

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, September 18, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Berceuse

Louis Vierne

OPENING HYMN 450 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

6 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!

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.
People: Amen.

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 Fa-ther:
 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM AMOS 8:4-7

Reader: A Reading from Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
 saying, "When will the new moon be over
 so that we may sell grain;
 and the sabbath,
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
 and practice deceit with false balances,
 buying the poor for silver
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 113

Laudate, pueri

Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

Reader: A Reading from 1 Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rebecca Warlow, *Licensed Lay 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

Our Lord is a fountain of living water, providing worth to our existence, caring for our daily needs, and commands to guide our behavior in this complicated world. Our loving God continues to lead us out of captivity into freedom, allowing us to perceive His power and glory. We are asked to listen to his word and to recognize His presence in our lives. **Praise God for His grace, His strength, and His joy.**

Humility and righteousness are pleasing to the Lord. We are encouraged to be gracious, merciful, generous, faithful, courageous, and secure in His way of truth. **May we follow Christ in love and diligence all of our lives.**

Lord, we pray for the leaders in our nation, especially our President, Joseph; our Congress; our Supreme Court; and our elected state and local representatives. May they be granted wisdom and compassion in their decisions. We also ask Your blessings on the worldwide Church. May people throughout the Earth acknowledge Your reign, may we be united in Spirit, and go forward in service. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. In our diocese, we hold up in prayer our sister parishes of St. John's, Hagerstown; St. Luke's, Brownsville; and St. Paul's, Sharpsburg. We are so thankful for our spiritual leaders: Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel, our Rector; Marcia, our Associate Priest; Denise, our Deacon; Mike, our intern; and Richard, our Rector Emeritus. **Lord, may we support those who serve Your people.**

We are so grateful for our Christ Church family, whose sustained efforts provide opportunities for community outreach, communication, and fellowship. We pray for those who suffer from oppression or violence in the countries of Afghanistan and the Ukraine. We pray for children and youth in our inner cities who are fearful in a climate of gun violence, inadequate educational opportunities, and under-employment. We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us today. We are blessed by your presence. **Let us praise the Lord and delight in His ways.**

We pray for all those in need of healing in body, mind or spirit, especially Tim, Ellen, Landon, Laura, Lorna, Cynthia, Neal, Aisha, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. May they be restored to health and wholeness. We also hold up in prayer those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conor Warlow. We also ask Your special care for those who grieve, and we remember who have died and entered everlasting life, especially Jim Carver, Rosemary Bowen, and those you now name. Our journey with Christ is never-ending. **Thanks be to God for His goodness and mercy.**

Today we celebrate the wonderful occasions of joy in the lives of our parish family. We ask the Lord's blessing on the birthdays of Megan, Torgersen, Patience, Shirley, David & James and baptismal anniversaries of Ayub, Catherine & Johanna. **Lord, You bring light into our lives.**

Jesus Christ is unchanging, a steady presence in a tumultuous world. Our Lord casts out fears and is an anchor of Love and goodness in our lives. Thanks be to God. **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

OFFERING CHORAL ANTHEM – Be Thou My Vision

Richard Shepherd

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

All: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



1. More love to thee, O Christ, More love to thee!
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;
 3. Then shall my ev - ery breath Sing out your praise;

1. Hear thou the prayer I make On bend - ed knee;
 2. Now thee a - lone I seek, Give what is best;
 3. This be the on - ly song My heart shall raise;

1. This is my ear - nest plea;
 2. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee,
 3. This still my prayer shall be:

More love to thee, More love to thee!

8:00 a.m. service

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

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

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

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 410 – Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

Lauda anima

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him

trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,
face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
all who dwell in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!
al - le - lu - ia! praise with us the God of grace!

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE – Fanfares

Jean Joseph Mouret

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org
To receive our weekly newsletter, email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XV

Join us at any of our three worship services on the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Our first service is an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Service takes place in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and Sunday Circle (Old Brick) for the adults at 9:30. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are available for those who need them, and that's downstairs in New Brick, as well. We hope that you'll find a few worship and formation gatherings that you'll join us for. Howard County remains out of the "high community impact" tier but is still currently in the Yellow Post-Omicron Phase according to the Diocese of Maryland's report from yesterday, which you can read [here](#). As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages.

Sunday School

Sunday School is in session - but it's not too late to join in. Youth Formation has a slightly different look this fall - including breakfast and worship - and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

Adult Formation

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, there are several Adult Formation gatherings. Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick as Father Manny leads an exploration of *The Book of Common Prayer*. Bible Study gathers in the Parish Hall Conference Room, and this fall we are exploring the book *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Everyday Lives* by Wayne Muller. And our Parenting Group - an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, share the joys and challenges of parenthood, and learn new and exciting perspectives - gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). **All of this information is on our website's Adult Formation page.**

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

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

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

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

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Calling all singers - if you enjoy music and love to sing, then our choirs are the place for you! 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! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses

on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at **music@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Lectionary Bible Study - Thursdays

Our Lectionary Bible Study has begun, so bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans, and the Gospel of Matthew. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. We'll also host this on Zoom; the link is **here**, Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club resumes with a new series of books for the rest of 2022, and we gather virtually every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details. Then simply log in to Zoom this Friday for an hour or so. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226** and Password is **CECBooks**

Stewardship Volunteers - September 20

We want to thank those of you who were ready to help with our Stewardship mailing this week and apologize for the delay in receiving all of the items. This coming Tuesday, September 20th, we'll be ready to send them out so if anyone can spare a few hours that day, please come by around 11 a.m. Thanks so much!

