

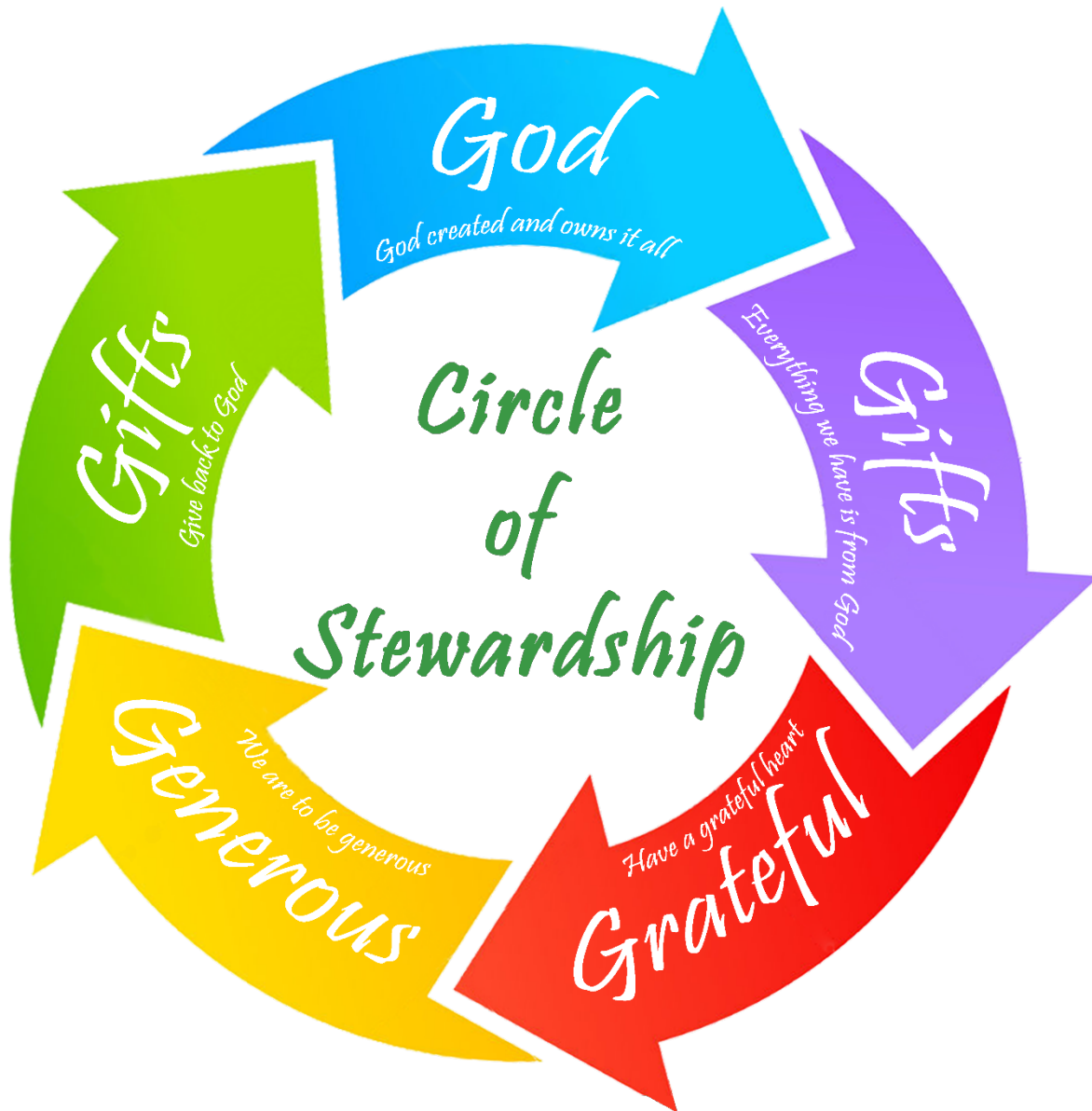
Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

All Saints Sunday |

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 5, 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 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:____
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,____
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!____



thee____ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;____
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O____ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with____ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are____ one in thee, for all are thine.



