

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 14, 2024 • 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!

♪ Thank you to Jan DeBoissiere, Shannon Pruitt, JB Hanson,
and Ola Oladipupo for their music this morning. ♪

Famously sung by Peter, Paul & Mary on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at the 1963 March on Washington.

How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
How many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many years must a mountain exist
Before it is washed to the sea?
And how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
How many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?
And how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
How many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?
The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind



Lift every voice and sing,
 Till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
 Let our rejoicing rise
 High as the list'ning skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
 Bitter the chast'ning rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 Yet with a steady beat,
 Have not our weary feet
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
 We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
 Out from the gloomy past,
 Till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
 God of our silent tears,
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by Thy might,
 Led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
 May we forever stand,
 True to our God,
 True to our native land.

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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20) |

Reader: A reading from 1 Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 | *Domine, probasti*

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 |

Reader: A reading from the first Epistle to the Corinthians.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

chorus:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be -- our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

repeat chorus

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

repeat chorus

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

repeat chorus

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

repeat chorus



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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Susan Beck, *guest preacher*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People |

You know us, Lord. You know our strengths even when we do not see them. You know our deepest longings even when we do not speak them. You are our light in the darkness. We turn to you for guidance, comfort, and inspiration. Help us to keep our eyes on You.

On this Sunday before Martin Luther King Day, we ask you to guide and bless us in ministering to those on the margins. We pray especially for all who are treated unjustly, oppressed, and discriminated against because of the color of their skin. We ask you to help us follow in the footsteps of late great Reverend Dr. King and work continually to fulfill our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and respect the dignity of every human being. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

You have blessed us in this country with the freedom to choose our leaders and to choose our path. Help us to always choose prayerfully and look for Your light in our hearts to guide our actions. We pray especially for all our governmental leaders with the ability to touch our lives. With You, all things are possible! **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

May the beacon of Your light be especially visible to our Church leaders: Bishops Michael, Eugene, and Carrie and Christ Church's clergy, staff, postulants, and vestry. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we ask your blessings for the parishes of Holy Trinity, Baltimore; Memorial, Baltimore; Nativity & Holy Comforter, Cedarcroft; and for the Church of the Province of South East Asia. We pray for all visitors and newcomers sharing in our worship today. May we reveal Your light to each other. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

We pray for those hurting or ill in any way, especially Phil, Tim, Beth, Bill, Chuck, Sela, Mtr. Marcia, Karen, Mollie, Nathan, Jim, Stephen, Doug, Mary Ann, Lexi, John, Barbara, Sherry, Patricia, Cindy, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, and Nell and those we now name. We pray for those who have journeyed to You ahead of us, especially those we now name. May we celebrate their peace in Your presence and console each other in our sadness. We ask your protection and guidance for those in the military, especially Kofi Abdallah and Conner Warlow. We pray for those we minister to with our outreach. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

We celebrate the many reasons You give us to feel joy, especially for the birthdays and wedding anniversaries we will be celebrating this week: birthdays of Brian, Monica, Deepti, Caleb, Diya, Hao, Farris, Harolyn, Samuel, Virginia, Brett, King, Cindy & Olabisi; wedding anniversary of Rachelle & Stuart Work; and baptismal anniversaries of Jeannette & Nick. We celebrate Your grace moving among us that moves our hearts and hands to provide beauty in the practical aspects of our worship service: shelter, warmth, music, and the written word. Help us to never take these things for granted. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that You are the Light we see in our moments of clarity. Let Your brilliance shine through each of us in all that we do! **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

Celebrant: 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 Choral Anthem | Here I am, Lord

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

chorus:

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

repeat chorus

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
I will hold Your people in my heart

Please scan to give.



