

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, August 11, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



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!

*Today's music was selected by Rebecca Warlow,
winner of the Hymn Selection Auction Item.*

Verses: Marching, Singing, Dancing

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

march - ing in the light of God, — We are march - ing in the
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. — Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
re - mos en la luz de Dios. — Mar - cha - re - mos en la

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nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la

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We are march - ing
 Si - ya - ham - ba
 Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
 nyen' kwen - khos'.
 luz de Dios.

We are march - ing,
 Si - ya - ham - ba,
 Mar - cha - re - mos

march - ing, we are
 ham - ba, si - ya -
 re - mos mar - cha -

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God
 Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'
 Oo mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

march - ing, ham - ba, re - mos

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
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 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de la

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 ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

continued

— We are march - ing _____
 — Si - ya - ham - ba _____
 — Mar - cha - re - mos _____

light of God. nyen' kwen-khos'. luz de dios.

We are march - ing, march - ing we are Si - ya - ham - be, ham - ba, si - ya - Mar - cha - re - mos, re - mos mar - cha -

Oo _____
 Oo _____
 Oo _____

march-ing, march-ing, we are march - ing in the light of God. ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'. re - mos re - mos mar-cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people may be seated.

A Reading from 1 Kings 19:4-8 |

Reader: A reading from the First Book of Kings.

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 34:1-8 | *Benedicam Dominum*

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.

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.

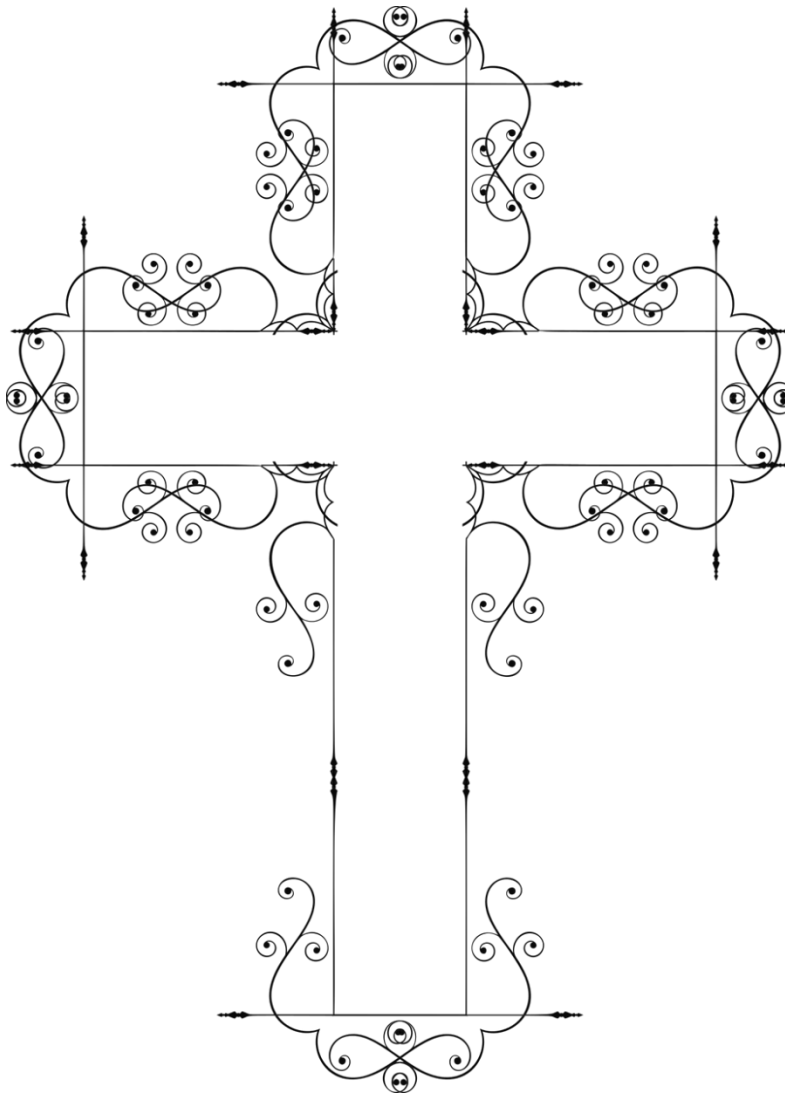
Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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





