

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Christ the King

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 20, 2022 • 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!

Prelude | Jupiter, from *The Planets*

Gustav Holst

Tyler Sanders, French horn

Opening Hymn 494 | Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

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.*

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: Robert Powell

The musical score is written for a single voice on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the third, fourth, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, 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.

The Collect of the Day |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

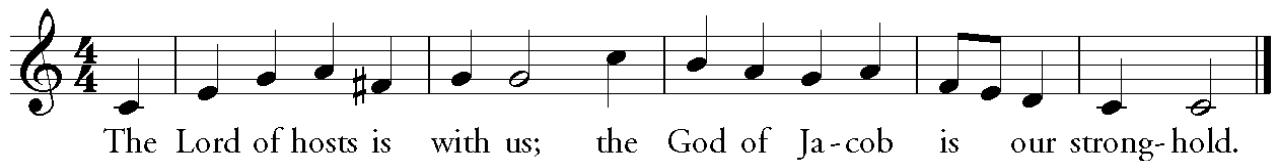
Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 46 | *Deus noster refugium*



God is our refuge and strength, *

a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Though its waters rage and foam, *

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

Antiphon

The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;

she shall not be overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

Antiphon

The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *

what awesome things he has done on earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *

**he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, then, and know that I am God; *

I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth."

Antiphon

The LORD of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Second Lesson | Colossians 1:11-20

Reader: A Reading from Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.



1 At the Name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
 3 bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
 4 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 *5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 *6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



1 ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 2 from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
 3 through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,
 4 name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;
 5 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 6 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign;



1 'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord
 2 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
 3 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
 4 he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,
 5 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 6 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



1 who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 2 brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed;
 3 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
 4 ev - er to be wor - shiped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 5 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 6 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon | The Most Rev'd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, *Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed | BCP 358

**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.

Prayers of the People |

Today, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, marking the end of the church year with a celebration of the Kingdom of God. That glorious kingdom, as described in today's lesson and epistle, lives eternally in heaven, a very different place from Roman rule in Jerusalem. In the Gospel, Jesus invites criminals on the cross into His kingdom. It is a kingdom for everyone who belongs to the truth and listens to His voice. It is a kingdom we all aspire to enter. We pray, **Lord, open our ears that we may hear your voice and live your truth.**

We give a warm welcome to those new to Christ Church and those visiting this morning. We thank you for sharing in our worship, and we look forward to meeting you. We pray for our Church leadership: for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; for Emmanuel, our Rector; for Marcia our Associate Priest; for Denise, our Deacon; for Mike, our Seminarian Associate; and for Richard, our Rector Emeritus. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the Diocese of Maryland, we hold up the parishes of St. John's Mt. Washington; St. Mary the Virgin, Baltimore; St. Michael & All Angels, Baltimore; and St. Paul's, Baltimore. We pray, **for Your holy Church and all who worship in it.**

We pray for all those ill in mind, body or spirit, and those who care for them. We keep the residents and staff of Springfield Hospital in our prayers. We pray this week especially for Samuel, Lucas, Shirley, Judith, Tanis, Andy, Cynthia, Neal, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. We ask Christ to bless and protect Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow, who serve in the military in harm's way. We pray, **Lord, may your healing touch ease their pain and restore them.**

We ask God Our Father to accept in his loving arms all those who have departed this life, especially Adam Solomon, Kate Brenya, Alba Hicks, Daniel Berrel, & Mary Lou Brittingham, and those you now name. We pray for all who mourn, that they may heal in the warmth of your love. We pray, **Thank you Jesus, for the gift of eternal life.**

We thank you Lord, for the many occasions we have to celebrate. We rejoice with all those members of our church family who are celebrating birthdays especially Tolulope, Max, Barnes, Shawn, Audra, Diane, Dione, & Nell, anniversaries of Chester & Sydneya Dacres, Linda & Ralph Stewart, and baptismal anniversaries of Kristin, Dione & Jonathan. We pray, **Thank you Lord for the gifts of your creation.**

We pray for peace in the world and remember especially those victims of violent conflicts and war. We pray for innocent refugees running from oppression in their home countries, and now finding it impossible to find a safe place. Guide the leaders of all nations and factions that justice and peace may prevail throughout the world. We pray for a world that will counter hatred and violence with love and peace. We pray, **Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer for peace. Amen.**

Confession of Sin | BCP 360

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

Offering Choral Anthem | King of All Ages, Throned on High

Paul Isom

King of all ages, throned on high,
Yet saviour too of those with faith,
Death at your onslaught died in fear
And grace triumphant rules supreme.

Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ
Receives from God the Father's hand
Power over all created things:
A gift he could not know on earth.

Then at your coming on the clouds
With shining strength to be our judge,
Cancel the debt we owe you still,
Give back the glory we have lost.

Glory to you, O Christ our Lord,
Exalted far beyond our sight,
Reigning for evermore,
With Father and with Paraclete.

Amen.

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

Old 100th

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

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP 355

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

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

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

You may receive just the bread if you prefer.

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

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

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

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

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

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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

Closing Hymn 473 | Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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

Postlude | Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Today's altar flowers were donated by Nesta Henlon and Chris Cruickshank
 in honor of Deliah Lawrence's birthday.*

PARISH CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 27

Sunday, November 20

8:00 am	Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Great Hall
8:30 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:30 am	Coffee Hour, New Brick, lower level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Great Hall
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level
10:30 am	Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Zoom

Monday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
6:00 pm	<i>Christ Church Gatherings</i> announcement submission deadline
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Eagle Scouts – Parish Hall, conference room

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed

10 am	Thanksgiving Day Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, November 25 – Office Closed

8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
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Saturday, November 26

2:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 pm – 12:00 am	Event Rental, New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9 pm	NA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School

Youth Formation begins with breakfast around 8:30, followed by Family Worship and Sunday School. Every child is welcome, and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org. Please note that there will be no formation classes over Thanksgiving weekend.

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. We continue our multi-week study of The Nicene Creed, led by Fr. Manny. You can also join us virtually for this gathering; [the Zoom link is HERE](#), Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117** and the Password is **AFSC**. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. [See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information](#). Please note that there will be no formation classes over Thanksgiving weekend.

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or those who wish to Reaffirm their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. This class takes place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no formation classes over Thanksgiving weekend.

Coffee Hour is Back!

We're so glad that we are able to host Coffee Hour again at Christ Church - not once, but twice each Sunday! We are looking for Coffee Hour hosts for the 8:30 a.m. (in Old Brick) and the 9:30 a.m. (in New Brick) gatherings. [The sign-up sheet is online](#) and you are welcome to sign up for one, or for both! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in couples, or with another family. Ministries are also encouraged to sign up. All you need to do is provides snacks (homemade or store-bought), brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org or 410-381-9365.

Altar Flowers and Gifts

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

Adam Solomon Memorial Service

We regret to inform the parish family that [Adam Solomon](#), former parishioner and son of Cindy and Arnold Solomon, recently passed away. Adam grew up at Christ Church and was beloved by many. There will be a memorial service at Sol Levinson's Chapel at 9:30 this Sunday, with the burial at Columbia Memorial Park following the service (please omit flowers). [More information can be found here](#). The Solomon family will host a Shiva at their residence on November 20th and 21st. Their address is 5249 Pine Bark Ct., Columbia.

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for the coming calendar year. Our in-gathering service was earlier this month, but you can bring your pledge cards to church with you at any time. You may also pick up a pledge card in the Narthex, or **pledge online** (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

Your Church Needs You!

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

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

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

Sunday School Help is Very Much Needed!

Sunday school is in need of helpers in our classes. We are so blessed with the many young children in our program! In order to be in compliance with church regulations, we need at least 2 adults in each class, and they will help supervise the children and assist the teachers. Please contact Jennifer Atkins (dandjatkins@verizon.net) if you are able to assist or have any questions.

Announcement Deadline Change

Each week in November, announcements for the weekly communications and service leaflets must be received earlier than usual. If you have anything that you'd like to have included, please send them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening each week. Thank you.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special Zoom gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Office Volunteers Needed - Tuesday Morning

The Church Office is in need of a few volunteers to help prepare the annual Christmas mailing. If you can help for a few hours, please come and meet up in the Parish Hall conference room this Tuesday, November 22nd at 10 a.m.

Bible Study - Thursdays

Thursday Bible Study will take a break next week (Thanksgiving Day).

