

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 15, 2023 • 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time. We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude |

Opening Hymn 135 | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Salzburg

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Opening Acclamation |

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People: **One God and Father of all.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah 49:1-7 |

Reader: A reading from Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength--
 he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 "Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

Psalm 40:1-12 | *Expectans, expectavi*

Wie schon leuchtet



I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
 He put a new song in my mouth,
 a song of praise to our God; *
**many shall see, and stand in awe,
 and put their trust in the LORD.**
 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Antiphon

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *

but they are more than I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *

(you have given me ears to hear you);

Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *

and so I said, "Behold, I come.

Antiphon

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *

'I love to do your will, O my God;

your law is deep in my heart.'"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *

behold, I did not restrain my lips;

and that, O LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *

I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the LORD;

do not withhold your compassion from me; *

let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

Antiphon

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 |

Reader: A reading from Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

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

Sequence Hymn 470 | There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Beecher

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Gospel | John 1:29-42

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

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

Sermon | The Rev’d Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

Holy Baptism | BCP 299

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates |

Candidates | James Paul Lin, Vanessa Anne Lin-Mims, Moira Anne Lin, Richard Lichang Lin, William Arthur Lin
Adults and Older Children |

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor: I present James and Vanessa to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Celebrant: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: I do.

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Infants and Younger Children |

Then the candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents: I present Moira, Richard, and William to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and I will, with God's help.

Godparents:

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and I will, with God's help.

Godparents:

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant |

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate |

Celebrant: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intersessor: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intersessor: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism |

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Celebrant: I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidates' heads, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements |

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem | When I'm Afflicted, Poor, and Low

William Bradley Roberts

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B | BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho -
san - na in the high- est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 | BCP 365

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem Hymn 324 (v. 2) | King of King

Picardy

King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

Communion Hymn LEVAS 106 | Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows— drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws—

1. stand, — I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; —
 2. near, — When my life is — al - most — gone; —
 3. near, — And the day is — past and — gone; —

1. — Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
 2. — Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I
 3. — At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my

1. light, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 2. fall, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —
 3. hand, — Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, — Lead me on. —

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing |

The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond Amen.

Closing Hymn 593 | Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Dickinson College

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your


1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

Postlude | Festal March

Florence Beatrice Price
Ola Oladipupo, organist

*Today's altar flowers were donated in loving memory of dear Mother and Grandmother,
Edaline Cameron, who went away from us on 1/19/2019
by daughter, Nesta and grandchildren, Deliah and Chris—we miss you much.*



GOD IS FAITHFUL, BY WHOM
YOU WERE CALLED INTO THE
FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON,
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

PARISH CALENDAR
JANUARY 15 TO JANUARY 21

Sunday, January 15

8:00 – 9:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
9:00 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School, Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Torres/Fennell Wedding – New Brick, upper level

Monday, January 16 – Martin Luther King Day – Office Closed

7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
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Tuesday, January 17

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 pm	Noonday Service – Old Brick
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Theology on Tap – Columbia Ale House
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, January 19

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, January 20

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, January 21

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Staff Retreat – New Brick, lower level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening

For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Sunday School

Youth Formation returns this weekend and begins with breakfast around 8:30, followed by Family Worship and Sunday School. Every child is welcome, and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. You can also join us virtually for this gathering; [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117**, and the Password is **AFSC**. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. [See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information.](#)

Christ Church Beautification Day - This Sunday Afternoon

Stick around if you can following the 10:30 service on January 15th, as we will spend some time collectively tackling general beautification tasks around the campus. Many hands make lighter work(it's true!). It's supposed to be a nice, sunny day, so we'll begin by fueling up with a quick lunch and then split into groups of folks to handle different projects (no experience required!). We plan on working until around 4 p.m. but even if you only have an hour or two to spare, we sure can use that help, too.

