



Sunday, November 27, 2025 | Thanksgiving Day

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.

thanksgiving
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thankful family
blessed grateful
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PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 290 | Come, Ye Thankful People Come

St George's Windsor

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

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

Glory
to
God in the
Highest

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; 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 | Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader: *A reading from Deuteronomy*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 100 | *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.

THE EPISTLE | Philippians 4:4-9

Reader: *A reading from Philippians*

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 393 | Praise Our Great and Gracious Lord

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1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;
 2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:
 guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,
 God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.
 light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

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

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

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mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

THE SERMON | The Rev. Marcia Davenport, *Associate Rector for Children and Family Ministries*

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 |

Christ, our King, is before us, behind us, beside us. He calls us to hope, to love, and to serve. Today, Lord, we ask Your blessing and guidance for our outreach ministries to our sisters and brothers in need as we strive to be Your Hands and Feet and Heart in this world. Lifting our voices we pray, **"Lord enlighten the eyes of our hearts to Your path and Your wisdom."**

Lord, we pray for all who seek You throughout the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we lift up the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: Holy Trinity, Baltimore; Memorial, Baltimore; and St, Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore. We ask Your wisdom and grace for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. We give thanks for their witness as we pray, **"You are our God and we are the people of Your pasture."**

Lord, we are mindful of our brothers and sisters who are poor, hungry, imprisoned, unwelcome, or suffering illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Diane, Priscilla, Natasha, Faye, Mildred, Nancy, Patrick, Winifred, Priscilla, Jim, Kayode, Isaac, Abel, Rachan & Sherry, and those you now name. Sustain them and their caregivers as we pray, **"You are the Rock of our salvation."**

We pray for the souls of those who have died and entered new life in the kingdom of the Father, especially Ann Burdett, and those you now name. Strengthen those who mourn and help them to find comfort as we remember Your words, saying, **"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."**

With grateful hearts we celebrate the birthdays of Erin, Hope, Braedan, Tolu, Shawn, Audra, Diane, Dione & Nell, the wedding anniversaries of Amanda & Hao Cheong and Sydney & Chester Dacres, and baptismal anniversaries of Dione, Kristin & Jonathan. We lift our voices in praise, saying, "We are joyful in You, O Lord, for You have made us and we are Yours." **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.

*Let the peace that comes from
Christ rule in your hearts
and always be thankful.*

Colossians 3:15



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

OFFERTORY HYMN 288 | Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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Please scan to give.



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros-pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun-teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel-low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



THE HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

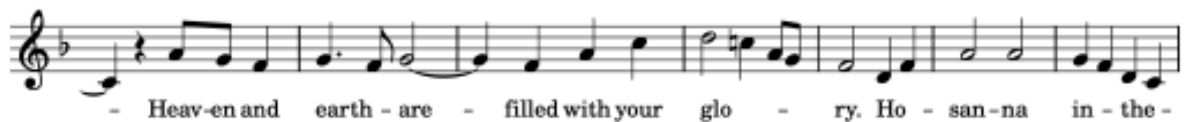
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 | Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) from *Deutsche Mass*

Franz Schubert
arr. Richard Proulx



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

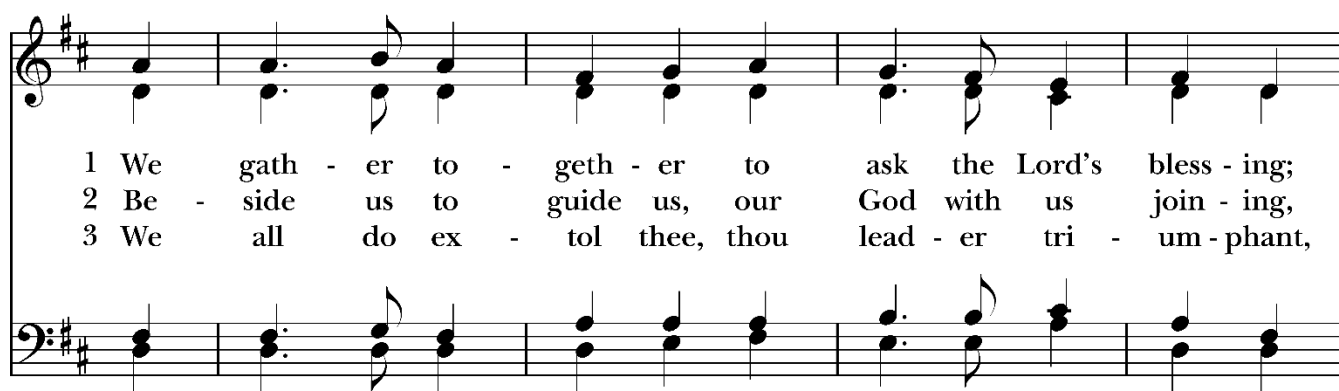
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