Verses



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
way. I will break their hearts of stone,
save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

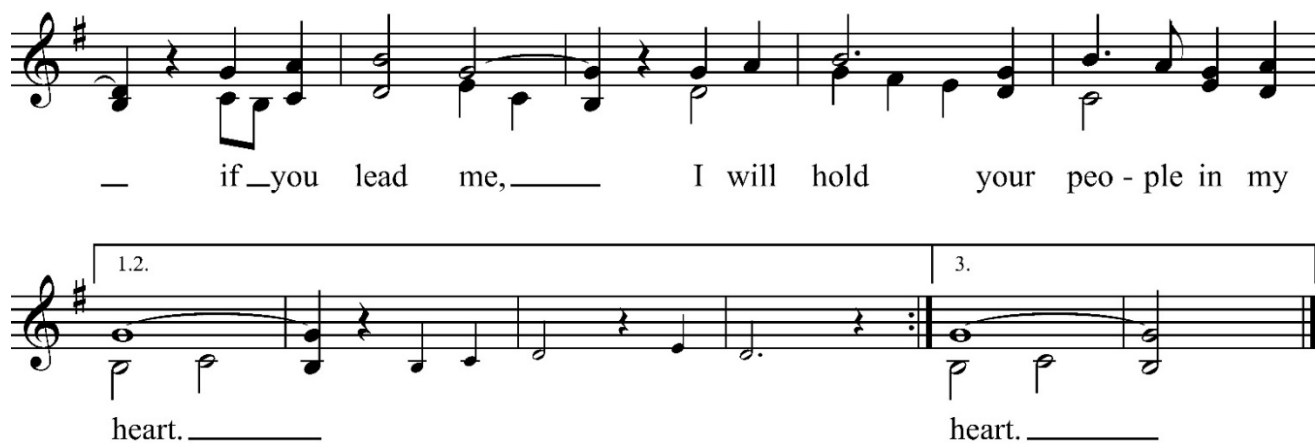
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



The Gospel | John 6:35, 41-51

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

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 |

In this challenging and disconcerting time in our nation and in so much of the world, we ask your help to put away bitterness and wrath and to show kindness and forgiveness. Your help is so essential in discerning your will for us, to persevere in doing your will, as we pray together, **be with us, Lord.**

In today's psalm, we hear anew of the Lord's care and continuing provision for His people. We are so grateful for your presence in our lives, for all your gifts and knowing what they mean for us as Christians, as citizens of the world, and as individuals. Help us to translate our beliefs into actions, seeking to be your people and to do your work in this world, as we pray together, **be with us, Lord.**

Help us, Lord, to discern what it means to help bring your kingdom to this world. Help us to seek the common ground, however slim, that always exists between groups, between peoples, between nations, and to build on what we can agree upon and be bridges across divisions, as we pray together, **be with us, Lord.**

We ask for your presence and guidance in all your churches worldwide. Open the doors to our hearts and our minds. We pray today specifically for The Anglican Church of Korea and our sister parishes of Emmanuel, Cumberland; St. James', Westernport; and St. Peter's, Lonaconing. We ask your blessings for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; all of Christ Church's clergy, staff, and postulants; and our visiting Celebrant, Kristofer. We welcome all newcomers and visitors worshipping with us today. We pray together, **be with us, Lord.**

Lord, we pray for your presence with those whom we love who are ill; those who feel hopeless, afraid, desperate, distressed, weak, or angry; and those facing the end of their life. Today we especially pray for Ian, Jerry, Dick, Dawn, Kim, Sabrina, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. We also pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn them. No matter how separated we may feel from You, You are there. No matter how far we run from You, You are with us. That all people may know your love, always, in all circumstances, we pray together, **be with us, Lord.**

For all that we have and all that we are, we thank you, Lord. We thank you for all the joy and good times in our lives. Today, we especially give thanks for the birthdays of Abigail, Ben, Julian, Zachary, Mary, Kathleen, Marilyn & Chuck, the wedding anniversaries of James & Marilyn Collins, Lee & Joan Harvey and Denis & Cindy Read, and the baptismal anniversaries of Dennis, Karikari & Rachelle. For all the laughter, all the music, all the wonder, all the goodwill that form such an essential and wonderful part of the human spirit, we are so grateful, as we pray together, **thank you, Lord.**

Hear the prayers of your people, Lord God: the prayers we say aloud and those we whisper silently, and give us grace to hear your words to us in return. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION



Offertory Hymn | Sanctuary

John Thompson & Randy Scruggs

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

Please scan to give.