Church Office Closed on Monday

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church office will be closed this Monday, January 16th. It will reopen on Tuesday morning.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Noonday Worship in Old Brick - Wednesdays

Noonday worship is back each week at Christ Church! Every Wednesday, we gather at 12 noon in Old Brick for a Eucharist service with healing, so come and join us for this midweek worship gathering.

Theology on Tap - New Location!

The first 2023 gathering of Theology on Tap has a new home! Join us for a get-together where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles of the day, and an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. ToT takes place Wednesday, January 18th at [Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd](#) at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening!

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

C'mon, all you singers! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and everyone is welcome to take part! **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club is back and gathering Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, this is the time to join us! Just **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and Password is **CECBooks**

Send in Your Submissions for the 2023 Christ Church Lenten Meditation Book!

For 20 years, Christ Church has compiled a Lenten Meditation Book, distributed to our parishioners on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday. The LMB is created with love and designed to assist us all in times of quiet contemplation, by sharing our thoughts and preparing ourselves for rebirth and renewal at Easter. Our Communications Administrator posts these each weekday during Lent on our Christ Church website to share them with the world, along with uplifting musical selections on Saturdays.

To accomplish these goals, **we must have all your submissions in by February 5th** to put this publication together and to have it up on our website, which is viewed by thousands of individuals worldwide during Lent.

That means we have a 4-week timeframe to compose and submit your prayers, songs, stories, poems, readings, or personal reflections. We also include your favorite inspirational pieces by writers or theologians. You can submit these by name or anonymously - your choice. There are some copies of last year's LMB in the Narthex for you to take or examine as a guide for examples of submissions. You can also visit **christchurchcolumbia.org/lenten-meditations** and read last year's daily reflections. All contributors will be listed and acknowledged at the conclusion of the booklet. Submit by email to: **efboudreau1@gmail.com**, by text message to 301-452-7115, or place it in the Spiritual Life mailbox in the Church office. Questions: call Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115. Thank you ever so much!

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at **<https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>**. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

Help Make Our Sunday Services a Success

We are in need of more ushers, chalicists, and lectors for the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED, so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers:** welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (Lay Eucharistic Minister):** assist the clergy in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lector (Lay Reader):** read aloud to the congregation throughout the year.

Please contact Yetti Lipede at **ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org** for more information.

Coffee Hour

We are always looking for Coffee Hour hosts for the 8:30 a.m. (in Old Brick) and the 9:30 a.m. (in New Brick) gatherings. **The sign-up sheet is online** and you are welcome to sign up for one, or for both! This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in couples, or with another family. Ministries are also encouraged to sign up. All you need to do is provide snacks, brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or 410-381-9365.

Revised Christ Church Directories are Available

Recently, the Christ Church Parish Directory was updated, and copies are available. You can contact the church office for a printed copy, or contact the church office.

We're Starting a Podcast!

In last week's *Gatherings*, Father Manny discussed the idea of creating a Christ Church Podcast, a homegrown, multimedia collaboration of our parish's many features, talents, and interests. That idea is now getting underway, but we would love to involve some more people to help make this the best it can be. If you enjoy writing, are interested in researching the multilayered history of Christ Church, have an interest in audio production, like to shoot videos on your phone or camera, enjoy composing, singing, or playing music, have a particular topic you'd like to share with others, love to draw or paint... we can find a place for each of you! We're meeting again in two weeks (date and time TBD) and you're invited to join us to see how you can be an important part of this new venture. If you'd like more information or are interested in joining us, please speak with **Fr. Manny, Ann Barnes, Toni Summerell**, or email Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

WOCC January News

Happy New Year! We started the year running and at our January meeting, we set the calendar chock full of fun events for 2023. We are letting everyone recuperate in January, and then start in February with Heart Health Month, and on February 12th we will participate in *Wear Red for Heart Health* awareness. We ask for pictures of people wearing red to be provided by January 27th. Email them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll assemble them into a collage for the website, Narthex display, and a February edition of *Gatherings*.