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

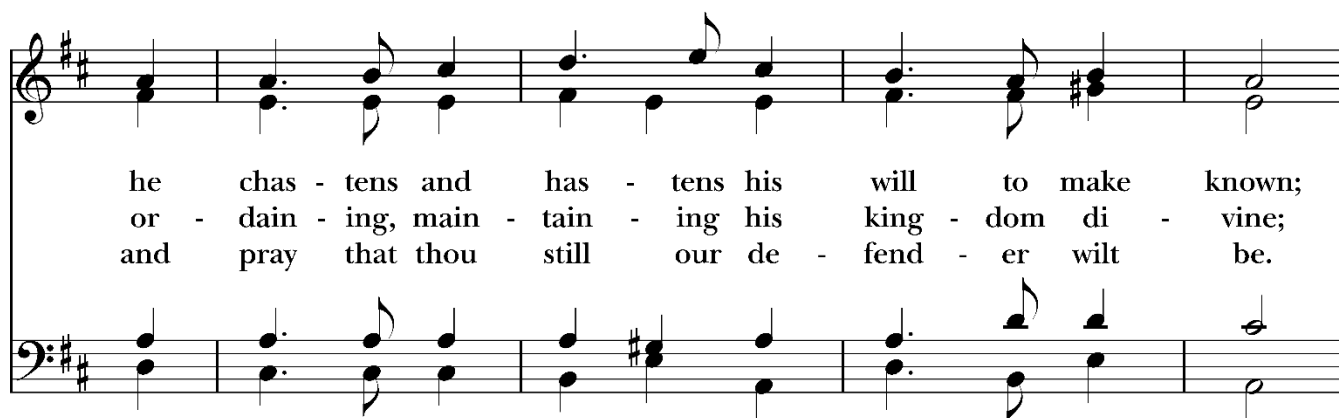
give us your peace, give us your peace.



*The Gifts of God
for the People of God*



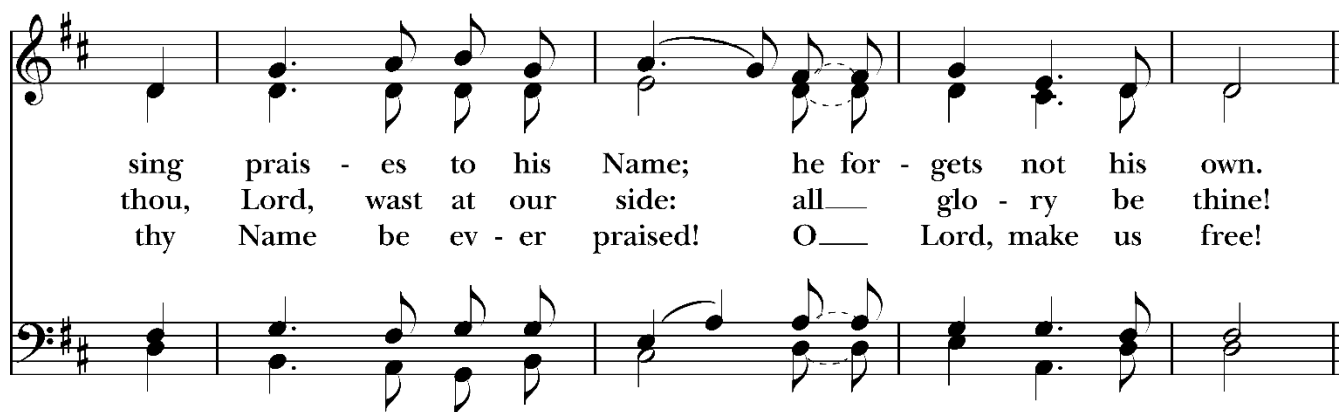
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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 397 | Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE | Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 13