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

Adult Choir takes a break next week for Thanksgiving, but generally rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms for both the Adult and Children's Choirs on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

Book Club will take a break next week (Thanksgiving weekend).

First Wednesday Fellowship - December 7th

Join us for the final FWF gathering of the year, taking place on Wednesday, December 7th. We'll begin at 6 p.m. for a communal supper of catered Jamaican food, and follow it up with activity time from 7 - 8 p.m. This time, we will decorate cookies to be delivered with our meal ministry, make holiday cards to send to shut-ins and to those in the military, and have a white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift - it can be silly, tacky, weird, or fun! More info will be here in the coming weeks. Join us!

WOCC's News Updates

- **WOCC Christmas Luncheon:** Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. at King's Contrivance Restaurant. It will be wonderful to be able to gather in person again after so long! The cost will be \$45, and includes a 3-course meal, sides, bread, non-alcoholic beverages, and gratuities. You can sign up now through November 27th, in both Old Brick (at the back) and New Brick (in the Narthex). You can pay by check, or by using Realm. If by check, please make it out to Christ Church, with *WOCC Christmas Luncheon* in the memo line. If you are paying by Realm, please use the usual **Online Giving Form**, select "Women of Christ Church" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and write "Christmas Luncheon" in the *MEMO* line. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Tomlinson.

- **Springfield Hospital Christmas Gifts Gathering:** We are gathering gifts for our Springfield Hospital friends again this year. You can bring them with you to the WOCC Christmas Luncheon, where we will have a table set aside for them. You can also drop them off in or near the Springfield bin in the Tower Room. Their "wish list" is the same as in previous years, and is posted on the bin and on the Luncheon poster in the Narthex. We will need your donations by Sunday, December 18th. Please do not wrap your gifts, and do not include glass containers, manual razors, or medications.

Angel Tree Drive Will Brighten Christmas for Howard County Children

In a heartfelt tradition, the Outreach Commission invites parishioners to purchase new clothing and special items to complete Christmas gift "packages" for young angels. We are focusing our support on children ages 10-to-12 to meet a need identified by the Howard County (Central Maryland) division of **The Salvation Army**.

The nonprofit organization, which oversees the Angel Tree initiative here and elsewhere, continues its theme: "Wear, Need, Want, Read!"

To participate, you'll need to provide one or more gifts for a girl or boy on our list. There are a dozen children in our group of 11- and 12-year-olds. Each one will receive an outfit, consisting of pants and a top. Besides the clothing, there are three other categories this year for each angel: Wish, Need, and Educational Item.

Some parishioners prefer to sign up for just one slot, such as the practical (need) category for a single child. Some parishioners desire to complete the entire "package" for an angel by signing up in all four categories. Another shopper might choose the clothing (outfit) category for multiple angels.

We are launching this year's drive in two steps. The first stage is fully online. Starting this week, you can visit the Angel Tree Sign-up Sheet at **<https://tinyurl.com/CECangeltree2022>** to view the list and make your choices. It has instructions on the next steps.

The second stage begins after Thanksgiving when the Angel Tree goes up in the Narthex. You can gaze at tags on the tree, in keeping with tradition, but the definitive list of the children's names and needs will be displayed on a nearby easel. For those in Old Brick, we'll bring the easel to you. In both locations, we'll ask that you actually sign up for your angel by using the online form. Someone will be on hand after both worship services on Sunday, November 27th, and December 4th to assist if you wish to log on then.

The deadline to bring in your **unwrapped** Angel Tree gifts will be 2 p.m. on Friday, December 9th. Please put them under the tree or in the Parish Hall conference room. With your help, we will lift the hearts not only of the angels but of their families. Parents then receive these unwrapped gifts from The Salvation Army and prepare for a Christmas that will be much brighter than they could otherwise afford.

If you wish to participate by giving of your time, please volunteer for one of two duties: *Sign-up*, or *Fulfillment*. The former is to help people on November 27th and December 4th to log on to a device after services to sign up online. The latter takes place December 10th when you collate packages or shop for --but not pay for-- any unmet items. To volunteer, specify *Sign-up* or *Fulfillment*, or both, in an email to outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Kudos to All Who Have Helped Hungry Households by Donating to Our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Howard County Food Bank

The table in the Narthex and the yellow bin at Old Brick were brimming with goods such as stuffing mix, gravy, and canned fruits and vegetables. These will brighten the holidays for many of our neighbors, as the **Howard County Food Bank** expects to feed about 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 for Christmas by distributing "Holiday Meal Kits."

