackson, *Office & Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Christopher Pouch, *Communications Administrator*

Amanda Kirkpatrick, *Nursery Care Coordinator*

Shereen Benka-Coker, *Nursery Care Assistant*

John Prempeh Sencherey, *Sexton*

Vestry

- Denisa Abdallah (*Senior Warden*) • Greg Schuckman (*Junior Warden*) • Andrew Eaton (*Treasurer*) • Ron Couch (*Registrar*)
- Shreya Chrzanowski (*Youth Liaison*) • Diane Phillips-LaGuerre • Ronald Baran • George Toth • Sara Kirkpatrick
- Ed Chrzanowski • Kathy Simms • Jay Abbott • David James • Katie Adams • Jim Berkson