



**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST  
**THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II**  
**10:30 A.M.**

Sunday, June 29, 2025 | Third Sunday after Pentecost – VBS SUNDAY with Holy Baptism

# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



## **& Choir Camp**

### **Welcome Home!**

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church: [www.christchurchcolumbia.org](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org). This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE |

### OPENING HYMN | We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)

*South African*

#### 1. Zulu

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos Siyahamba  
ekukhanyeni kwenkos (*repeat*)

Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, (ooh) 'hamba  
Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos (*repeat*)

#### 2. English

We are marching in the light of God We  
are marching in the light of God (*repeat*)

We are marching, marching. We are  
marching, (ooh) marching We are  
marching in the light of God (*repeat*)

#### 3. We are learning in the light of God We are learning in the light of God (*repeat*)

We are learning, learning. We are learning,  
(ooh) learning We are learning in the light of  
God (*repeat*)

#### 4. We are singing in the light of God We are singing in the light of God (*repeat*)

We are singing, singing. We are singing,  
(ooh) singing We are marching in the light  
of God (*repeat*)

## 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 built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON | 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Kings.*

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The following psalm is read responsively by half-verse.*

## THE PSALM

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 | *Voce mea ad Dominum*

I will cry aloud to God; \*

**I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.**

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \*

**my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;**

**I refused to be comforted.**

I will remember the works of the Lord, \*

**and call to mind your wonders of old time.**

I will meditate on all your acts \*

**and ponder your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy; \*

**who is so great a god as our God?**

You are the God who works wonders \*

**and have declared your power among the peoples.**

By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*  
**the children of Jacob and Joseph.**

The waters saw you, O God;  
the waters saw you and trembled; \*  
**the very depths were shaken.**

The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered; \*  
**your arrows flashed to and fro;**

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
**the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters, \*  
**yet your footsteps were not seen.**

You led your people like a flock \*  
**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

#### **THE EPISTLE** | Galatians 5:1,13-25

Reader: *A reading from Galatians.*

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

*The people stand as able.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 218 | Jesus Loves Me

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;  
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;  
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.  
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.  
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — Yes, Je - sus loves me! —

Yes, Je - sus loves me! — The bi - ble tells me so.

## THE GOSPEL | Luke 9:51-62

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

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

**THE SERMON** | Rev. Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

*The people stand as able.*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

**THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE:** Isla Jade Blanch

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and  
Godparents:* **I present Isla to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

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

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

*Parents and  
Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

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

*Parents and  
Godparents:* **I will, with God's help.**

*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 this person in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with Isla and all 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.

*Intervessor:* Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Open her heart to your grace and truth.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Send her into the world in witness to your love.

***People:* Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* 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

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

*Celebrant:* Isla, 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 this servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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 candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

Isla, 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.