**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 B |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

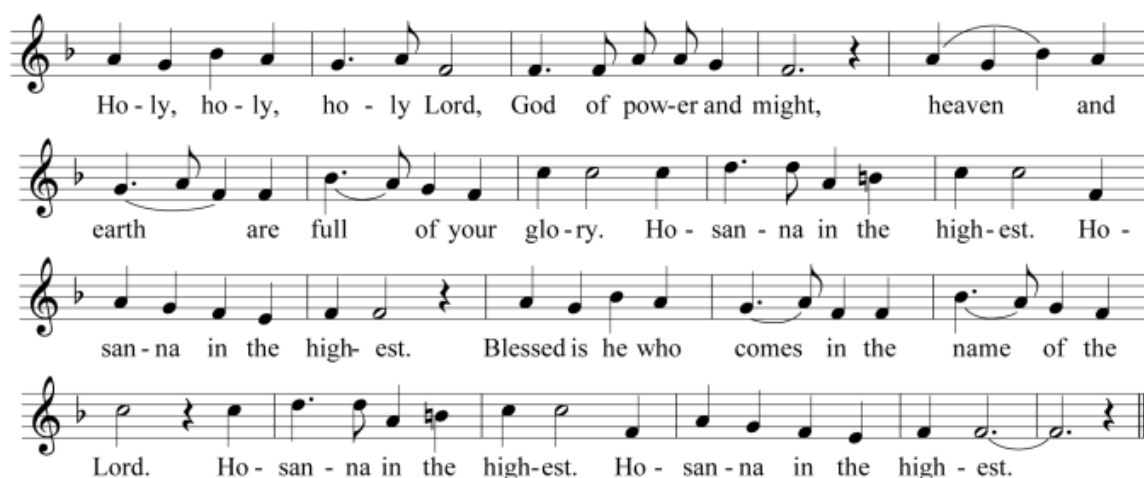
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer |

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

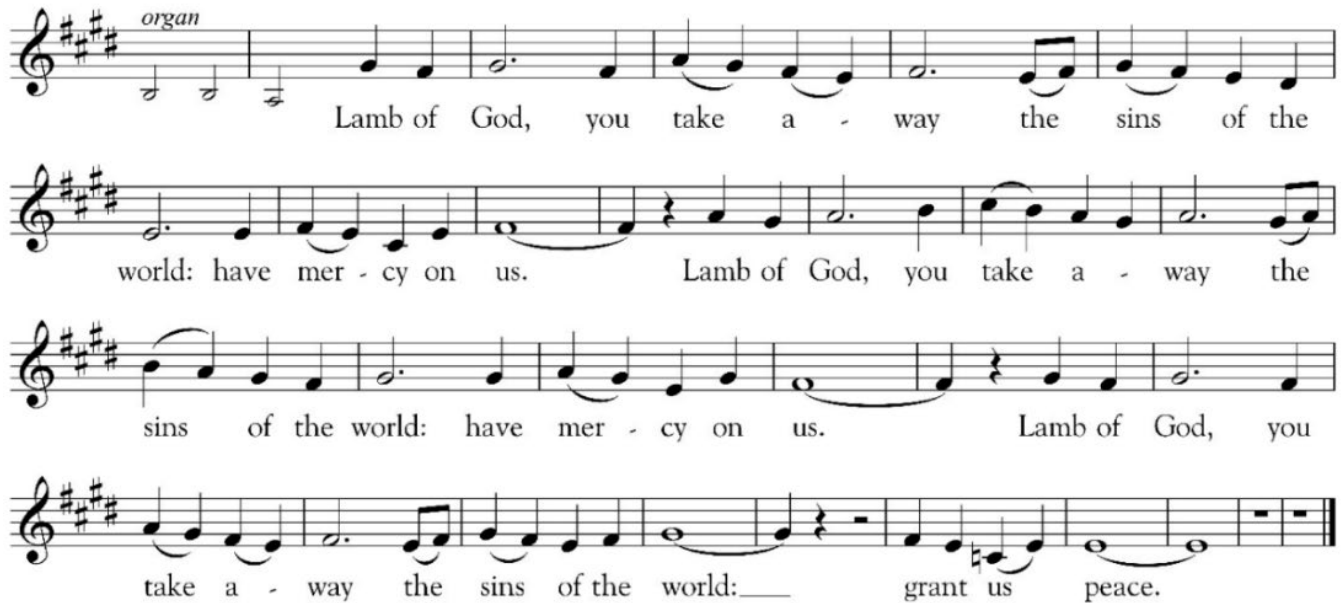
All: **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis



Communion Song | Guide My Feet

arrangement Clayton White

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain

Hold my hand while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race.
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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 Blessing |

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

Closing Hymn | We Shall Overcome

We can trace this song to two separate pieces from over a hundred years ago: the lyrics from "I'll Overcome Some Day," written by the Reverend Charles Tindley in 1901, and the melody from a traditional African American gospel song called "I'll be All Right."

chorus:

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We shall all be free
We shall all be free
We shall all be free some day
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day
We are not afraid
We are not afraid
We are not afraid today
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day

We are not alone
We are not alone
We are not alone today
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome some day

repeat chorus twice

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

Postlude | Because All Men Are Brothers

Back/Tom Glazer

Because all men are brothers wherever men may be
One union shall unite us forever proud and free
No tyrant shall defeat us, no nation strike us down
All men who toil shall greet us the whole wide world around.

My brothers are all others forever hand in hand
Where chimes the bell of freedom there is my native land
My brother's fears are my fears yellow white or brown
My sister's tears are my tears the whole wide world around.

Let every voice be thunder, let every heart beat strong
Until all tyrants perish our work shall not be done
Let not our memories fail us the lost years shall be found
Let slavery's chains be broken the whole wide world around.

Thank you to The Rev'd Susan Beck for being our guest preacher today.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Kayode Fatodu

Chalicer:

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Cheryl Lucente

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

Acolytes & Crucifer: Luke Aribiah, Jonah Aribiah

Chalicer: Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild: Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah

PARISH CALENDAR JANUARY 14 TO JANUARY 20

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room

9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Parish Hall, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 5:00 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Church Office Closed

7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:15 8:45 pm	Theology on Tap – Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd, Columbia

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	300 yr History Committee Meeting – Zoom

Thursday, January 18

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, January 19

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 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, January 20

9:30 am – 11:30 pm	MOCC Breakfast – IHOP, Columbia
11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, lower level & Old Brick
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 website links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

The 2024 Parish Budget Meeting - This Sunday

On Sunday, we encourage everyone to join us in the Great Hall right after the 10:30 service for Christ Church's 2024 Budget Meeting. It's a vital part of our common life process each year and we hope you'll attend so we can all see how our gifts are to be used throughout the parish. Lunch will be served. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **863 3493 0960**, and the Password is **CECBudget**.

The 2024 Lenten Meditation Book

For over 20 years, Christ Church has compiled a Lenten Meditation Book and distributed it to our parishioners on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday. The LMB is created with love and designed to assist us all in times of quiet contemplation, preparing ourselves for rebirth and renewal at Easter. Poems, quotes, stories of reflection, images, prayers, and inspirational pieces by writers or theologians - they all come together to make up this special booklet - one that you can take home with you and use each day during the season.

To accomplish this, **we must have all submissions in by Sunday, February 4th** to edit and publish this work in physical and digital form, the latter of which is viewed by many thousands of individuals worldwide throughout Lent. That gives us only a 4-week timeframe for submissions, though, so please don't delay.

You can submit these by name or anonymously - your choice. If you need help getting started, visit christchurchcolumbia.org/lenten-meditations and check out previous years' reflections. Submit yours by email to SL@christchurchcolumbia.org or place it in the Spiritual Life mailbox in the Church office. Questions? Speak with Ellen Hoke at church or email her at the address here.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming Sunday, you can do so by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. Then please email or call the church office and let them know, and we'll be sure to place an acknowledgment in the Sunday service leaflet for that day.

Church Office is Closed this Monday

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th. It will reopen on Tuesday morning.