Other activities in the coming months will include a Labyrinth meditation walk, Robinson Nature Center walk, and Spring Tea, as well as an attempt to work a Toby's Dinner Theater evening into our plans. Look for details in upcoming news and information bulletins, and come and join us for these events. If you have other good ideas, share them with us! And be sure to join us for our February meeting on the 6th at 1:00 p.m.

2023 Pledge Envelopes

Unfortunately, production issues have delayed the shipment of our 2023 donation envelopes. We are awaiting an update from the vendor, and when we receive one there will be an announcement detailing when and where they will be made available for pickup. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the church office.

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can bring your pledge cards to church with you at any time, pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

Christ Church Restocks the DRC Medicine Cabinet and Continues to Help Feed the Homeless at Grassroots' Two Locations in Howard County

It could be a long, cold winter for the homeless men and women who are feeling ill when they come to the Day Resource Center (DRC) in Jessup, Md. Fortunately, Dr. Joseph Gagliardi is ready to treat them at his free medical clinic at the DRC. And thanks to you, the clinic opens 2023 with a full supply of over-the-counter medicines such as antacids and pain relievers.

The physician, who is known to one and all as “Dr. G,” has become accustomed to sharing the clinic’s needs with Christ Church. And, once again, Outreach Commission member Dione Mahoney fulfilled his shopping list. Items to promote good health included vitamins and nutrition supplements, some of which are necessary for diabetic care. These make a big difference for people living in a tent or in their vehicles.

Funds to cover the \$179 in purchases were drawn from parishioners' contributions to Outreach, so please accept our gratitude. Dr. G heartily expressed his thanks, posing with Christ Church volunteers on Jan. 9 at the DRC (*see above photo*).

It was the second Monday of the month when Christ Church is always responsible for preparing and serving DRC’s midday meal and supplying a full menu for the evening meal at a live-in facility, both operated by **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. This month, Mission BBQ provided menu items at each location. Shahra Toth, who leads our Grassroots team with Dione’s assistance, made the restaurant pickup at Mission BBQ.

You, too, can be a part of the team! New volunteers, such as Dianne Azu, are encouraged. Here are three ways to let us know you wish to help on Monday, Feb. 13 to serve the midday meal in person: Tell Shahra when you see her at church, go to our **DRC online signup form**, or send an email to **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**. To provide side dishes or desserts for the evening meal, look for instructions on our **Grassroots online signup form**.

Parishioners who desire yet another way to help the homeless at Grassroots can choose their own day to furnish all or part of an evening meal. You’ll need to provide enough for 50 men, women, and children by 4:15 p.m. if food is delivered hot. If frozen, you can drop it off ahead of time. Either way, the diners are served by the Grassroots staff at the Live-In Facility, 6700 Freetown Rd., Columbia, MD, 21044. For example, you can order pizzas or buy rotisserie chickens as the entree. Or go online for **“Make a Meal”** ideas from Grassroots. For dietary reasons, pasta meals are discouraged. Find a list of open dates through Feb. 28 at the **Grassroots Online Sign-Up**.

Columbia Community Care Invites Will Host a Craft Corner at MLK Day Event

On Monday, Jan. 16, **Columbia Community Care**(CCC) will host the “Caring Craft Corner for Children” during an immersive experience planned by Howard County Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission (see flier). It will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center, 8045 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. The MLK Commission offers more information **at this link**.

The Outreach Commission asks parishioners to continue supporting CCC, which posted on its **CCC Group on Facebook** a request for large (size 4 - 6) diapers, currently in short supply in its pantry. In general, please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Leigh Smith has become our representative, taking parishioners’ donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays.