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



*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 *6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are
war - riors com - eth rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

strong. blest. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

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

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.**

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

***People:* Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Revelation 7:9-17 |

Reader: A Reading from Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

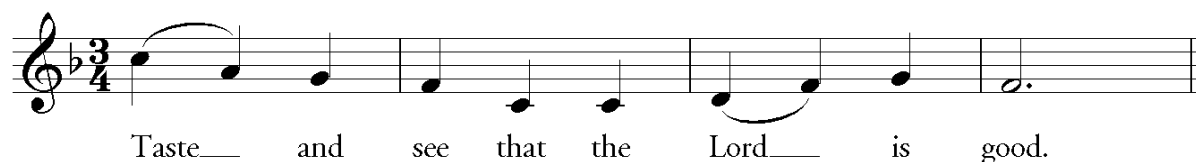
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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



I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Antiphon

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Antiphon

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

A Reading from 1 John 3:1-3 |

Reader: A Reading from The First Epistle of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Verse 2

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,
and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment
and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness
is only known to you—
by walking in their footsteps
we give you praise anew.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Lord, help us to hear Your Word. May we seek justice, do what is right and good, oppose evil, rescue the oppressed, and defend and assist those lonely and defenseless in our midst. Lord, this was Your command in past times and is unchanged today. **May our hearts be open, and may we walk in Your truth.**

We thank you Lord for Your everlasting, loving relationship with Your people. Despite our failures, we pray for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. Please accept our prayers and confessions and grant us forgiveness. You preserve our spirits and surround us with Your presence. Your Grace is boundless. **May we shout for joy and marvel at Your goodness and mercy.**

We ask our Lord's blessing and guidance for the worldwide Church, Christ's body in the world, and for the Anglican Communion, remembering today La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for our sister parishes. We also pray for our spiritual leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our Rector Emeritus, Richard; and Christ Church's vestry, staff, and postulants. We give thanks for the continued contributions of time and talent of our laity. We extend a heartfelt welcome to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. Your presence means a great deal to us. **May we live and grow in our faith.**

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Lexi, Jon, Sunny, Georgia, Dennis, Altra, Barbara, Sherry, Tim, Fr. Richard, Christine, Carol, Jan, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Nell, and those we now name. May they be restored the health and wholeness. We pray for the friends, family, and health professionals who care for those who are ill. We also pray for those in our parish family who are in the military, especially Conner Warlow. **May Christ's healing touch bring hope to those in need.**

We remember those who have died and entered eternal life, especially Olayemi Osunniyi, Cesar Palatino, and those we now name. We ask that the pain of those who mourn and the hole in their hearts be filled with God's love. **Lord, You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer forever.**

Today, we share the joy of special occasions in the lives of our parish family. We celebrate the birthdays of Marilyn, Sydneya, Leon, Evelyn, Francis, Krista, Kimberley, William, Paula, Samuel, Paul & Jeannette, the wedding anniversaries of Linda & Stephen Alpern, and baptismal anniversaries of Jonah, Jenn, Jonathan, Francis, Leon, Kevin, George, Saah, Daniella & Violet. We are so blessed and express our gratitude. **Praise the Lord for His love and care.**

On this Annual Pledge Sunday, we humbly offer our gifts. May we experience giving as a joy and in celebration and embrace stewardship as a way of life. **We pray to the Lord.**

Jesus, Life-Giver and Life-Changer, we are so fortunate that the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. Thanks be to God. **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.**

A Prayer for Stewardship |

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

All: **Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us:
our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of
all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among
us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of
your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that
giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the
offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made
in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and
death for us. 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 | Celebration in G

Michael R. Keller
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.**

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

organ

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

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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.***

Closing Hymn 293 | I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Grand Isle

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,———
 2 They loved their Lord so—— dear, so dear, and——
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who—— toiled and—— fought and——
 his love—— made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for——
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the—— world is—— bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And——
 Je - sus' sake, the—— whole of their good lives long. And——
 joy - ous saints who—— love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was—— slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

herd - ess on the—— green: they were all of them saints of——
 by a fierce wild—— beast; and there's not an - y rea - son——
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of—— God are just

God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like—— me, and I mean to be one too.

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Michon Semon, Diane LaGuerre

Chalicerist: Sonni Aribiah

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah,
Hope & Eva Oladipupo

Acolytes & Crucifer: Luke Aribiah, James Mercer, Everett Kelso

Chalicerist: Kathy Lyon

Altar Guild: Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Eileen Harlee

PARISH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 5 – NOVEMBER 11

Sunday, November 5

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
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Parish Hall, lower level & Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
2:00 – 5:00 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room
3:00 – 6:00 pm	National String Symphonia – New Brick, upper level
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, November 6

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	WOCC Meeting – New Brick, lower level & Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, November 7

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
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:30 pm	300 yr. Race & Slavery Committee Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, November 8

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, November 9

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:00 – 7:30 pm	Youth Group – Old Brick
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, November 10 – Veterans' Day – Office Closed

5:00 – 10:00 pm	Event Rental Setup – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Recital Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Recital Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, November 11

12:00 – 3:00 pm	Recital – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:00 – 11:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Larissa and Friends Recital – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Old Brick



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,
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In-Gathering Sunday