Centering Prayer - January 15

Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings for Centering Prayer, a special evening prayer gathering that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are; **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596**, and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Theology on Tap – January 15

The first ToT gathering of 2024 takes place on Monday, January 15th at Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd in Columbia. Come and join us around 7:15 p.m. for an informal discussion about relevant topics of the day. Engaging, peaceful banter is our aim, and we always welcome new folks to our group! If you'd like more info, speak with Mike Looney or email him at seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org

Join Our 300th Anniversary Meeting - January 17

As you know, we have begun gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th anniversary - such an important milestone for our parish - and we want participation and ideas from as many people as possible. We're having a Zoom gathering next Wednesday at 7 p.m., so come by to learn what we're up to. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **823 2579 8957**, and the Passcode is **History**. If you need more information, please speak with Robin Bradley or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Church Office Assistance - January 18

Aisha could use a few helping hands next Thursday to prepare envelopes with the End-of-Year Statements. If you can assist her, please stop by the office at 10 a.m. that morning. Thanks.

Christ Church Choir - January 18

C'mon, all you singers and music lovers! Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings in New Brick and everyone is welcome to take part. 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 email Larissa at music@christchurchcolumbia.org

CEC Book Club - January 19

The CECBC is back and recently began discussing the book *Care of the Soul* by Thomas Moore. We are always welcoming new people into our group, so if this sounds like something you might enjoy, log in and join us! **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366**, and the Password is **CECBooks**. Email Ellen Hoke at bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

MOCC Monthly Breakfast - January 20

The Men of Christ Church will gather at a new location for their first MOCC Breakfast of 2024. Everyone is welcome to dine with us at IHOP in Columbia on Saturday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m. The address is 8825 Centre Park Dr, Columbia, MD.

Documentary Screening - January 21

After Sunday worship on January 21st, there will be a screening of a National Geographic documentary chronicling the mission of Bobi Wine, a Ugandan activist, politician, and opposition leader. Bobi and his wife, Barbara, work to oppose the current regime to defend the oppressed and voiceless people of Uganda. Lunch will be served, and there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex this Sunday, so please sign up so we have an idea of how many people to expect. You can check out the film's trailer and production details [here](#).

Christ Church Connections - January 28

Are you interested in getting to know more of your fellow Christ Church parishioners? Here's the greatest opportunity! Sign up for Christ Church Connections (formerly Foyer Groups) and share an evening each month with others you may already know and some you might be meeting for the first time. We gather in small groups during the winter and spring and these groups then get shuffled in the fall. This way, we can meet more people, enjoy evenings at one another's homes, and strengthen the collective bond we all share. Either leave your name and email on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or **complete this online form**, and we will provide you with more information. The deadline to sign up for this first season of Connections is Sunday, January 28th.

Bible Study and Lunch - February 7

Christ Church will offer weekly Bible Study beginning on Wednesday, February 7th. Each week, this Bible Study series will explore the Lectionary Readings for that Sunday, will meet in the Conference Room in the Parish House, and then have lunch together at a local restaurant. Bible Study will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be led by the Christ Church clergy and/or postulants.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 13

The incredible youth of Christ Church will once again host our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! On February 13th, join us in the Great Hall of New Brick for this traditional start to the Lenten season. We begin gathering at 6:00 p.m. and seating is available until 7:30 p.m. It is \$15. for an individual and \$25. for a family, and you can pay using cash or by using our **Online Giving Form** (choose “Shrove Tuesday Dinner” in the *FUND* dropdown menu). You’ll also get to view and purchase the beautiful handiwork of **African Team Ministries** at the event. This will be your opportunity to get your hands on some one-of-a-kind items created by very talented artisans.

Meals Ministry

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

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at **healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

Join the Health Ministry

Christ Church's Health Ministry meets on the third Wednesday of each month via Zoom, and everyone is welcome to join. In fact, this is the perfect time to do so, as we are currently focused on discovering the health and wellness needs of our entire parish family. Contact **health@christchurchcolumbia.org** for more information.