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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

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

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

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

in - the - high - est. -

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

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

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

Communion Hymn LEVAS 142 | Sign Me Up

Kevin Yancy & Jerome Metcalfe

Sign me up for the Chris - tian ju - bi - lee, —
Sign me up for the Chris - tian ju - bi - lee,
— Write my name on heav - en's
Write my name on the roll. —
roll. For I've been changed since the Lord has lift - ed
I've been changed since the Lord has lift - ed

me, I want to be read-y when Je-sus comes.

When Je - sus comes, oh, the trum-pet will sound

loud, When my Sav - ior comes, all the

(continued)

saints in Christ shall rise, Oh, I'm glad I've been

saints in Christ shall rise, Ooo,

changed since He lift - ed me, Ah, Ooo, I

I want to be read - y when Je - sus comes.

want to be read - y when Je - sus comes.

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 | You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Michael W. Smith

VERSE 1 | MEN | (WOMEN REPEAT)

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love you (I will love you)
All of my days (All of my days)

VERSE 2 | MEN AND WOMEN SING THEIR PARTS AT THE SAME TIME

(Men)

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him

(Women)

You are Lord of Lords, You are King of Kings
You are Mighty God, Lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great 'I Am'
You're the Prince of Peace, who is the Lamb
You're my living God, You're my saving grace
You will reign forever, You are ancient of days
You're the Alpha, Omega, beginning and end
You're m Savior, Messiah, Redeemer, and Friend

(Both)

You are my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for you.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

*The sanctuary candle, flowers, bread and wine are given by Rebecca Warlow
on the fourth anniversary of her kidney transplant to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for Jean Bunker, her donor; Dr. Matthew Cooper, her surgeon;
and her transplant medical team at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Sonni Aribiah

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Michon Semon

Chalicerist: Theo Jones Quartey

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Theo Jones-Quartey

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Shreya Chrzanowski, Nevaeh Wilmot, Lucinda Banks

Chalicerists: Theo Jones Quartey, Mary Vail

Altar Guild

Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Ed Koharik, Nicole Moon-Koharik

Teller

Bill Kirkpatrick

CELEBRANT FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

The Rev. Marcia Davenport

COMING SOON!



The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair will be here in two weeks! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for one Holy Eucharist service in New Brick at 10:00 a.m. on August 25th, followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all, and activities for kids. Each Christ Church ministry will also be represented, where you can grab an informational pamphlet or flyer and speak with ministry members to learn more about why each is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and help make our common life and ministries even stronger.

PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST 11 TO AUGUST 17

Sunday, August 11

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Kenyan Church – Old Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, August 12

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, August 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 11:00 am	LEMS Backpack Delivering – Parish Hall
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, August 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<i>Mystery of Life</i> Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

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Saturday, August 17

6:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores – Parish Hall, lower level
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment – New Brick
9:00 am – 10:00 am -	Cycling & Fellowship
9:30 – 11:30 am -	MOCC Breakfast – IHOP, Columbia
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
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.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. 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 875 9496 3596 and the Passcode is Centering! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Deadline is This Weekend! Ministry Leaders, Send Your Info by Sunday

One of the easiest ways we can spread the word about the many ministries at Christ Church is with printed pamphlets or flyers. For those ministry leaders with existing ones, please send Chris any information or revisions you might have so he can prepare updated ones for the Ministry Fair in late August. Send any text, photos, etc. by this Sunday, August 11th, and feel free to email any questions - communications@christchurchcolumbia.org. And if your group or ministry doesn't have a document to share and would like to have a flyer or trifold made, email him ASAP.

The Church Office is Closed Next Week

The Church Office will be closed next week and reopen on Monday, August 19th. If you need assistance before then, please speak with Deacon Denise or email deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - August 17

The CEC cycling group welcomes everyone to join us for one final summer ride next Saturday, August 17th at 9 a.m. We gather in the New Brick parking lot for a safe and enjoyable all-trail cycling trip around parts of Columbia, so bring your helmet and bike and join us for a morning of exercise and fellowship. If interested, please email cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know, so we don't leave without you! You can learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, August 17

Everyone's gotta eat, so why not join us for breakfast on Saturday, August 17? We'll gather at 9:30 a.m. for great food and even better conversation and fellowship at IHOP at 8825 Centre Park Dr, Columbia, MD 21045. All ages are welcome.