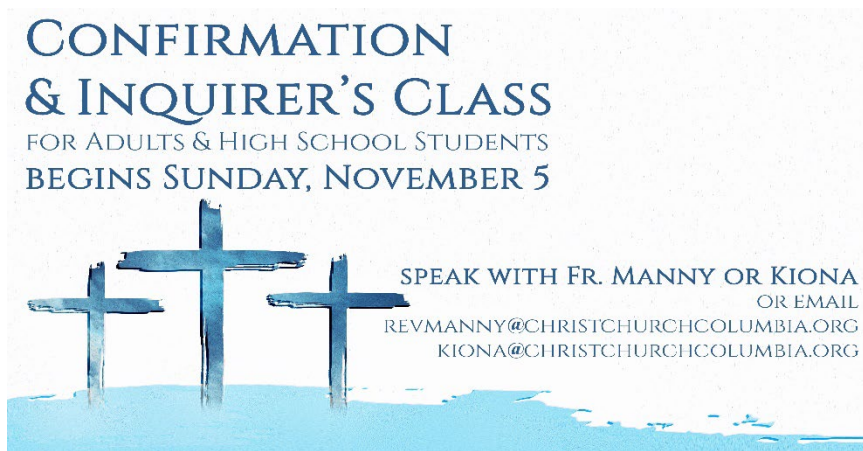
At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for the coming calendar year. Our in-gathering service is this Sunday, November 5th, so please bring your pledge cards to church with you. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex or Old Brick to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge. Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

Healing Stations

Christ Church used to offer healing stations during the Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary, and we have now resumed this important experience during the 10:30 Sunday worship. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, speak with or email Rebecca Warlow at rwarlow131@gmail.com

Confirmation & Inquirer's Class Begins this Sunday

Christ Church begins a new Confirmation and Adult Inquirer's Class for high school students who are considering confirming the promises their parents and godparents made on their behalf at Baptism and for adults who are interested in learning more about faith or want to be received into the Episcopal Church. Confirmation and Inquirer's Class will be a hybrid class and will begin this Sunday, November 5. This first meeting, however, will be an in-person meeting at 12:00 noon. For more information, speak with or email **Fr. Manny** or **Kiona**.



Centering Prayer - November 6

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 - November 9

On Thursdays 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 us for 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 - November 9

Thursdays are 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.

CEC Book Club – November 10

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? **The Zoom link is here,** the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Passcode is **CECbooks**.

"Larissa and Friends" Recital - November 11

We are thrilled to present the first recital by our own Larissa Sanders, accompanied by some incredibly talented guest musicians. Brass, woodwinds, and other instruments will accompany her as she plays organ and piano during a program featuring works by JS Bach, Leon Boellman, Amanda Maier, and Mel Bonis. Everyone is welcome to come to the New Brick Sanctuary on Saturday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon sure to please everyone. A reception will follow. No tickets are needed - come in, sit down, and enjoy.

MOCC Breakfast - November 18

Our next monthly MOCC Breakfast is Saturday, November 18th at 9:30 a.m. Join us at Bob Evans Columbia, 8325 Benson Drive. Plus, stay tuned for information about our Holiday Dinner in December; those details are coming in future communications. Interested to learn more about the MOCC? Please email Duane Smith at cduanesmith@verizon.net

Advent Newsletter - November 18

In preparation for the Advent season, we will publish a newsletter of all upcoming Christ Church events and services taking place through the rest of this year. If your group or ministry has something to share - or if you recently had an event and want to share a few words or pictures - please email your articles to Chris by Saturday, November 18th - communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Theology on Tap - November 21

ToT is a get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. Join us at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st, at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. Questions? Speak with Mike Looney or email seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org

Giving Tuesday - November 28th

In the midst of the blessings of the Thanksgiving season, we are invited each year on Giving Tuesday to make a gift to our favorite charitable organizations. This year, Christ Church invites parishioners to support our own Music Ministry this Giving Tuesday. You can do so by visiting **our Online Giving Form**, selecting "Music Ministry" from the *Fund* dropdown menu, and writing "Giving Tuesday" in the *Memo* line. Christ Church's Music Ministry has grown this year - our Choir Camp and Handbell Choir are beautiful examples of this - and your gifts will help us deepen and strengthen this vital ministry even more. For this, we are very thankful.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the church office will be closed in observance of holidays on November 10th (Veterans Day (Observed)) and November 23rd and 24th (Thanksgiving).

WOCC News

Come and join us for our November WOCC meeting, which takes place in New Brick and on Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6th. **The Zoom link is HERE**, the Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790**, and the Passcode is **cecWOCC**. Lots of other events are 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. And be sure to read our Seafarers announcement in the Outreach section of this email - it's time for our collection of items in preparation for the holiday season.

