



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday of Easter

I KNOW THE LORD IS
ALWAYS WITH ME.

PSALM 16:8

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 206 | O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

O filii et filiae



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



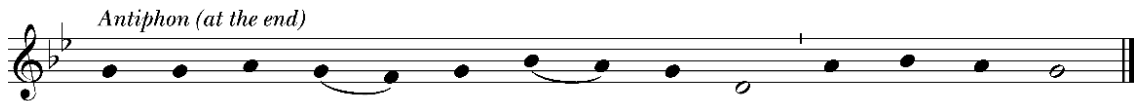
1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.

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. **Amen**

REFRAIN:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. *Refrain*

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: Receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Acts 2:14a,22-32

Reader: *A reading from Acts.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

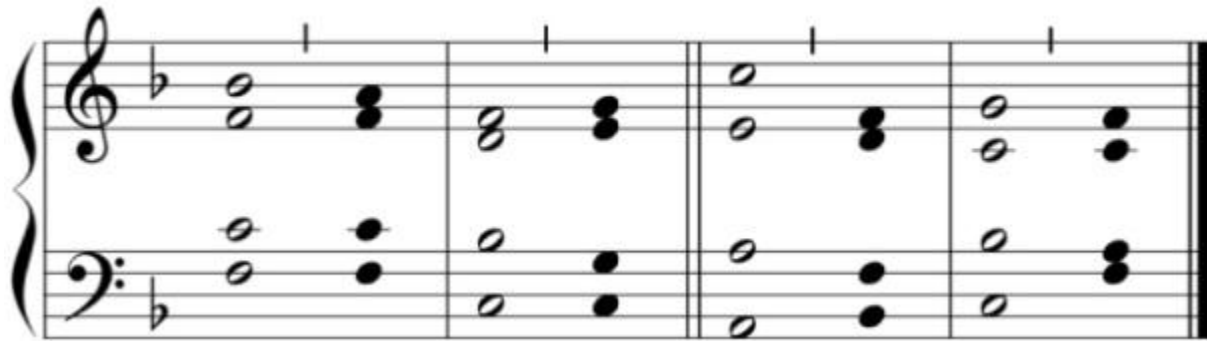
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 16 | *Conserva me, Domine (Yahweh, my heritage)*



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in | you; |

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all | other.” ||

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the | land, |

upon those who are noble among the | people. ||

But those who run after other | gods, |

shall have their troubles | multiplied. ||

Their libations of blood I will not | offer, |

nor take the names of their gods upon my | lips. ||

O Lord, you are my portion and my | cup; |

It is you who uphold my | lot. ||

My boundaries enclose a pleasant | land; |

indeed, I have a goodly | heritage. ||

I will bless the Lord who gives me | counsel; |

my heart teaches me, night after | night. ||

I have set the Lord always be- | fore me; |

Because he is at my right hand I shall not | fall. ||

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit re- | joices; |

my body also shall rest in | hope. ||

For you will not abandon me to the | grave, |

nor let your holy one see the | Pit. ||

You will show me the path of | life; |

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for ever- | more. ||

THE EPISTLE | 1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Peter.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 41 | Christ Has Arisen

Haya Tune; Makumira, Tanzania

Christ has a - ris - en, Al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and

praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia. For our Re - deem - er burst from the

tomb, E-ven from death dis - pel - ling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him

with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting He has come to de-stroy, Our sin for-

giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia. Je-sus is liv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia.

THE GOSPEL | John 20:19-31

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Richard Ginnever, *Rector Emeritus*

The people stand as able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

Lord, may your Church, serving as your Body in this world, be of one heart and soul. May your Grace touch our spirits and enable us to live in unity, May we bring your Light into our journeys illuminating our paths in the way of Truth and Life. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

We are a renewed, forgiven people, granted so much by our Savior. Our Lord entrusts us with the future of His Church, such an awesome responsibility. May we remember the Church in Jerusalem and Palestine, as the living remnant of the original Christian community. We ask for insight in ways to support the persecuted church. Lord, guide us in your love and in the quest for justice and peace in the Holy Land. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

We are so privileged, to be able to worship in freedom and to spread the Good News of Christ without repercussions. May we be ever grateful for the love and sacrificial faith of many in the worldwide church. May our hearts also be on fire in our love of Jesus. Today we welcome those individuals whom God has brought to worship with us today. We also ask your prayers for members of the Anglican Communion throughout the world. Today we remember the Igreja Anglicana de Mozambique e Angola. In our own Diocese of Maryland, we ask the Lord's blessing for the churches of Good Shepherd, Towson, Grace, Darlington and Holy Comforter, Lutherville. We also pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel, that they may exercise wisdom in their leadership. We appreciate their care and dedication to our congregation. May we all extend Christ's love to our community, our families and to all whom we encounter in our daily life and work. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