Christ Church partners with the **Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC)**, which operates the food bank. We further supported CAC with a monetary donation to make sure the type and amount of protein in its meal kits will match the nutritional needs of each household.

The donation of packaged goods for the **Community Action Council of Howard County's Food Drive** ends today, November 17th - members of the Outreach Commission will deliver the bounty the following day - but you can still help after that deadline by donating online. **Using our giving form**, choose "Outreach" from the dropdown menu and write "Thanksgiving Food Drive" in the memo line to help them achieve their goal of feeding over one thousand people for the holidays.

We thank each and every one of you for your generosity!

Columbia Community Care Holds a Holiday Toy Drive for Kids 2 to 12 Years Old

To brighten the holidays, **Columbia Community Care (CCC)** is holding its annual holiday drive to gather gifts and treats for children from 2 to 12 years old, **as described in the CCC Facebook group**. CCC is also recruiting volunteers to help sort items and help to distribute them at Oakland Mills High School on Sunday, December 11th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies run out.

For people who prefer a remote option, at least for shopping, CCC posted **an Amazon wish list**.

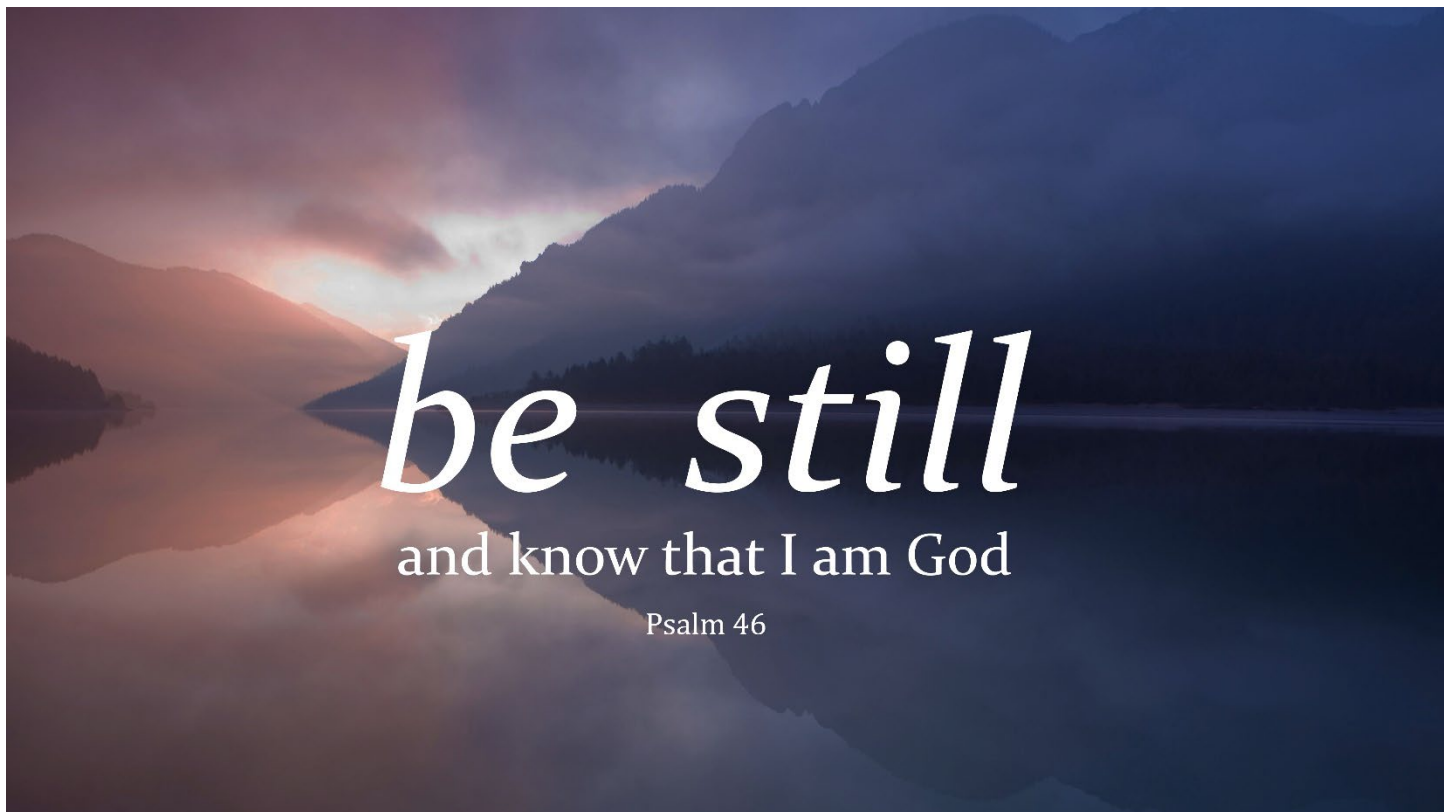
For the sake of simplicity, the Outreach Commission is suggesting parishioners buy kids' books, coloring books, and arts-and-crafts items, all of which can be obtained at a reasonable cost from multiple retailers. **Please drop off new and unwrapped items by 2 p.m. on Friday, December 9th.**

