

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 8:00 am & 10:30 am



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!

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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 | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah 5:1-7 |

Reader: A Reading from Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 19 | *Caeli enarrant*



The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.

Antiphon

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
 and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
 The law of the LORD is perfect
 and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
 The statutes of the LORD are just
 and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

Antiphon

Continued

The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Antiphon

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Antiphon

A Reading from Philippians 3:4b-14 |

Reader: A Reading from the Epistle to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 LEVAS 67 | I Love the Lord

Traditional

1. I love the Lord, He heard my
2. I love the Lord, He heard my

1. cry and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan.
2. cry and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan.

1. Long as I live and trou - bles rise,
2. O let my heart no more des - pair

1. I'll has - ten to His throne.
2. while I have breath to pray.

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes?"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Deacon: 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 Marcia Davenport

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 worshiped 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 |

Dear Lord, we gather together as a community of love and peace. We praise you for your wonderful works, and we thank you for our many blessings. **Lord, we sing the glory of your name.**

Today we remember our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and other war-torn places. We lift in prayer those in refugee camps and those in prisons throughout the world. May they come to know your presence in their lives, that it may give them hope for a better future. We give thanks for the compassion and self-sacrifice of aid givers and peacekeepers, for the work of Episcopal Relief and Development, and for the efforts of our parish Outreach Committee. Guide us as we try to fulfill the diocese's mission of encountering Christ everywhere and engaging in your mission of reconciliation in the world. **Lord, have mercy on all your children.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we lift up The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. We pray for emigrants and refugees from the lands of their birth and pray that you watch over the family and friends left behind. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Holy Trinity, Churchville; St. John's, Kingsville; St. Mary's, Abingdon; and Resurrection, Copley Parish. We give thanks for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our Rector Emeritus, Richard; and for all of our Christ Church staff, postulants, and their families. We welcome those who are new or visiting with us today. May they feel our love. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

We pray for healing for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for Barbara, Sherry, Tim, Dinorah, Fr. Richard, Christine, Carol, Jan, Judy, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Nell, and those you now name. Lead them and those who care for them to a place of refreshment. We ask your blessings for those in our parish family who serve in the military, especially Conner Warlow. We pray for the souls of those who have departed this life, especially Charles Hoke, and those you now name. May the departed rest in peace, and may those who grieve be comforted by your presence. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

We give thanks for the happy occasions that members of our Christ Church family celebrate this week: birthdays of Amy, Ron, Patrick, Peter, Drew, Jill & Chester; wedding anniversaries of Bob & Dee Bauer, Jason & Erin Whong, Patrick & Stacey Frith, Norbert & Nancy Mugwagwa and Nick & Melanie Yaksich; and the baptismal anniversaries of Aileen & Ron. **Lord, we praise you for our blessings.**

Lord, we know your love for us never falters, even as we think, say, and do things contrary to your will. In the week ahead, may we remember to give you thanks for our lives and to share with others the love that comes from you. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem | A Joyful Ring

Barbara B. Kinyon
Handbell Choir

Please scan to give.



The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 3) |

Old 100th

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic 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:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -

- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -

high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -

- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na

in - the - high - est. -

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **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.

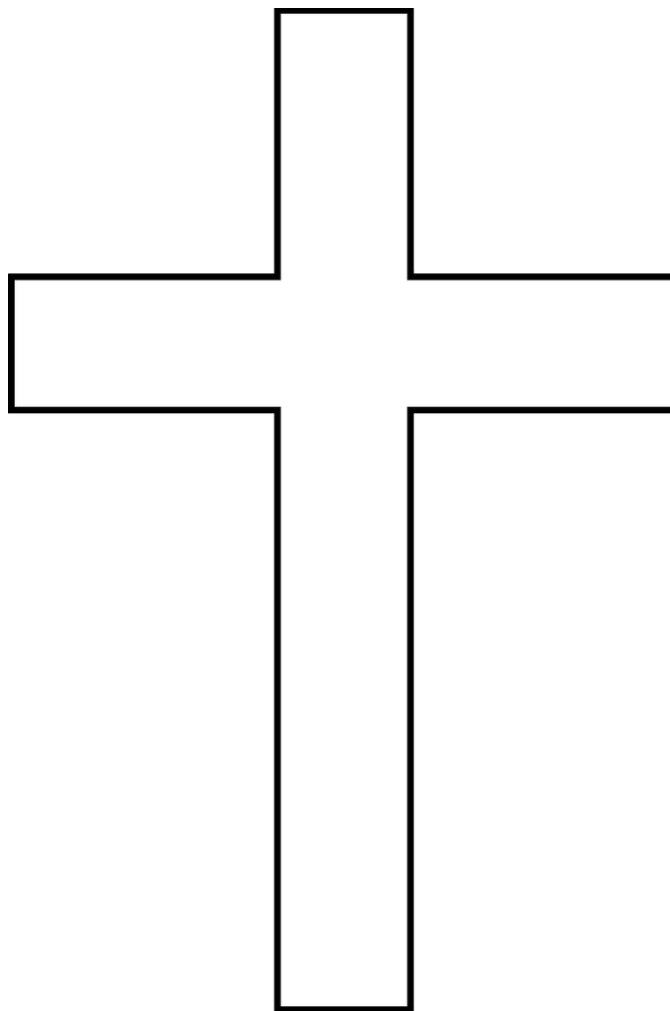
The Breaking of the Bread |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world:___ grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The people stand as able.