We pray for all those who are ill, especially Emmy, Claudia, Jim, Kaci, Kristin, Carol, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry, that they will be restored to health and wholeness. We also pray for those in the health professions and for the family members who serve as caregivers, that they may exercise patience and compassion. May God grant us His mercy and love in our times of pain, loneliness and despair. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

Lord, we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have entered your Heavenly Kingdom, especially Priscilla Pitts and those you now name. Please comfort the grieving. Help us to know that your love and care is eternal. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

Let us join together to recognize those in our congregation celebrating birthdays especially Laura, Monica & Sherry and the Baptismal anniversaries of Setutsi, Karita, Evelyn, Francis, Jan & Suzanne. May our gratitude for our many blessings shine brightly in our lives. **Joyfully, we pray in the power of the Resurrection**

May we be agents of God's peace and realize our calling to be sanctuaries of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts are so full of Christ's gifts. **Alleluia! 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 | This Joyful Eastertide

Vernon Hoyle

Please scan to give.



Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



THE HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B |

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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

Celebrant: 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.

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 |

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

Our Fa - ther in heaven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

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

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

COMMUNION HYMN 306 | Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

Sursum corda



1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met;
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take,
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee,



may, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 one Church u - ni - ted in com - mun - ion blest;
 who art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;



thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet:
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break,
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see;



in thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 faith still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 be known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

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 180 | He Is Risen, He Is Risen

Unser Herrscher

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re-joice: death is con- quered,
 Je- sus' woes are o- ver now, and the pas- sion
 yon- der glo- rious morn- ing ray, break- ing o'er the
 ris- en to a ho- lier state; and a bright- er

we are free, Christ has won the vic- to- ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur- ple cast, sym- bol of our Eas- ter feast.
 Eas- ter beam on our long- ing eyes shall stream.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

*The Altar Flowers for today were given in thanksgiving
 of Ivy Amponsah's 75th Birthday, by her children.*

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild

Ivy Amponsah, Sonni Aribiah, Kathy Simms, Jai Fatodu

8:00 a.m. Service

Chalicer: We need volunteers! Speak with Yetti or Clergy

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Abigail Boyer, Daniel Jackson, Lucas Hernandez

Chalicer: We need volunteers! Speak with Yetti or Clergy

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

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

Tellers

Bill Kirkpatrick, Philip Wright

PARISH CALENDAR

APRIL 12 – 18, 2026

Sunday, April 12

All Day Fr. Manny out (Day 8/9)
8:00 am Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 – 9:30 am Coffee Hour
9:00 – 9:30 am Family Worship – New Brick, UL
9:30 – 10:30 am Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:30 – 5:00 pm Refugee Ministry – Standby Guardianship Education Session
4:30 – 7:30 pm Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, April 13

All Day Fr. Manny out (Day 9/9)
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
3:15 – 3:30 pm Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
6:00 – 8:30 pm Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, LL
6:30 – 9:30 pm Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom
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, April 14

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm Weekly Staff Meeting
7:00 – 8:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club – Zoom

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 5:30 pm Larisa Sanders Event – New Brick, UL & LL
7:00 – 8:30 pm Theology on Tap (ToT) – Frisco & Reckless Shepherd

Thursday, April 16

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
6:30 – 9:00 pm Choir Practice – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

9:30 – 11:30 am MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner, Elkridge
1:00 – 5:00 pm Outreach Spring Food Drive – Giant, Clarksville
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
2:00 – 5:00 pm Priscilla Pitts Memorial Service & Repast – New Brick, UL & 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

Sunday School Returns!

Sunday School is back this weekend! Join us on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and see all of your friends and Sunday School leaders once again!

Are you new to Christ Church, or perhaps interested in registering your child for Sunday School? Fantastic! Christ Church's Sunday School ministry believes in growing a deep and wide faith in kids through education in the Gospel, serving our community, and fellowship with one another. From the earliest age, we want kids to know the fundamental truths of God's Word and how to apply them in their daily lives. Please visit www.cecevents.org/SundaySchool-2526 to learn more and complete our registration form (one form per child) so we can reserve space for your children. And if you have any questions or need assistance, please email us at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org. We'll answer any questions you might have. You can also speak to any usher at church, and let them know you would like more info about Sunday School, and they will point you in the right direction.

Christ Church's Legacy Project Invites Your Input

As part of our 300-year anniversary, Christ Church is exploring a legacy project that will serve as a center of innovative and transformative ministries for our community and beyond. In seeking a way to help design our next century, we have engaged a consultant to help us begin this decision-making process. We invite you to take part by visiting CEEvents.org/FutureVision to complete a brief questionnaire that will help guide us.

We are also inviting parishioners to be interviewed privately after completing this form. If you feel God's call to be interviewed or have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Manny at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org or by calling the office at 410-381-9365.

Help Grassroots by Providing Food for the Homeless on Monday, April 13

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC), operated by the [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#). We last participated on March 9. A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after car-pooling to the Leola Dorsey Center in Jessup. To help on Monday, April 13, please check our [DRC online signup form](#), which describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick.