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Assisting in Worship Today

10:00 a.m. Service

Altar Guild: Cindy Read, Sarah Mugo

Chalicians: Joan Harvey, Ivy Amponsah

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

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

PARISH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 27 – 29, 2025

Thursday, November 27

All Day	Thanksgiving Day
All Day	Office Closed
10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Service – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom

Friday, November 28

All Day	Office Closed
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 am	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, November 29

9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
9:00 am – 2:00 pm	Confirmation Retreat – New Brick, LL
2:00 – 4:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep

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

No Sunday School on November 30

Please make a note that there will be no Sunday School or Youth Formation on Sunday, November 30th but be sure to gather with us for Bishop Carrie's visit to Christ Church during the 9:00 Family Worship or the 10:30 Choral Eucharist. Sunday School will resume next Sunday, December 7.

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.

Youth Group Wreath Sale

Christ Church is holding a Christmas Wreath Sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Christ Church Youth Group. The cost of each wreath is \$25, and you can sign up in the Narthex. Remember to let us know how many wreaths you would like on the sign-up form. The wreaths will be delivered on Sunday, December 7th, and payment is due upon pickup. The deadline to order is next Sunday, December 30th, so be sure to sign up this Sunday!

Giving Tuesday - December 2

Music is such a vital element of our worship experience. It uplifts us, comforts us, and helps us to pray and praise God. We are incredibly blessed to have so many musically gifted members at Christ Church and in our community who selflessly share their time and talents with us. Throughout the year at Christ Church - and especially during the festive season of Advent and Christmas - our Music Ministry incorporates many beautiful voices and instruments into each liturgy, all to enrich the experience of each person who joins us in worship and celebration. [#GivingTuesday2025](https://www.givingtuesday.org/), a global call to radical generosity that invites us to give to a charity of choice, is today. We at Christ Church hope that you will consider sharing your generosity through kind support for our always-growing Music Ministry. Please visit cecevents.org/GivingTuesday, donate what you can, and help us continue to make a joyful sound. Every gesture - no matter what size - will help us deepen and strengthen our parish and community.

It's an Ugly Christmas First Wednesday Fellowship! - December 3

Get your ugly Christmas sweaters out of storage and prepare for a fun FWF to cap off the year. We'll have our own FriendsGiving dinner for everyone and provide the main dish, but please bring side dishes and desserts to share and enjoy. Of course, this event wouldn't be complete without an Ugly Sweater Contest, so wear yours to win a prize! We'll also create holiday cards to distribute to the community, so be sure to join us on the first Wednesday in December at 6 pm. in the Great Hall.

Friday Film Fun for Families - December 5

Gather for a holiday treat that will delight all ages - on Friday, December 5th at 7 p.m., we'll screen the film *The Christmas Candle*. Deep in the heart of the English countryside of Gladbury, David Richmond, a progressive young minister, arrives, and the villagers discover a new formula for miracles: good deeds, and acts of kindness. While David's quest to modernize the village sets him at odds with the old-world candlemaker, he finds an unlikely ally in the lovely skeptic, Emily Barstow. Now, the fiery candlemaker must fight to preserve the legacy of the Christmas Candle, but when the blessed candle goes

missing, the miraculous and human collide in the most astonishing Christmas the village of Gladbury has ever seen. Let the wonder of the season emerge with the Light of the world given to us!

Advent Quiet Day - December 6

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for a special Christ Church tradition, Advent Quiet Day, on Saturday, December 6. This gathering, presented by the Spiritual Life Commission, 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'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m. and then take part in a morning of readings, spirited discussions, shared community, and periods for quiet meditation. Our retreat then concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a memorable 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 joyous Christmas season. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars for this special morning of reflection now.

Christmas Flowers and Music

Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one during the Christmas season are gratefully accepted, as these help fund the wonderful greenery, flowers, and musicians that assist in bringing this season to life for everyone. There are two ways you can donate - you can do so digitally using our [Online Giving Form](#) and select "Christmas Flowers & Music" or "Christmas General Offering" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write the dedication name(s) on the *MEMO* line. If you are paying by check, you'll soon find both Christmas envelopes in the Narthex and in Old Brick. When using either method, please be sure to submit yours no later than Friday, December 7th.

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 Sunday, November 30. Subsidies are available - talk to Father Manny. We'll also be collecting unwrapped gifts for Springfield Hospital again this year, and [you can find their wish list on our website](#). We really hope to see you there!