Movies at Christ Church - August 16 & 17

Grab your favorite movie munchies (bring enough for everyone!) and come join us for more films in the "Science Supporting Spiritual Reality" series, one that displays the majesty and wonder of our natural world. Presented by parishioner George Toth, the series continues Friday, August 16th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Building's lower level with the film *Unlocking the Mystery of Life* ([you can view the trailer for this film here](#)). The following day, during the August gathering of the Center for Spiritual Nourishment, you can watch *The Case for a Creator*, a film that tells the story of

atheist-turned-Christian author, Lee Strobel. If you'd like to learn more about George's focus with this film series, [you can do so here](#). And if you're interested in presenting a film of your own at Christ Church, [please email us](#).

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - Saturday, August 17

Christ Church's August session of the Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, August 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The CSN provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. If you have any questions or wish to help in the future, please email us at csn@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - Sunday, August 18

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry will provide blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist on Sunday, August 18th. These occur in the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., so stop by, and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that Sunday, place "BP/Meds Check at Church" on your calendar on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., or regularly check the [website's Parish Calendar](#) for the next one.

Help Us Reimagine Christ Church - August 18 & 20

Our *Reimagining Christ Church* group meetings continue in August, and we hope that you'll join us to brainstorm ideas and reimagine what Christ Church could and should be - especially as we approach our 300th anniversary. Our next public, in-person gathering is after the 8:00 service on Sunday, August 18th (approx. 9 a.m.) and the next virtual meeting is Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. You can find the most recent, Vestry-approved financial report [here](#), which can help give you an idea of our current situation. [The Zoom link for the August 20th event is here](#), the Meeting ID is 838 7048 9180, and the Passcode is *Task*



The Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair - Saturday, September 14

The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, will take place on the CEC campus on Saturday, September 14th! Spaces are now available, and you can complete yours by picking one up in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market. And start getting your gently used books, baked goods recipes, and other items ready - this is the WOCC's biggest fundraiser, and proceeds help support many Christ Church activities and gatherings throughout the year. The more people involved in this community gathering, the more successful this important event can be!

Second Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair - Saturday, September 21

Our Health Ministry is proud to announce the second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair! On Saturday, September 21st, everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will address a wide range of health and wellness topics and concerns. At the H&W Fair, you can learn ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Visit tinyurl.com/CEC-2024HealthFair for more details and email health@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like to help out or have any questions.

"Leading in Divided Times" - October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the One America Movement are excited about the upcoming series of workshops: "Leading in Divided Times." This four-part series will allow both clergy and lay leaders to gather and will be broken into four sections. Each session will be livestreamed on Zoom beginning on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th and everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3xMcq8L>.

EfM Invites You to Learn More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we are looking for a few additional people to join us as we enter the next year of study and reflection. Because of the program's cyclical nature, individuals may begin their studies during any calendar year of the four-year cycle. Participation by members at a variety of levels of study will be so enriching for us all. Please consider joining us! If you have questions, you can speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church, or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Our Altar Guild Needs More Volunteers

The Christ Church Altar Guild is looking for a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and liturgical items for every worship service. We currently have three teams, but if we can gather together one more, we each only have to manage one week a month. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday!

Plans for Christ Church's 300th year are well underway, but we are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is a massive milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many people 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 at church or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting this Monday, August 12

Learn how you can help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. The Zoom link is HERE, the Meeting ID is 864 9837 1844, and the Passcode is *Outreach!* See you on Zoom!

Help the Homeless this Monday, Aug. 12, by Preparing a Dish for Grassroots' Live-In Facility or Serving a Meal at Its Day Resource Center

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church provides a hot midday meal for the homeless at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner at a live-in shelter for 50 residents. Both are operated by the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.

We last participated on July 8 (see photos).

A team led by parishioner Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person at the DRC. To join us on Monday, Aug. 12, please sign up by Sunday, Aug. 11. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our DRC online signup form describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking

lot near Old Brick for DRC's food, drinks, and supplemental items such as fruit and granola bars. In-person volunteers gather at that time to car-pool to Jessup.

Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots' Live-In Facility arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#). Grassroots staff serves the evening meal at its Freetown Road facility. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Recently, your generosity helped ease life for our homeless neighbors at the DRC, which is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday. During the rest of the week, people who live in tents, cars or other transient settings rely on nourishing staples from the DRC pantry. To replenish its shelves, the staff requested canned meats and vegetables and jars of peanut butter that are small enough to fit in a backpack. In response, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$283 and members Dione Mahoney and George Toth acquired and delivered the goods. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to "General Outreach" or specifically to DRC or Grassroots. A hearty thanks from our DRC friends!

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Seeks Volunteers at Sites

Please keep in mind that [Columbia Community Care \(CCC\)](#) has shortened summer hours for its distribution sites, which serve our neighbors in need on Saturdays. Volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., start distribution between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and close by 11:30 a.m.

Locations are at Long Reach, Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, 5853 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

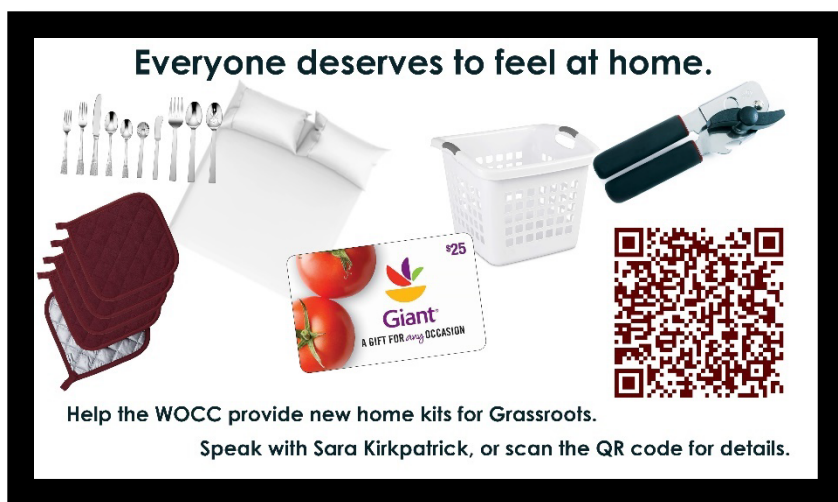
Go online to [learn how to volunteer](#) at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry, which has relocated to the rear of the Long Reach distribution site. Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to ["Get Help"](#) on CCC's website. Find updates on the [CCC Facebook Group](#).

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6, and pullups in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers 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 bin and delivers items.

Home Sweet Home

The WOCC, in partnership with Grassroots, is providing new home kits for those who have recently been homeless and have now found an opportunity to have a home of their own. The kits include much-needed, common materials for anyone who needs assistance with starting a new life chapter.

Please visit our [sign-up sheet here](#), which has specific items you can provide. From trash cans to gift cards, each item will make those moving into their new home feel more at home. Your item donations can then be deposited into the marked bin near the Outreach table in the Tower Room of New Brick, or email WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you need assistance or have any questions. We hope you'll participate in this program, which ends on September 22nd.



LEMS Needs Your Help One More Time – This Wednesday

We need a few volunteers to meet at the CEC campus this Tuesday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. to load up vehicles and deliver them to LEMS. We could use a few larger vehicles (pickup truck, van, etc.) so we can get things to the school in fewer trips. If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help on the 13th, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email lemssupplies@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. 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.



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.

Stewardship 2024

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

- www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge

Text Giving

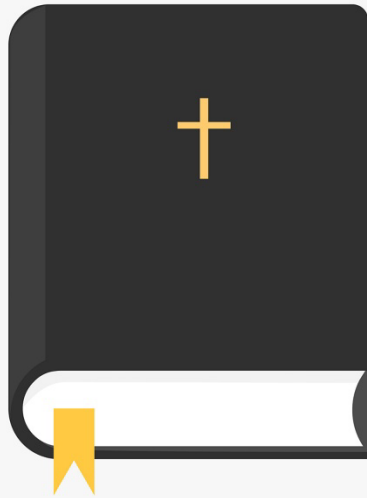
You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

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

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