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

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ronald Baran

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Kayode Fatodu

Chalicerist: Dione Mahoney

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Cheryl Lucente

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah

Acolytes & Crucifer: Deepti Jackson, Danny Jackson, Ava Fox

Chalicerist: Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild: Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

PARISH CALENDAR OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 15

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 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 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
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Cycling for Health and Fellowship
2:00 – 5:00 pm	EFM Meeting- Parish Hall, conference room
6:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals – New Brick

Monday, October 9 – Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day – Church Office Closed

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, October 10

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Buildings and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sundays at Three Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level

Thursday, October 12

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – Parish Hall, lower level
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:00 – 8:00 pm	Youth Group – Old Brick
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	NA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, October 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 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, October 14

2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
5:00 – 8:00 pm	DreamBuilders Spaghetti Dinner – Temple of Isaiah, Fulton
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Sunday, October 15 – Annual Meeting

10:00 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:00 am	Annual Meeting Brunch – New Brick, lower level
12:00 pm	Annual Meeting – 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
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Cycling for Health and Fellowship
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 5:00 pm	EFM Meeting – Parish Hall, conference room



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements, 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,

or visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/worship-archive

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday

The annual Christ Church Blessing of the Animals marks the Feast of Saint Francis. This Sunday, October 8th, bring your furry, feathered, or fuzzy friends - and your scaly or stuffed ones, too! Mother Marcia will bless all of the plushie pets at the 9 a.m. Family Worship, and we'll gather outside at 6 p.m. that evening for the blessing of our live creatures and critters, so be sure to bring them!

Children & Youth Formation

Children and Youth Formation is open to all ages pre-k through 12th grade and is designed to develop and enrich their spiritual lives and deepen their relationship with God. Visit our website for more details and registration form links - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/youth-formation - or email kiona@christchurchcolumbia.org. And hey, adults and parents - many volunteer opportunities are available to help teach Sunday School, and no experience is necessary! Even if you can only volunteer once every few weeks, it is very helpful. If you would like more information or need assistance, please contact Jennifer Atkins by emailing sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge

Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports Now

LAST CHANCE! In preparation for our Annual Meeting, we ask that all Christ Church Ministry and Committee leaders submit their annual reports to our Communications Administrator, Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you to those who have already sent theirs in. For those who haven't yet, why not let the rest of the Christ Church family know what your ministry has been up to over the past year, fill them in on your plans for 2024, and explain how they can take part.

Confirmation

For those who wish to confirm their faith in God, we will have confirmation classes starting November 5th at Christ Church. We will use *Walk In Love - Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn & Melody Wilson Shobe, and hope for many, especially youth, to come forward! Confirmation will be in the Spring of 2024, when the Bishop visits us in May. Please let clergy or staff know if you or your loved one is interested.

Church Office Closed - October 9

In observance of Columbus Day, October 9th, the Church Office will be closed this coming Monday. It will reopen on the morning of Tuesday, October 10th.

Centering Prayer - October 9

Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings for Centering Prayer, a special evening prayer gathering that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are; **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is 859 2522 4340, and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Thursday Healing Eucharist - October 12

Each Thursday at 12 noon, Christ Church offers midday worship in historic Old Brick. This service includes readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join in a prayerful time as we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful chapel, the oldest building of worship still in regular use in Howard County.

Christ Church Choirs - October 12

Thursday's a busy night of music! Children's Choir rehearses from 6-7 p.m., Handbell Choir gathers from 7-7:30, and Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30-9 p.m. **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, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - October 13

Diane Phillips LaGuerre and Kevin Osborn are coordinating autumn cycling trips that depart from CEC at a new time on Friday afternoons. We'll gather at 5 p.m. in the lower New Brick parking lot for a ten-mile journey, so join us with your bike and helmet to ride safely through our beautiful community. Please email Diane Phillips-LaGuerre and Kevin Osborn at cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

CEC Book Club – October 13

Join us on Zoom for the Christ Church Book Club this Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always welcome new readers to join us, so how about you? We're about to begin our next book, so be sure to join us. **The Zoom link is here,** the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Passcode is **CECbooks**.