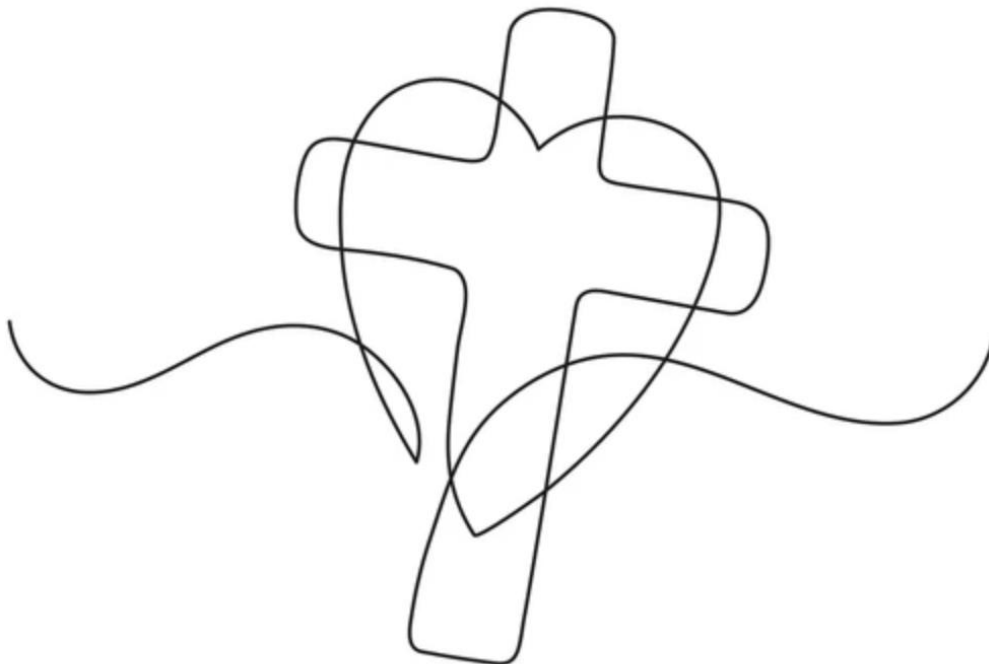
## THE PEACE |

*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** | Who You Say I Am

*Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan  
VBS Choir*

*Please scan to give.*



1. Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me

*Refrain 1:*  
Who the Son sets free  
Oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

2. Free at last, He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me

*Refrain 2:*  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

3. I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am

4. I am who You say I am  
Oh I am who You say I am  
Yes I am who You say I am

**DOXOLOGY 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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:

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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.

*The Celebrant continues*

*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."

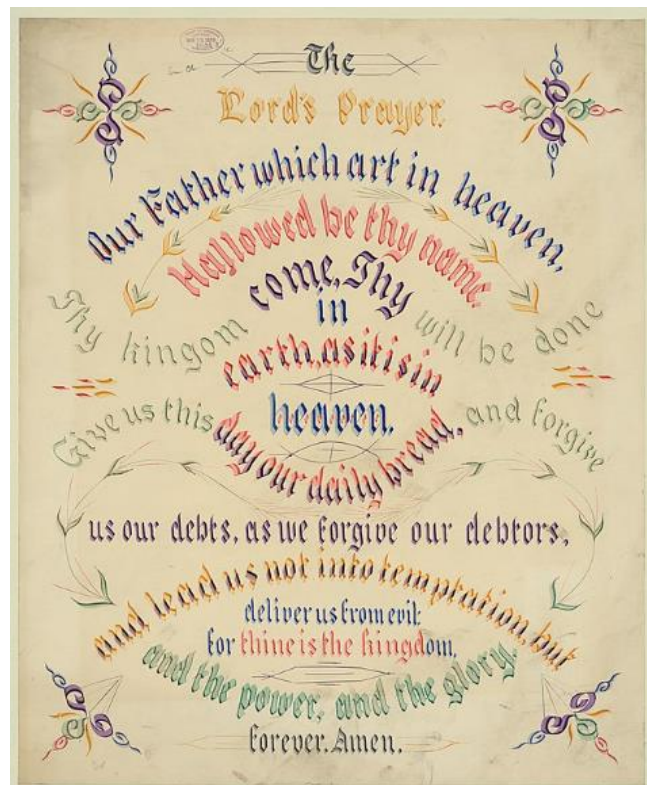
*All:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

*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 S 164 | Jesus, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) from Deutsche Mass

*Franz Schubert*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your 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.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

## EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

## THE BLESSING |

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

## CLOSING HYMN 376 | Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn of Joy*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.



## THE DISMISSAL |

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

## POSTLUDE |

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### Assisting in Worship Today

#### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Greg Schuckman

**Chalicer:** Ivy Amponsah

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

#### Altar Guild

Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman, Sarah Mugo

#### Tellers

Cherry Williams, Diana Hall

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**KIONA** | by Pamela Pruitt

Kiona  
Is one of us.  
She carries  
God's words  
God's music  
And  
God's people  
Within her soul.

You can  
See them  
There aglow  
With Love and  
Light.

Her body,  
A House  
Of prayer.  
Her thoughts  
Erect  
Tall towers  
That ring bells  
In Heaven.

The Songs  
In her heart  
Become  
Hymns.

# PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 29 – JULY 5, 2025

## Sunday, June 29

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:45 am – 2:30 pm	Kiona Celebration & VBS Celebration – New Brick, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick

## Monday, June 30

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

## Tuesday, July 1

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	MS Support Group – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	300-yr Race & Slavery Comm. Mtg – Zoom

## Wednesday, July 2

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:00 – 7:00 pm	First Wednesday Fellowship Crab Fest – New Brick, lower level
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

## Thursday, July 3

6:00 – 7:00 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

## Friday, July 4

All Day	Church Office Closed
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

## Saturday, July 5

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Jane's Yoga Class – New Brick, lower level
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,  
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## Today, Join Us for an Interfaith Vigil for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants

In recognition of World Refugee Day and the difficulties facing immigrants and refugees worldwide, we ask that you please consider attending the Interfaith Vigil for Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants today, June 29th. Coordinated by a cross-section of congregations involved in immigrant and refugee work, and attended by participants from many faiths, this Interfaith Vigil is hosted by the Columbia Jewish Congregation, one of our strong partners in the [Christ Church Interfaith Refugee Ministry](#). Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on June 29, the Vigil will be held at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center - "The Meeting House" - at 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia 21045. This important gathering is open to the public – please invite your family, friends, and neighbors. You can also join us via Zoom, [and registration for that is here](#) (scan the QR code on page 22 for the working link).

## Join the Christ Church Vestry

The nomination of candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry has begun. This year, four (4) slots are open, and if you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and a giving member of record at Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to help us, so we hope you'll consider submitting your name. The election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing [nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org), and they will let you know what's needed for this process. Thank you for your consideration.

## Confirmation 2025

This year, the Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, will visit Christ Church on Sunday, November 30th, and she will confirm all the Christ Church candidates who have completed the confirmation process. The Confirmation Classes will be hybrid (in person and online) and begin on Sunday, August 3rd at 12:00 noon. Our high school students and any parishioners who desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church should email Father Manny to express their interest - [revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## We Need Ministry Volunteers

Thank you to those who have recently stepped up to help volunteer - we are so grateful to you! We can still use some more people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild or Buildings and Grounds ministries. None of these require weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email [altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up the altar on Sunday mornings. For those interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at [office@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:office@christchurchcolumbia.org) or speak with Yetti (Teller), Kathy Lyon (LEV), or Chaplain Kiona (Acolyte) on Sundays.

## Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We

are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is 817 6254 3177, and the Passcode is CP. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing [centering@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:centering@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Yoga Camp - Tuesdays and Thursdays**

This summer, Jane Adams will host Yoga Camp at Christ Church for all parishioners and members of the public. Jane is a yoga expert with decades of teaching experience and leads every session. We gather every Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m., and each session is one hour long. We strongly recommend coming to the first session to get to know one another, so bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and any other items you use (bolster, blanket, towel, etc) and get ready!

Yoga is one of the best ways to get your body, mind, and spirit in peak summer condition. Yoga Camp is open to those already involved in yoga and those interested in trying it for the first time. You can sign up for each date using our online form at [cecevents.org/YogaCamp](http://cecevents.org/YogaCamp). Donations are encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions, please ask Jane at church on Sunday, or you can email [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **We Need Office Volunteers – This Tuesday, July 1**

If you can spare a few hours next Tuesday to help with the mailing of the quarterly statements, please speak with Yetti at church this Sunday, or stop by the office at 10 a.m. on the morning of the 1st. We can use 4-5 volunteers, and the mailing should only take a few hours. Thank you very much.

### **Soon, It'll Be Crab Feast Time! - This Wednesday, July 2**

We have one final FWF before the summer break, so mark your calendars and come and join us for fantastic food, friends, and fun! It will be our incredibly popular annual Crab Feast, a crab and BBQ extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and games. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 p.m. on your calendar.

The cost of crab is \$40. per person, BBQ is \$15. per, and there is a signup sheet in the Narthex (we apologize for the updated pricing). With options for crab and non-crab eaters alike, there's surely something for everyone!

### **Church Office Closed – This Friday, July 4**

Please note that the Church Office will be closed next Friday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen on the morning of Monday, July 7th.

