

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

All Saints | Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 6, 2022 • 10:30 a.m.

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!

Prelude |

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. by David Paxton

Opening Hymn | 618

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

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

The Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

The First Lesson | Ecclesiastes 2:1-6, 7-11

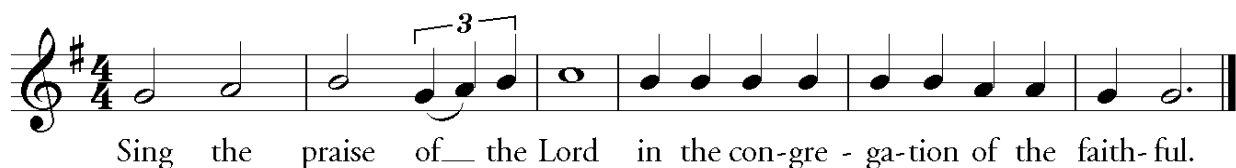
Reader: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

I said to myself, 'Come now, I will make a test of pleasure; enjoy yourself.' But again, this also was vanity. I said of laughter, 'It is mad', and of pleasure, 'What use is it?' I searched with my mind how to cheer my body with wine—my mind still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was good for mortals to do under heaven during the few days of their life. I made great works; I built houses and planted vineyards for myself; I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house; I also had great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and of the provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and delights of the flesh, and many concubines.

So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and a chasing after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.

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

Psalm | Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino*



Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

Antiphon

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *

this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

Antiphon

The Second Lesson | Ephesians 1:11-23

Reader: A Reading from Ephesians.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

The Gospel | Luke 6:20-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Holy Baptism | BCP 301

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates |

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

Parents and I present Reese Amelia Lyon to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Godparents:

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

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and I will, with God's help.

Godparents:

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

Parents and I will, with God's help.

Godparents:

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

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

Answer: I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I do.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

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

***People:* We will.**

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

The Baptismal Covenant |

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate |

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Intercessor: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Thanksgiving over the Water |

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

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

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

The Baptism |

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

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

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

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

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

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

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The people stand as able.

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

Offering Choral Anthem |

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

James Dausch

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,
 Early let us do Thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Savior,
 With Thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still;
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

Old 100th

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

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP Page 355

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, Lord God
 of hosts. Heav-en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord, of the Lord, Ho - sa - na in the
 high - est, ho - sa - 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 | BCP 365

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.

You may receive just the bread if you prefer.

If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.

If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Hymn | 232

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Nyland

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Blessing |

*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.***

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
 I want to look at Je-sus.
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Today's Eucharist is offered in Thanksgiving for the lives of

Mary Lou Brittingham

Donald Browning

Chad Foor

Harry Henderson

Brady Brice Johnson

Christian Johnson

Cynthia Willis

and all others from our community who have joined the saints in heaven.

Today's altar flowers were donated by Carol Abbott

in honor of Kate and Ian Bucacink's anniversary.

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PARISH CALENDAR: NOVEMBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 13

Sunday, November 6 - Thanksgiving Food Drive begins

8:00 am	Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 am	Coffee Hour, Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Great Hall
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Great Hall
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level
10:30 am	Eucharist – 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
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Zoom

Monday, November 7

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom

Tuesday, November 8

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Children's Choir – New Brick, upper level
7:30 pm	Buildings & Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, November 9

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am	TOPS – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sunday School Meeting – Zoom
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, November 10

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bible Study – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level

Friday, November 11 – Veteran's Day – Office Closed

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

Saturday, November 12

2:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 5:30 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
6:00 pm	Youth lock-in – Parish Hall, lower level
6:00 pm – 12 am	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9 pm	NA Meeting, Old Brick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Thursday morning

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XXII

Join us at any of our three worship services this Sunday morning. The first of three services this Sunday is an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Worship gathers in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and several Adult Formation gatherings around the campus. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are available in New Brick for those who need them. We continue to follow the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, which means that mask use is optional, though still recommended. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our **website**, **YouTube**, or **Facebook** pages.