Meals Ministry

The Stewardship season focuses on the giving of our time, talent, and treasure, and one way to do so is by lending a hand to those in need. Christ Church's Pastoral Care Commission is growing its Meals Ministry to ensure that there is always someone who can provide a home-cooked meal to those who might need one. If you would like to help, or if you know someone in need, please speak with Deacon Denise or email her at **deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org**

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, 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 - 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 Robin Bradley 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, you can find the details and 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive (Non-perishables only) for the Howard County Food Bank Will be Conducted Nov. 5 - Nov. 16

Once again, Christ Church will be supporting the **Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC)** by conducting a food drive in the weeks before Thanksgiving. This year the holiday falls on Nov. 23. The drive will launch on Sunday, Nov. 5 and end on Thursday, Nov. 16 so there's plenty of time for delivery to CAC's **Howard County Food Bank**.

In 2023, the Food Bank expects to feed hundreds for Thanksgiving and hundreds more for Christmas by distributing "Holiday Meal Kits." You can support this effort by bringing **non-perishable** food items that include the usual sides:

boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and cans of fruit and vegetables (low-sodium preferred).

Because families may find their pantries are bare overall this time of year, please consider adding items such as tuna, pasta, rice, 100 percent fruit juice, and peanut butter. **NOTE: The food bank is not collecting pies, other desserts or rolls because of perishability.**

Place goods on the Thanksgiving-decorated table in the Narthex. Or, if you wish to remain outdoors, put them in the latest yellow bin to be found on the breezeway. Marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive," this one is near the door to Old Brick. Given cold weather, it's best if items in glass jars go in the Narthex collection.

After the onset of the pandemic, the Outreach Commission ended its previous practice of collecting turkeys during its annual drive. Instead, Christ Church this year has helped to fund the protein component of holiday meal kits. Outreach members approved a \$750 donation to the CAC for the Food Bank's purchases.

The holiday funds for CAC are the latest approved by the Outreach Commission in 2023. We gave \$1,100 in April to pay for a week of milk and eggs at the food bank, \$400 in the summer for a mobile food pantry, and \$395 in cash donations from the Spring and Fall Food Drives. In response, CAC honors Christ Church among its **"Village of Supporters"** at the Advocate level in various ways.

This includes recognition of partners during its annual Holland Awards event, where Christ Church was represented by Kiona Lookingbill, director of Youth & Family Ministries, and her husband, Josiah Lookingbill, and by Vestry and Outreach Commission member Diane Phillips LaGuerre and her co-leader of Cycling for Health and Fellowship, Kevin Osborn.

Thanks to all who made possible these monetary donations through parishioners' contributions to Christ Church. You are helping CAC fulfill its mission: "To diminish poverty and enable self-sufficiency for all Howard County individuals, families, and children in need." To learn more about CAC and its programs, including volunteer opportunities, please contact us by emailing outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.)

Seafarers Center Holiday Drive

WOCC representatives will deliver donations to the International Seafarers Center in Baltimore in mid-November. The Seafarers Center helps seamen and women whose ships come into the Baltimore Harbor. The Center appreciates receiving any of the following items for the Seafarers: calendars for 2024; warm hats, gloves, and scarves; stationery; magazines (e.g., current affairs and sports magazines, National Geographic, Smithsonian, etc.). Donations should be placed in the designated bin in the Tower Room by November 13th. This will be our last trip to the Center before Christmas. Let's try to brighten the holidays for those who are so far from home. If you have any questions, please speak with Carolann Sawyer or Cindy Read.

Columbia Community Care Seeks Baby Care Items, More Volunteers

Please support **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**.

In a plea posted last week for volunteers, CCC pantry manager April Lee wrote: "I know it's a really hectic time of year just before the crush of the holidays, but if you can spare a few hours to help us get food to our hungry families that would be wonderful. I often remind our volunteers that what they do when helping us get groceries to our food-

insecure neighbors is literally an answer to someone's prayers. Never underestimate the impact you can make in others' lives. We appreciate all of you so, so much! Thank you!!”

Continue 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 office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers the contents.

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

FISH of Howard County needs non-perishable foods and toiletries. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. Please put your donations in the basket at the altar or drop them into the marked black and yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.



Thanksgiving Day - November 23

Come join us at 10 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in Old Brick. We welcome everyone to gather with us, but we will also livestream the service on **our website**, **YouTube**, and **Facebook** pages so you can worship and give thanks from wherever you are.

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Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables our parish to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness. Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

Text Giving

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.

Online Giving

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**

You can read the latest Vestry-approved monthly report [here](#).

**To pledge to Christ Church for 2024,
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