### **Summer Screenings - July 11 & 12**

Some new films are scheduled for June and July, so grab some movie snacks and head to the CEC campus for these. You can learn more about the Friday, July 11th viewing of *Same Kind of Different As Me* [here](#), and meet up in the lower level of the Parish Building at 7:00 p.m. for the screening and discussion. Then, learn about the film *Bonhoeffer* [here](#), and join us in the New Brick Piano Room on Saturday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m. for the viewing and discussion.

### **Small Delusions Performance - July 12**

It's summertime – which means it's time for the annual return of our favorite band, Small Delusions! Gather with us in the New Brick sanctuary on Saturday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m. as Small Delusions performs many favorites from the last few decades.

And this year, Jan, Shannon, and JB welcome a special guest – Meghan Pruitt will accompany the group for this excellent performance. So, come in from the hot summer sun and enjoy a few hours of spirited song!

## **Parish Beautification Day - July 13**

Please stay following the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 13th, as we'll freshen things up around the campus from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. Many hands make lighter work (it's really true!), and so rain or shine, we'll begin by fueling up with a quick lunch in the lower level of New Brick and then split into groups to handle different projects.

Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, we can certainly use that help as well. All ages are encouraged to join us - no experience required! Just bring work gloves and a water bottle, and we'll provide the rest of what's needed to make our beloved parish buildings and grounds look their best!

Can't help that weekend? Please let us know if you're willing to lend a hand at other times. Email us at [buildingsandgrounds@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:buildingsandgrounds@christchurchcolumbia.org), and we'll find a place for you.

## **A Message from Deacon Rebecca**

"I want to inform you that Bishop Carrie Scofield-Broadbent has appointed me to serve as the Deacon of Sherwood Episcopal Church in Cockeysville, Maryland beginning on Sunday, September 7. My final Sunday with you all here at Christ Church will be on August 17.

While I am excited to see where the Holy Spirit calls me in this new ministry with the people of Sherwood, I will miss all of you deeply."

## **Organ Donations Save Lives – Including Those of Parishioners. See if You Can Help.**

Parishioner Jim Berkson, who was baptized at the age of 61 here at Christ Church last year, requires a kidney transplant. He is on the transplant list for a deceased donor, but a living donor has many advantages, including a longer lifespan, being able to avoid dialysis, and being guaranteed a transplant. Jim is going through Johns Hopkins, one of the best transplant centers in the country, and at Hopkins, you don't have to be a perfect match to be a donor. The transplant is likely years away, but Hopkins likes to start the education and testing process early.

Please consider giving the gift of life. If you are interested or curious about Jim's case, please speak with Jim at church, speak with Father Manny or Deacon Rebecca, or call the Johns Hopkins Transplant Center at 443-326-1089 for details on their kidney donor program. Thank you very much.

## **Plan to Welcome SLYC on Sunday, July 13 and Consider Volunteering at its Day Camp**

Once more, Christ Church will welcome representatives of St. Luke's Youth Center (SLYC), whose leaders will update us on its work brightening the lives of children in West Baltimore. Join us from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall in New Brick on Sunday, July 13. Coffee, drinks and pastries will be served. SLYC Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot will deliver the sermon during both worship services and will conduct the presentation between services. You'll see a slide show about the youth center and get an update on SLYC's campaign to re-envision the historic St. Luke's Clergy House with the help of a plan by Episcopal Housing Corp. Much has transpired since July 2024, when she and Engagement Coordinator Darlene Clark last visited Christ Church.

SLYC is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety-net of support. During summers, SLYC holds Camp Imagination, a day camp that takes place at a cooperating parish while SLYC's campus is under renovation. Children aged 5 to 13 and counselors aged 14 and older attend Camp Imagination from June 30 to August 1. The convenient camp location is St. John Lutheran (& Episcopal) Church, 300 Maple Ave., Linthicum, MD.

Consider helping in the following activities on weekdays: Drop Everything and Read (DEAR), 1 to 1:30 p.m.; Share a hobby or skill, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and Play board games 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Help chaperone a Friday field trip on July 11, July 18, July 25 and/or Aug. 1. For volunteer information, email [darlene@BmoreSLYC.org](mailto:darlene@BmoreSLYC.org).