Christ Church's Annual Meeting, Vestry Elections, & Potluck Lunch - October 15

We will host our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections next Sunday, October 15th. On this day, we will have only one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick, with a potluck lunch and Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections to follow. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate meals for brunch on this day; there's a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please be sure to join us on this day; since it's the day that we review our past year's ministries and activities while making plans for our leadership in the coming year, it's one of the most important gatherings of the year. The Vestry has approved the following candidates for election (in alphabetical order): Ron Baran, Diane Philips LaGuerre, Greg Schuckman, and Cherrylynn Williams. Brief backgrounds about each candidate can be found on our website - <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2023-vestry-candidates>

WOCC Nature Walk - October 28

Come walk through the colorful autumn leaves at the Robinson Nature Center on Saturday, October 28th, beginning at 12 noon. The leaves should be “peaking” in color by then, and it's a beautiful setting. The trails are short and friendly, with lots of signs and small creeks. Bring your lunch and we'll enjoy some conversation before setting out. Lots of other events coming up, too! The WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned. Speak to any WOCC member or email WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you need more info.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

We want to thank those of you who have helped replenish the Rector's Discretionary Fund. The RDF typically helps fund - among many other things - rental assistance, gas and electric bill aid, financial support, mortgage assistance, and transportation needs. As you know, the needs of those in our community are always present - there are real people with real needs that we support on a consistent basis, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order

for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is such an important milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many of us as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or need more information, please speak with Father Manny or email **300@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Communion to You

In an effort to connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers Communion to You, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at the Church Office. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2023 sign-up sheet at **<https://tinyurl.com/CECaltarflowers>**. 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.

Inviting You to Remotely Join Us this Monday, Oct. 9, at the Monthly Outreach Meeting

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is 876 3365 4968 and the Passcode is Outreach! See you on Zoom!

Christ Church Extends Extra Help to the Homeless at Grassroots' DRC in Jessup, Where You Can Help Prepare or Serve a Meal on Monday, Oct. 9

When facing hard times, our homeless friends depend on the Day Resource Center (DRC) for more than its tasty meals. Once more, staff members of the DRC knew that they could call on Christ Church to help replenish its resources.

Responding to the latest need, Outreach member Dione Mahoney bought a supply of 224 disposable razors and 240 pairs of men's crew socks, which were sent with free shipping to the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center. The needed items cost \$293. Funds came from parishioners who donate through the church and mark their contributions to "General Outreach" or specifically to the center. Thank you!

The **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** operates the DRC at the Center in Jessup, where Christ Church provides a hot midday meal on the second Monday of each month. To join us on Monday, Oct. 9, please sign up by Sunday, Oct. 8. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. We most recently took part on Sept. 11.

The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers are gathering at that time to car-pool to Jessup. Shahra Toth is our coordinator.

Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of Grassroots' Live-In Facility on Freetown Rd. arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online**

signup form about the evening meal, which is served by Grassroots staff. It's efficient to provide for diners at two venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you! The DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the latest needs list on bulletin boards at church or online, under the words "Related Files," on each signup form.

Columbia Community Care Seeks Baby Care Items, More Volunteers

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by donating items or volunteering. Choose tasks such as translating to enable home deliveries or sorting at the pantry. Check the **CCC Facebook Group** or go to the **"I Can Help" portion of its website**. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

DreamBuilders Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

After three years without DreamBuilders spaghetti, we know you are eager to get a plate full! Spaghetti is back on the menu at Temple Isaiah on Saturday, October 14th, from 5-8 p.m. We'll be hosting our silent auction at the same time, and we could use your participation. We've got two mission trips to fund, including blitz builds, and local projects, too. This is DB's biggest fundraiser, and we're looking for both donations and help at the auction. And our favorite Christ Church band, Small Delusions, will perform the dinner music! Visit **DreamBuildersmd.org** for more information, or talk to Stacey Frith and Cathy Gold. See you at the dinner!

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

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** continue to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. Please put items in a basket that has been returned to the altar. Or drop them in the yellow bin on the breezeway 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.

**To pledge to Christ Church for 2024, please visit
www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge**

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing toward your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our **overview page** for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at **info@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Stewardship is our personal response to God's generosity in the way we share our resources of time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship reflects our commitment to making God's love known through the realities of human life and our use of all that God has given us. It is also our service to God's world and our care of creation.

Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

The Auction is Coming!

Later this Month

This Sunday is the deadline for donations! Donations have come in from many (thank you!) but if you still want to host or present something special there's still time to get them in. Please submit yours by this Sunday, October 8th. You can use the portal at www.tinyurl.com/CEC-Auction-Donate or email us at the address below for assistance.

Otherwise, **register and get yourself ready for the online auction now!** Then beginning Saturday, October 28th, you'll start bidding and check back several times that week as others outbid you... and you outbid them.... and they do the same.... and you finally WIN... all to raise funds to support Christ Church!

And don't forget the BIG EVENT - join us in person on Saturday evening, November 4th for the in-person Silent & Live Auction, taking place in New Brick's Great Hall. This is always a fun social event - it's also the largest fundraiser of the year for Christ Church, and your involvement helps support our common life in so many ways!

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, including items available for bidding and ways you can help.

Have any questions?

Email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know!



Christ Church Annual Live Action
come and join us
on
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