This is in addition to the typical collection at Christ Church, which consists of diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Please put the holiday items along with the usual ones in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall.

FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies

Our representative from **FISH of Howard County** recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Please continue donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.





#GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Giving Tuesday is a global call to radical generosity that invites us to give to a charity of choice. Christ Church is inviting you to be radically generous with your kind support for our always-growing Music Ministry. With a simple click on our **Online Giving Form**, you can select "Music Ministry" from the dropdown menu. Every gesture - no matter what size - will help us deepen and strengthen our parish and community.

Music is such an important part of our worship experience. It can uplift us, comfort us, and help us to pray and praise God. At Christ Church, we are blessed to have many musically gifted members who share their time and talents with us. For some services, though - especially those around Christmas - we hire professional musicians to enhance our services and highlight this special season. These professionals are paid for their services, taking into consideration their travel time, practice time, instrument upkeep, and musical training.

When our choir was unable to sing in person together, some of our members were still able to make music together using handbells. These instruments are beautiful and can add so much to the service. We do not own a set of these instruments currently. In order to properly play the handbells, we would require folding tables, pads, cleaning cloths, gloves, and, of course, the bells themselves. The total cost for a 2-octave set of bells (24 bells) is over \$8,000. This would be a large purchase, but one that we could enjoy listening to and playing for many, many years. I have used handbells in other churches before and with people of all ages; children and adults alike enjoy playing them and can become more involved in music-making during our services.

Please consider a donation to the Christ Church Music Ministry on Giving Tuesday this year and help us continue to make a joyful noise. And if you have any questions, please reach out to Larissa on Sunday morning at church, **or you can email her**.

Thank you so much - we are incredibly grateful for your generous and giving spirit.



United We Pray, **Our Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Refugees** held last Sunday

What an extraordinary gathering this was of leaders and members of seven very different congregations, representing Christians (Episcopalians, Quakers, Roman Catholics), Jews (Columbia Jewish Congregation), Muslims (Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque), and Hindus as we met to pray together for refugees – here in Howard County, in our nation, around our world. We listened to readings about care for the stranger from the Christian Bible, the Hebrew Torah, the Muslim Quran, and in the Hindi tradition. We heard prayers read in Arabic, English, Pashto, Hebrew, and Hindi. Leaders from each of the different faiths, including Father Manny, offered reflections.

Those of us in the Refugee Ministry thank Deacon Denise for her leadership in making this Prayer Vigil happen. It would not have occurred without her.

At a time in our world when so often what divides us receives the most attention, when the worst of human nature can seem the most prominent, the gathering last Sunday night reflected the best of what we are, how we can choose to reach across what divides us, to find we are actually so much the same, to see how we can work together for the common good. How wonderful. What a blessing.

For more information about Christ Church's Interfaith Refugee Ministry, go to <https://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/refugee-ministry>.

You can also see more photos and read [an article in this week's Baltimore Sun](#).



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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