Our First Theology on Tap is Next Week - September 21

Looking for a space where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles from the pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal? Theology on Tap is an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners at a different local watering hole each month. Our inaugural gathering takes place next Wednesday, September 21st at **The Ale House in Columbia**, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening! The address is 6480 Dobbin Way. Speak with or email **Sarah Thomas** or **Mike Looney** for more details.

The 2022 Christ Church Retreat - September 29

Christ Church's Annual Rehoboth Retreat takes place from September 29th to October 2nd with the Rev Marcia Davenport as our retreat leader, and we'll be centering on the Christ Church theme for the coming year: ***Be an Instrument of God's Peace***. At this time, all on-site slots are reserved but if you'd like to join us for the program and stay off-site, you are welcome to do so. Please call, or text Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115 or email her at **efboudreau1@gmail.com** and she can give you more information.

Ministry Leaders, We Need Your Annual Reports - September 30

In preparation for our Annual Meeting next month, we ask that all Christ Church Ministry leaders submit their annual reports to our Communications Administrator, Chris, no later than Friday, September 30th. You can email them to **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**. Thank you.

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.

We Still Need Altar Guild Volunteers

We are looking for a few more people to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild**, a vital group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services and tidy

up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - jdeboissiere@gmail.com

Help! We're in Need of a Few More Tellers

Christ Church is in need of some tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org if you might be interested or have any questions.

Any AutoCAD Users Out There?

Christ Episcopal Church is a parish with nearly 300 years of history - Old Brick is the oldest church building still in use in Howard County - and we have a digital project that will help us preserve some of that history for future generations. We have a detailed map of the Christ Church Cemetery that was created several years ago and is now in need of updating. The files were created using AutoCAD software and we could use some help in bringing things up to date. If anyone in the parish has AutoCAD experience, please contact John Hadley at: jahadleyjr@comcast.net or call his cell - 443-812-8234 for more information. Thank you!

WE CAN'T BUY IT IF YOU DON'T DONATE IT!!

YOU CAN'T BID ON IT IF YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS DON'T DONATE IT!!

Guilt trip? We don't think so!! Of course, we are talking about the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction! Are you excited? We are! It is time to stop thinking about what you will put up for bidding, and time to do it NOW! The last date for donations is October 2nd for both the Silent and the Live Auctions. Please consider donating items &/or events. If you have questions about an item being Auction-worthy or need our help submitting your donations, you can simply email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org. You can also place your Auction donations directly into the Auction software [HERE](#) or use the QR code at the bottom of this email to get to the website. Don't forget - the fair market value is tax-deductible, and you will receive a written statement from the Auction Committee. [Learn more about the Auction on our website's Auction page](#) and watch this space for more information!

Outreach Continues the Quilt Raffle at Our Flea Market to Benefit SLYC

You can buy raffle tickets at a table during the Christ Church flea market to continue our support of St. Luke's Youth Center, which operates year-round as the nonprofit [SLYC](#). We helped launch the raffle last month when SLYC leaders visited and displayed the quilt (see photos). It was handcrafted by parishioner Nancy Winchester, who designed a queen-size quilt and separate pillow cover in a fall theme.

Please buy tickets (1 for \$5, 5 for \$10, and 10 for \$25) at the flea market on Saturday, Sept. 17. They will be on sale from Outreach members at Christ Church through Dec. 4. The raffle drawing is Dec. 10.

Future stops for Nancy's quilt will involve some of the area congregations that support SLYC, which is the former St. Luke's Episcopal parish. The [Episcopal Diocese of Maryland](#) is among partners, and its reparations task force [awarded a grant](#) to SYLC and five other organizations.

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

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

UNICEF Gets Humanitarian Aid for Pakistan Flooding

Since June, Pakistan has been deluged with relentless monsoon rains that dumped up to five times the average 30-year rainfall. More than a thousand people died and 3 million children were imperiled. UNICEF, which has helped the world's children for 70 years, responded. On its website, UNICEF describes [taking steps](#) to combat waterborne diseases and malnutrition, with the support of donors worldwide.

Christ Church is among these donors. On behalf of parishioners, members of the Outreach Commission voted to contribute \$500 to UNICEF to assist in humanitarian relief efforts. It is the latest in a series of disaster-relief donations this year that have helped victims of wildfires and floods in the United States and refugees in Europe fleeing the war in Ukraine. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible.

Christ Church Prison Ministry: Reconnection and Restoration

More than 2 million people are incarcerated in U.S. prisons. Cut off from family and community, they are left to languish in an overcrowded, underfunded, sometimes corrupt system. Some—particularly people of color—are serving unjust convictions.