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 6th, so please bring your pledge cards to church with you. You may also pick up a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

Sunday School

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

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. We begin our multi-week study of The Nicene Creed, led by Mother Marcia Davenport. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. [See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information.](#)

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or those who wish to Reaffirm their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. This class takes place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Speak with Father Manny or [email the Church Office](#) if you're interested in joining us for this class.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

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

Your Church Needs You!

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

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

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

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 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, please speak with Larissa or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Bible Study - Thursdays

This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. Bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. Thursday Bible Study is a hybrid gathering; the Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club gathers at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just [email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:ellenhoke@efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226** and Password is **CECBooks**

Christ Church Youth Lock-In - Saturday, November 12th

The youth will be having a Lock-In at Christ Church on Saturday, November 12th. The fun begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends on Sunday morning. Students should bring games, movies, and other fun items to enjoy with one another through the night. Dinner, snacks, and breakfast will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Todd at youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, November 16th

Looking for a space where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles from the pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal? Theology on Tap is an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners at a different local watering hole each month. Our inaugural gathering takes place on Wednesday, November 16th at [The Ale House in Columbia](#), so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening! The address is 6480 Dobbin Way. Speak with, or email, [Sarah Thomas](#) or [Mike Looney](#) for more details.

WOCC's November News

- **November's WOCC Meeting:** Our November meeting is next Monday, November 7th at 1 p.m. via Zoom. There's a lot to talk about as we approach the year's end, so we hope you'll join us in the Zoom room! [The Zoom link is HERE](#), Meeting ID is **843 0204 4790** and the Password is **cecWOCC**

- **Save The Date:** Sunday, December 4th, 1:00 p.m. - Women of Christ Church Christmas Luncheon at King's Contrivance Restaurant. Come join us for friendship and feasting at King's Contrivance Restaurant for our Christmas Luncheon. We will be advertising the details and the menu selections soon. As usual, we will use this event to gather Christmas presents for our friends at Springfield Hospital. Hope to see you there!

- **Seafarers Donations Needed:** Several times a year, WOCC delivers your generous donations in support of the Center's mission to serve seafarers' spiritual and practical well-being. Our last delivery before Christmas is planned for November 17. Seafarers especially appreciate our donations of:

- Bibles
- Stationery goods, such as calendars, note paper and cards
- Warm clothing, such as socks, hats, gloves and scarves; and
- Magazines like Sports Illustrated; National Geographic; Smithsonian; New Yorker; Baltimore Magazine; Travel Magazine; and Discover.

Donations for this delivery should be placed in or near the Seafarers bin in the Tower Room by November 15. You may contact Carolann Sawyer or Cindy Read if you have any questions. The Center thanks you for your ongoing generosity.

Join Us for an Interfaith Vigil for Refugees on November 13th

[Christ Church's Refugee Ministry](#) will host ***United We Pray: Interfaith Vigil for Refugees*** on Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. This community service is open to people of all faiths and traditions, as we gather to show our unified support for those around the globe forced to leave their homes due to war,

persecution, or disaster. We will pray particularly for our refugee neighbors who live, work, and attend school in our communities.

The service, to be held in St. John's at 9120 Frederick Rd. in Ellicott City, will include readings, prayers, music, and reflections from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Quaker faith traditions.* A light reception will follow in the adjoining All Saints Hall building immediately following the service, with the opportunity for refreshment and fellowship, and the chance to meet some of the refugee families in our area. We welcome all community members to this event, as united we pray for the plight of refugees around the world.

**Sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia Jewish Congregation, Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque, Hindu American Seva Communities, Patapsco Friends Meeting (Quakers of Howard County), and Christ Episcopal Church.*

Thanksgiving Food Drive (non-perishables only) for the Howard County Food Bank Will be Conducted Nov. 6 - Nov. 17

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. 24. The drive will launch on Sunday, November 6th, and end on Thursday, November 17th. The items will be delivered to CAC's Howard County Food Bank on Friday morning, November 18th.