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

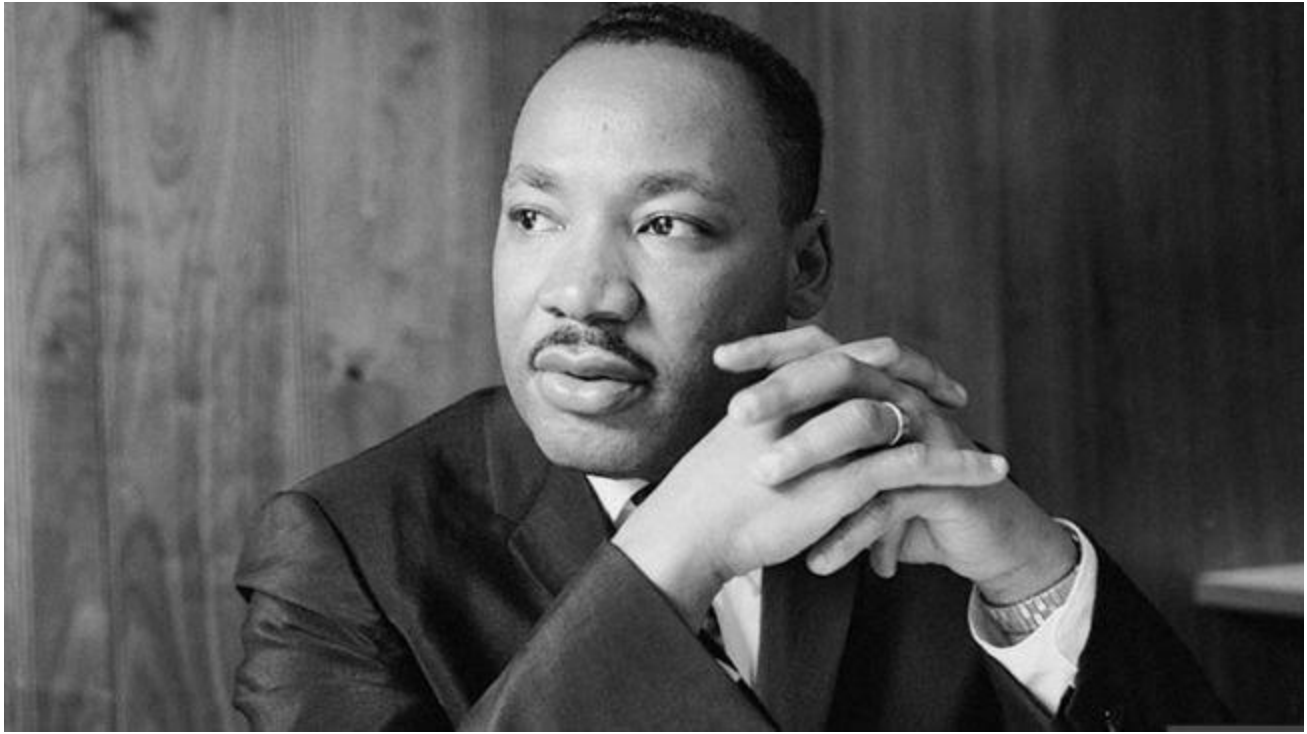
Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

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THE REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Reflections on what Dr. King's legacy means to us in 2023

This coming Monday, January 16 is the federal holiday that, this year, commemorates the 94th birthday of the great civil rights leader, The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Nearly fifty-five years have passed since Dr. King's assassination in April 1968, meaning, of course, that fewer of us currently living remember his galvanizing speeches, the courageous marches and boycotts he led, his unyielding insistence on non-violence, his raising up of the poor and downtrodden, his many arrests and jail time spent for protesting the terrible racism, segregation, and discrimination in our nation.

So how are we now to think of what Dr. King's legacy means to us all these years later, in the year 2023?

We believe we can best honor Dr. King by being living legacies to his life, work, and example, that we can work in our own lives to emulate him by adopting and following these hallmarks of his life and work:

- **Servant leadership** – Dr. King's leadership was not about himself, not about power for himself, not about self-aggrandizement. He acted to serve the poor, the downtrodden, the victims of society's worst behaviors – no matter their background or color. We can do that, too.
- **Non-violent protest** – Intentionally adopting the teachings of the great Indian leader, Mahatma Ghandi, Dr. King insisted that the boycotts and protests and marches and gatherings he led be non-violent, in word and in deed. He insisted that the protesters and marchers absolutely not initiate nor respond with verbal or physical violence no matter what violence was rained down upon them, verbally and physically, by police, the National Guard, bystanders, the KKK, and many others. We can do that, too.