Matthew 25 tells us Jesus commanded us to visit those in prison, saying, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” Our baptismal covenant, too, calls us to seek and serve Christ in *all* people—which includes those imprisoned, for whatever reason.

Christ Church is forming a group to discern our gifts, talents, and passion for serving those in prison. We will hold several meetings over the next few months, via Zoom, to discuss what might be involved: from simple acts of kindness like letter-writing to the possibility of hands-on relational ministry. If you're interested in participating, please email [Deacon Denise](#).

SAVE THE DATES: January 8-14, 2023 DreamBuilders Trip to Puerto Rico!

Our mission trips to San Juan in 2019 and 2022 were so successful and rewarding that we are heading back for a third trip to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Maria. Hurricane Maria, a category 5 hurricane with sustained winds of 155 mph, devastated Puerto Rico in September 2017. FEMA estimated that 53% of all structures on the island were significantly damaged. Now, 5 years later, thousands of families in Puerto Rican are still living in damaged homes or crowded in with family members waiting for the day when their home can be made livable again. We are delighted to work with the SBP Puerto Rico team, who share their professional skills with friendship and fun.

We have reserved great housing in apartments a few blocks from the beach and near restaurants and shops. The average temperature in Puerto Rico in January is between 80-83 degrees. We will be opening registration for this trip soon, but we are limited to only 20 people, so SAVE THE DATES!

Donate Diapers, Baby Care Items for Transport to Columbia Community Care

Starting this fall, Leigh Smith has become our representative and takes parishioners' donated items to [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC), so that they can be distributed on Saturdays or stored until needed for home deliveries. Information about distribution sites, home deliveries, and how to volunteer in multiple ways can be found on the [CCC Group on Facebook](#).

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the primarily volunteer organization. Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday.

FISH Needs Our Prayers and Patience Along with Snacks and Cookies

Our representative from [FISH of Howard County](#) recently had surgery and a replacement was not immediately available to empty our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray

for his good health. Pickups are resuming, so 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.

FALL AT CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

It is such a wonderful time in the life of our parish. Throughout the many challenges of the past couple of years, you have remained faithful, generous, compassionate, and diligent. Today, I'd like to share with you some of the exciting programs lined up for you this fall and beyond. I am grateful to the clergy, staff, and parishioners who worked so hard to put all of this together. Our goal is to serve, and we are eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Please find below some of the exciting programs
lined up for Fall @ Christ Church:

Children & Family Service

We are beginning a new worship opportunity for children and families at 9:00 a.m. This will be a 20–25-minute service with a children's homily and communion. Children will have the chance to actively participate in the service. Children and Family service will begin on September 11 in New Brick.

Sunday School

Sunday School follows immediately after the Children and Family service. Children will go downstairs with their parents to Sunday School. We are excited about the new curriculum we will offer for Children Formation. Sunday School will run for about 45 minutes, and we are hoping to have two separate classes for children. For questions about Sunday School, or to help us with this ministry, **please contact Jenn Atkins.**

Breakfast

Some of our parishioners are working to provide breakfast for Sunday morning. Breakfast will be in the Great Hall, right by the classrooms, and it will consist of juice, bagels, muffins, yogurt, fruits, etc. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. To help with breakfast, please contact **Preethi Jackson, Kathy Chrzanowski, and Simone Kolnik.**

Parenting Seminar

During Sunday School, parents will get the opportunity of joining a Parenting Seminar. This will be an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, share the joys and challenges of parenthood, and learn new and exciting parenthood perspectives. We gather in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level), and the point persons for this gathering are **Mother Marcia, Jason Whong, and Sarah Thomas.**

Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship

One of the exciting programs for the fall is the Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship. This is an opportunity to meet some new friends and reconnect with others. The more exciting part is that children eat free, so parents don't have to worry about cooking dinner. Parents are encouraged to make a generous donation towards dinner. Our next First Wednesday Fellowship evening will be on October 5th in the Lower Level of New Brick. Dinner is 6 - 7 p.m. Our RSVP link will be up in the coming weeks. For more information, contact **Jenn Atkins** or **Jason Whong.**

Children's Choir

Children Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and is open to children from ages 6 and up. For more information about Children's Choir, or if you have any questions, please contact our Director of Music, **Larissa Sanders**.

Thursday Bible Study

This is an opportunity for an in-depth study of the Bible. You don't need to know much, or anything, about it - all we want you to do is to come and learn with everyone else. The class will study some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Gospel of Matthew. Please bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. This class will be led by **Emmanuel Mercer** and **Marcia Davenport**.

Theology on Tap

Looking for a space where you can have a long chat about interesting religious articles on the pages of the New York Times, Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal? This is an opportunity for informal, structure-free interaction and discussion with fellow parishioners. For more information, contact **Sarah Thomas** and **Mike Looney**.

**We hope you will find these programs fulfilling
and spiritually nourishing.**

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.

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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

THANK YOU.



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