In 2022, the Food Bank expects to feed about 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 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 and pasta to the Food Bank's non-seasonal wish list ([see the flier on our website](#)).

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. **NOTE: The food bank is not collecting pies, other desserts, or rolls because of perishability.**

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 will again help fund the protein component of holiday meal kits. Outreach members recently approved a \$750 donation to the CAC for the Food Bank's purchase of alternatives to whole turkeys.

Certain families, including people who are homebound, will receive partial or whole chicken roasters, vegetarian choices, and options with the proper protein for those on dialysis.

The holiday funds for CAC are the latest approved by the Outreach Commission in 2022. Earlier we sent \$1,000 for general purposes such as energy and housing assistance and early childhood education. In response, CAC honors Christ Church among its "Village of Supporters" in various ways, including recognition of partners during its annual Holland Awards event. Vestry and Outreach member Diane Phillips Laguerre represented Christ Church at the event. Please contact her to hear what she learned about CAC (Send to outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.) And thanks to all who made possible these monetary donations through parishioners' contributions to Christ Church.

DreamBuilders Local Project for the ARC of Howard County: November 12th & 13th

DreamBuilders will be renovating a group home in Columbia, replacing the kitchen floor and upgrading several damaged doorways. We need 10 volunteers each day to complete the work over a single weekend, as the residents will be relocated during the renovation. The workday will be 8:30-4:00 each day, and lunch will be provided. This project is open to youth in seventh grade and older, and adults. No experience is necessary, and all training and supervision will be provided. You can register for this project through the DreamBuilders website: DreamBuildersMD.org. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Gold or Stacey Frith.

SLYC Seeks Tutors for Its After-School Program for Youth in West Baltimore

Craving a hands-on opportunity to serve others yet searching for a way to prepare? Here's an option: attend a remotely-held tutor's training session and then use your new skills to brighten a child's future. St. Luke's Youth Center, which operates year-round as the nonprofit [SLYC](#), wants tutors. Plan to commit to at least an hour a week between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The tutor training session, "Foundation for Success: Academic Intervention Program," is free and will be held on Zoom on Tuesday, November 15th from 5 to 6 p.m. (see flier). Christ Church is among the partners with SLYC, along with other parishes and secular supporters. The [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) reparations task force [awarded a grant](#) to SYLC and five other organizations earlier this year.

You, too, are partnering with SLYC in that Vestry-approved funds for Christ Church Outreach supported Camp Imagination, held during the summer as described in [the July newsletter](#). The Outreach Commission contributed \$500, and others at Christ Church made donations. We are also participating in a quilt raffle that runs through December 4th.

West Baltimore families are engaged in SLYC's leadership and offerings, which include "Moms on a Mission" and the after-school program. We heard about how it was founded on faith from Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot. She spoke of her calling when delivering [the sermon on Sunday, August 7th](#) during both services at Christ Church.

Parishioner Michon Semon, who serves as the SLYC liaison on the Outreach Commission, can tell you what it's like to volunteer there. SLYC is located at 217 No. Carey St., Baltimore, MD 21223. At a recent Sunday Circle, Semon described how the reading and math scores of children at SLYC have improved. Also, attendance figures in school are above the Baltimore City average.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue to support the all-volunteer organization [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC). Please look for updates, such as requests for volunteers on Saturday mornings, posted in the [CCC Facebook Group](#) or on the ["I Can Help" portion of its website](#). For example, you'll find a need for volunteers to take grocery items to one of the three distribution sites after pickup at the CCC pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

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 Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies

Our representative from [FISH of Howard County](#) recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Please continue

donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. 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.



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank *YOU*. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

TEXT GIVING: You can now 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 towards 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

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