Communion to You

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

Disabled Young Adults and Children Enjoy a Christmas Party at Philip's House in Kampala, Uganda, and Anticipate Care in a New Clinic

Christ Church continues to support Philip's House, which last month held a Christmas celebration for its disabled residents. The home for young adults and several children in Kampala, Uganda, operates on a tight budget. And that means that, without you, the fun, face-painting, cake, and gifts would have been impossible.

The Outreach Commission voted at its November meeting to send \$800 of Vestry-approved funds, of which \$300 was intended for the Christmas celebration and \$500 for an in-house clinic at Philip's House. It will be set up by a pharmacist whom founder Jan Smart had sponsored from childhood through his completion of higher education.

The Philip's House founder is a friend and colleague of parishioners Teddy and Sonni Aribiah. Jan established the home as a memorial to her late brother, Philip, who was disabled. It is located on the grounds of an orphanage where Teddy grew up and that she and Jan each visit periodically.

Previously Christ Church donated a total of \$1,000 in 2022 and 2021 and made a strategic contribution of \$1,770 the year before. It was the Summer of 2020 when the coronavirus pandemic threatened a reliable food supply. Staff members used our funds to build a sturdy garden fence. As a result, they no longer feared losing their home-grown produce to theft or animals.

Jan continues to update the Outreach Commission about progress at Philip's House, whose operations are overseen on her behalf by the **Hoffman Family Foundation**. Thanks to one and all for making that progress possible.

Christ Church Provides Warm Coats for Kids at St. Luke's Youth Center

Last month two representatives of Christ Church attended Christmas festivities for St. Luke's Youth Center (**SLYC**), whose leaders shared the harsh fact that many children lacked suitable coats as winter approached.

The Outreach Commission responded by committing to supply the West Baltimore youth with about 40 coats, ranging in size from Toddler to Men's X-Large. We faced a quick turnaround, given the need to outfit SLYC students by the time they returned from their holiday break. A couple of Outreach members volunteered to shop local thrift stores and others donated gently-used coats or arranged donations. On Jan. 4, Diane Phillips LaGuerre and Michon Semon delivered nearly four dozen coats to SLYC, whose families converged to help their youngsters pick out just the right one. And all this was accomplished before the arrival of winter storms. The total cost of \$318 was drawn from parishioners' contributions to General Outreach at Christ Church. Thanks for your generosity!

SLYC is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety net of support. Read about the results in SLYC's **Fiscal 2023 Impact Report**. Please consider volunteering as a tutor on weekdays during the "SLYC After School" program. For information, including a map showing the current location at St. James Episcopal Church, 1020 W. Lafayette Ave., Baltimore, MD 21217, go to SLYC's **"Contact Us" page**. The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** is a partner, and its reparations task force **awarded a grant** to SLYC in 2022. Christ Church supports SLYC monetarily, as described in the **June 15, 2023 Outreach Blog**. SLYC Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot delivered **the Aug. 7 sermon** last year during a SLYC group's visit to Christ Church.

It's January... so it's "Souper Bowl" Time!

Each year youth groups across the country participate in "Souper Bowl" Sunday, collecting canned goods and monetary donations for local charities. Last year groups brought in more than \$4 million to support local causes! We invite you to contribute this year by placing your donation in the CEC Youth Group soup pot after each service this Sunday, and please continue to until February 11th. You can also donate using **our Online Giving Form**; just choose "Souper Bowl" from the FUND dropdown menu. This year, the canned items will be donated to the FISH food pantry and monetary donations to Grassroots in Columbia.

Columbia Community Care Seeks Baby Care Items, More Volunteers

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by donating essentials and with your time and talent. One task is sorting at the pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Go to the **"I Can Help" portion of its website** or check the **CCC Facebook Group** for updates.

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.

Please Donate All Kinds of Grocery Non-Perishables and Toiletries to FISH

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

DreamBuilders: Save the Date!

DreamBuilders will have its General Meeting on Sunday, February 4th from 3-5 p.m. at Temple Isaiah in Fulton. We will be talking about our upcoming Kentucky trip this June, when we hope to "blitz build" THREE Houses in one week! It's going to be great fun, and we've got lots of pictures from last summer's trip to show you at the meeting, so mark your calendars - see you there!