Another way to help our hungry neighbors is to shop for the pantry at the DRC and Grassroots' two other sites. We welcome in-kind donations of items such as canned meats and hearty soups, peanut butter, and fruit cups to be dropped off that day or ahead of time in the Parish Hall kitchen for delivery on the second Mondays. Find Grassroots' [monthly needs list](#) on our signups under "Related Files."

Starting this month, Christ Church resumes providing the evening meal at Grassroots' Emergency Shelter, which had altered routines during the winter months to accommodate Code Blue users. Parishioners who cook or shop for that meal are asked to arrive between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. in the Old Brick parking lot, where a volunteer picks up the food for delivery to Grassroots. Its staff handles serving the evening meal to shelter residents, who currently include nearly 40 children.

Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#). It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day, feeding more

than 150 people in total. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting next Monday, April 13

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting next Monday at 7:30 p.m. Our mission addresses many areas of need and spans local, national, and international levels. The meeting will open with a guest presentation by Dr. Liz Trimnell of Living Above Limitations Charity Foundation, which helps the blind in Nigeria.

It's a tough time for many individuals and families, so if you feel called to assist in any way, we can help get you started with a ministry that speaks to you. We hope you'll join us for a brief time next Monday evening. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **892 6873 6183**, and the Passcode is **Outreach!**

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 6254 3177**, and the Passcode is **CP**. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing **centering@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Christ Church Book Club - Tuesdays

The CECBC took a break for the holiday and returns this Tuesday, April 14th. This might be a perfect time to join us, as we will be starting a new book soon. If you're new, the Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group, offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email **bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org** and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this month - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

Order Tickets by April 15 to Enjoy a Harbor Cruise to Benefit the Baltimore International Seafarers' Center

Get a fresh view of Baltimore's skyline during the Annual Harbor Cruise on Wednesday, April 22, to support the **Baltimore International Seafarers' Center**, a program of the **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**. The center provides spiritual care and hospitality to mariners, who are working far from their homes and loved ones around the world.

Tickets are \$75 each. Organizers urge participants to purchase their tickets **here** by Wednesday, April 15. The cruise offers spectacular views of the harbor, as seen by a group from Christ Church in 2023. Plan to board the "Catherine Marie" promptly at 4:45 p.m. at Baltimore Finger Piers, 555 Light St., Baltimore. Once aboard, you'll enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet while exploring the working Port of Baltimore from the water. Guests usually disembark at approximately 7 p.m.

The Women of Christ Church have long supported the Seafarers with its holiday collection of woolens, magazines, and other items for mariners. Many more people became aware of the center in 2024 after the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. The director of the center, the Rev. Joshua Messick, has continued to minister to members of the crew of the disabled container ship that struck the bridge.

The ship has long since departed, the bridge is being demolished, and the state is working toward a replacement. But several members of that crew remain in Baltimore for legal reasons, as described in a **March 26 article in The Baltimore Banner**.

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, April 15

Theology on Tap returns after Lent, and on April 15, it'll take place from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** for great food, drink, and conversation. If you are not familiar with Theology on Tap, this is a time where adults gather for fellowship in a casual, fun environment. Topics can range from current to historical events; nothing is off the table - we welcome all ideas - and everything should inspire lively, insightful dialogue. All adults are welcome and encouraged to join us, and be sure to invite your neighbors and friends as well. If you have any questions, speak to Ed Chrzanowski or any MOCC member at church, and then meet us at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia for a fun evening!

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Each Thursday throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist.

Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

MOCC Monthly Breakfast - April 18

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

LEMS Kindness Pantry for April

School is back in session after spring break, and it is time for us to ask you to contribute items to the Kindness Pantry at Lake Elkhorn Middle School. These donations are needed by next Sunday, April 19th, as the next Pop-Up Pantry is on Wednesday, April 22. **Please visit our SignUpGenius link** to select the necessary supplies, and place your items in the blue bins in the New Brick Narthex. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity!

Come to the Family BBQ and Picnic - April 25

The Men of Christ Church is excited to announce its first annual Spring Family BBQ and Picnic. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship effort, designed to connect generations, celebrate our church family, and (hopefully) kick off some warm weather. There will be a moon bounce for the children, food and drink for everyone, and fun for all ages.

We are asking for your support in making this event the best possible community gathering of the year. **Please sign up to contribute to the event** and bring your donations to church by Friday, April 24. Put them in the New Brick kitchen, labeled "MOCC Family BBQ." If you have any questions, please reach out to Duane at 301-467-9695 or email us at **MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

CEC Youth Group Flower Sale - Saturday, May 2

One of the most colorful and fragrant spring traditions is back! The Christ Church Youth Group will be sponsoring its annual Flower Sale next month, so stop by the Christ Church campus on Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and pick up your favorite spring annuals. We will have a variety of individual flowers in 4" pots, 10" hanging baskets, and 12" flower & herb combination pots. The flowers come from Walnut Springs Nursery, and all proceeds go to support youth ministry activities throughout the year.



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