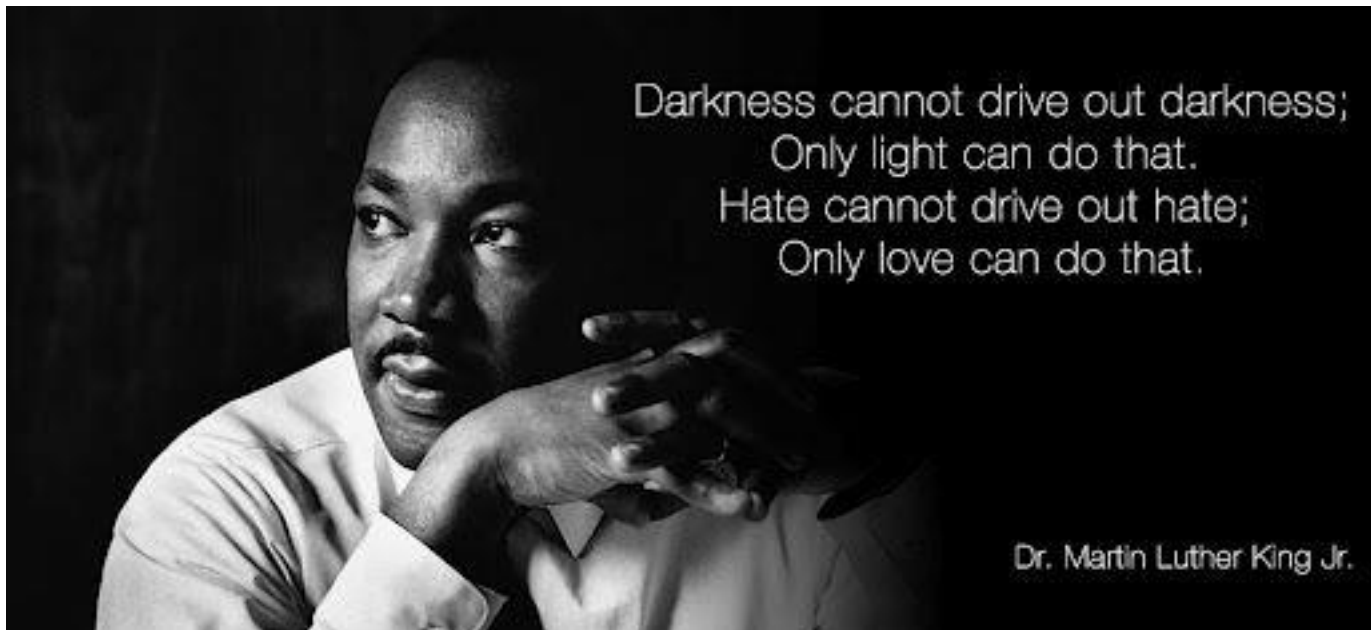
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- **Never giving up** – No matter the daunting odds and the grave dangers he faced, societally, legally, physically, financially, Dr. King would not give up. He knew the fight to achieve civil rights, in fact as well as in law, would be a very, very long one, one that would not be “over” at a defined point in time, one that could well last beyond his lifetime. No matter the beatings and the jailings and the setbacks and the open racism and bigotry leveled at him, he would not give up. We can do that, too.

- **Willingly sacrificing for and working for the common good** – Dr. King knew that answering God’s call to him for leadership in the civil rights movement would come at real personal sacrifice, in his personal and family life, in his professional life as an ordained minister, in his relationships within and outside of the movement. He believed he was called to serve something bigger than his individual self. He knew this would involve personal sacrifice, and he accepted that cost, in small ways and large ways. He believed he was called to serve the common good, to help his fellow humans be their best selves. We can do that, too.

Thank you, Dr. King, for your life, your example, and your living legacy to us - to all of us.

Ann & Patricia





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