Dorsey Center Delivery Success

Christ Church serves DRC's hot midday meal on the second Monday of each month, which next falls on Monday, February 12th. In a slight variation of the usual practices, we shared the duties this month with volunteers from Mission BBQ, and **you can view a few photos here**. We are always looking for more assistance so if you want to help, speak with Shahra, Dione, or Patricia, or email [**outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

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**](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.**

CHRIST CHURCH STEWARDSHIP

**We have a pledge goal of \$550,000 this year. To date, we have \$353,646 in pledges.
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**](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge)

Text Giving

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

Online Giving

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

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



Epiphany 2024:
Finding Christ's Light in Dark Places

January 14th

Ministry to the Imprisoned: Rev. Sue Beck, pastor of the Community of St. Dysmas (CSD), will join us to both preach at our worship services and lead adult forum. CSD comprises the Lutheran congregations within the Maryland State Correctional System. God's purpose for CSD is to share the transforming power of Christ's love with persons incarcerated in the Maryland Department of Corrections. Rev. Beck will lead a discussion about how we Christians can help through prayer, giving, and other forms of support.

January 21st

Surviving Human Trafficking: Linda Blackiston, Director of Community Engagement at the Institute for Shelter Care, will lead a discussion about human trafficking. The Institute's mission is to equip Christian ministries with the knowledge, skills, tools, and community needed to provide exemplary restorative care to the sexually exploited. Ms. Blackiston will lead a discussion about how we Christians can respond to the call to help survivors of human trafficking.

January 28th

Rejoining Society After Incarceration: Rev. Amy Shimonkevitz of the Baltimore Area After Care Program will lead a discussion around the typical challenges those leaving prison or jail face, and how faith communities can help recently released individuals transition back into society, through mentoring and other assistance programs.

February 4th

Living with Mental Illness: Denise Giuliano of Howard County's Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will join our adult forum to talk about mental illness, the signs/symptoms, NAMI Howard County's role in improving the lives of individuals with mental illness and their families through education, advocacy, and support, as well as how faith communities can serve those impacted by mental illness.

February 11th

Care for the Caregiver: Ed Nolley of the Gilchrist Center of Howard County will lead a discussion on ways to care for the caregiver. As we find ourselves amid a generation of "sandwich caregivers," more and more people have assumed the role of a caregiver for an aging parent or close relative, in addition to their children. Gilchrist builds on Audrey Hepburn's adage – "You have two hands – one to help yourself and one to help others."

Join us in person or online.

If you can't be with us in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, you can be with us virtually - the Zoom link is here, the Meeting ID is **836 6392 9644** and the Passcode is **SUNCIRCLE**

If you have any questions, please email Deacon Denise at deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org



Christ Episcopal Church

6800 Oakland Mills Road

Columbia, MD 21045

(410) 381-9365

www.christchurchcolumbia.org

office@christchurchcolumbia.org

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer, *Rector*

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

Kiona Lookingbill, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries*

Michael Looney, *Seminarian Associate*

Larissa Sanders, *Music Director*

Yetti Lipede, *Ministry Coordinator*

Christopher Pouch, *Communications Administrator*

Aisha White, *Parish Administrator*

Amanda Kirkpatrick, *Nursery Care Coordinator*

Nytia Perry, *Nursery Care*

Jefferson Cuarezma Flores, *Sexton*

Vestry

Jan DeBoissiere (*Senior Warden*) • Isaac Olajide (*Junior Warden*) •

Andrew Eaton (*Treasurer*) Ron Couch (*Registrar*) • Jonah Aribiah (*Youth Liaison*)

Denisa Abdallah • Ronald Baran • Tim Beaty • John Curley • Simone Kolnik • Ray Lyon • Diane Phillips-LaGuerre

Greg Schuckman • Alfred Titus-Glover • Cherry Lynn Williams