We're invited to Linthicum to see youth perform in the camp showcase at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 31. For carpool information, email [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). SLYC campers ages 8 to 12 and counselors who are 15 and older will end their summer experiences at the [Claggett Camp and Conference Center](#) with a one-week stay at All God's Children sleepaway camp, August 4-9. The Outreach Commission in May gave \$1,800 to SLYC, which covers the full cost of one child for five weeks of day camp and one week at Claggett. The donation was drawn from Vestry-approved Outreach funds, which were derived from your pledges and contributions. Thanks for your generosity!

SLYC's year-round results are impressive, as described in its [Fiscal 2024 Impact Report](#). The [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) is a partner, and its reparations task force [awarded a grant](#) to SYLC in 2022. You'll have the chance to learn more in person during the SLYC visit on July 13. Please mark your calendars.

### **Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers and Infant Care Items**

[Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) collects and distributes essentials to families in need. It operates three distribution sites on Saturday mornings and has resumed making home deliveries to those without transportation. A shopper fulfills their grocery lists at the pantry, and then delivers goods to the recipients' homes. To volunteer at the sites or as a translator or shopper, go to "[Volunteer Opportunities](#)." Those who need help are urged to go to "[Get Help](#)" on CCC's website. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Our point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers its contents.

### **FISH Asks for Volunteers As Well as Groceries and Toiletries in its Bin and Basket**

[FISH](#) of Howard County is calling for volunteers. If you are interested, ask parishioner Andy DeLong, who is FISH treasurer and a board member of the nonprofit, which provides committed support to Howard County residents.

Please continue to put non-perishable foods and toiletries in the FISH basket at the altar or in the bin on the breezeway. The neighbors you help are grateful for all you do in their support.

### **Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership Update**

This has been a year of growth for our partnership with Lake Elkhorn Middle School. For the first time, our parishioners have generously supported the monthly *Kindness Pantry* by contributing food and household goods, as well as helping with the on-site delivery of items. With each subsequent month this year, the number of families visiting the Pantry has increased, making the need very real. We have also used your financial contributions to support the positive academic and socio-emotional growth of our students.

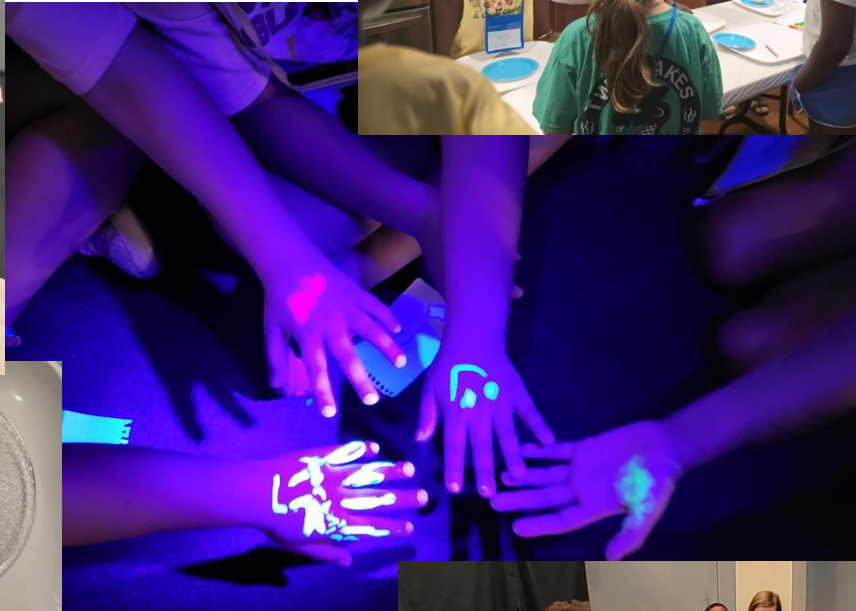
School is now out for the summer, but it's time to start our annual fundraising campaign to support school supplies for the students at LEMS. Each year, we ask for the congregation's support in providing school supplies and backpacks for at least 125 children. We don't have a line in the church's annual budget for this, so we rely on and deeply appreciate your direct support. Thank you.

You can give to the LEMS campaign by writing a check to Christ Church with "LEMS" in the memo line, or you can give online at <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/lems>. Either way, your gifts are very much appreciated.

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