Seminarian Mike is Being Ordained!

Gather with us on Saturday, December 13, as Michael Looney is ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by the Diocese of Maryland! As a Seminarian, Mike's been a vital part of our parish, and his introduction of The Center for Spiritual Nourishment to Christ Church has now become a permanent part of our common life. It's been a joy to witness Mike's walk firsthand, and now we get to celebrate as he takes the next step in his faith journey. We'll gather at [The Church of the Redeemer](#) for the 11:00 a.m. service - 5603 N Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. If you can't make it in person, you can still watch their livestream [here](#). After the Ordination, there will be a reception at Vantage Point in Columbia (another gathering introduced to Christ Church by Mike) from 2 to 4 p.m., and you are welcome to join him for either event ([RSVP for the reception](#), so we know how much to bring) or for both.

MOCC Christmas Dinner - December 20

Come join us for The Men of Christ Church's Christmas Dinner, taking place on Saturday, December 20th, at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Contrivance Restaurant. The cost is \$63 per person for a delicious 3-course meal and non-alcoholic drinks (a cash bar will also be available). Come and enjoy good food and prizes! Sign up in the Narthex by December 7th. Subsidies are available - speak with Father Manny. We'll be collecting travel-sized items from the Comfort Cases donation list this year; you can read more about that in the Outreach section of this email.

Read to Our Sunday School Children

Do you love sharing stories and reading? Did you know that we have volunteers who read a Bible story to our youngest children in the nursery? We can always use more, and we welcome anyone - young, or young at heart - to participate in this ministry. We have books and children's Bibles, or you can bring your favorite story to share. There is no preparation needed, and it only takes 10 minutes of your Sunday. If interested, please email dandjatkins@verizon.net.

Angel Tree Drive Will Brighten Christmas for Howard County Children

In a heartfelt tradition, 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.

To participate, please provide one or more gifts for an angel - you can get started by going online to cecevents.org/AngelTree to view the list, make your choices, and find instructions. The deadline to bring unwrapped gifts is noon on Friday, Dec.12. Please put them under the tree or in the Parish Hall Operations Room.

Each child will receive an outfit, consisting of pants and a top. There are three other categories for each angel: Need, Wish, and Favorite item. Some people prefer to sign up for just one slot, such as the practical (need) category for a single child. Some desire to complete the entire “package” for an angel by signing up in all four categories. Another person may choose the outfit (clothing) category for several angels.

The children’s wants and needs offer clues to their personalities and circumstances. Among the five girls, for example, Aniyah, age 10, wishes for an “animal crochet kit” while Angie, 12, lists a soccer ball as her favorite item. Among the seven boys, Josiah, age 13, lists roller skates as his favorite item and extra clothing as his needed item. That’s in addition to the outfit (pants and a top) that each child receives.

In keeping with tradition, you can also see the choices by gazing at the tags on our decorated Angel Tree in the Narthex. Please leave the tags on the tree. You’ll also find the angels’ names, ages, and wishes on a spreadsheet displayed nearby. For worshippers in Old Brick, we’ll bring the list to you. In either location, please sign up for your angel by using the online form. Our volunteers can give you a slip with the child’s name, ID, and the gift they wish for. Someone will be on hand after worship services this Sunday, Nov. 23, and also on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 to assist in logging on.

If you wish to participate by giving of your time, please volunteer for log-on assistance duty or general help. The first duty involves helping people to access a device to register on SignUpGenius after Sunday worship services. The second duty involves sorting and potential shopping or other tasks, likely on Dec. 12. To volunteer, specify Log-On or General, or both, in an email to outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. With your help, we will 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 Christmas that will be much brighter than they could otherwise afford.

An Incredible Yield! - Kudos to All Who Have Donated to Our Thanksgiving Food Drive

The table in the Elevator Room and the bin on the Breezeway were brimming with goods such as stuffing mix, gravy, and canned vegetables. These will brighten the holidays for many of our neighbors, as the Howard County Food Bank expects to provide menu items for about 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and 1,000 for Christmas. Christ Church partners with the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC), which operates the food bank. We also supported CAC with a \$1,000 donation for holiday meals. The drive ended last Thursday, November 20th. On Friday, parishioners were all set to deliver the bounty, which includes staples like pasta and peanut butter. Thank you for your generosity!

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 MOCC member to get more information about Comfort Cases or upcoming MOCC gatherings.



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