



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, November 23, 2025 | Christ the King



Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church: www.christchurchcolumbia.org.

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.

OPENING HYMN MHSO 90 | The King of Glory Comes

Hebrew folk song

Refrain



The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.



O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1 Who is the King of glo - ry? What shall we call him?
 2 In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3 He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion;
 4 He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.



Repeat refrain

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom-ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 he took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

**Sing small notes as a descant on the final refrain.*

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

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.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Jeremiah 23:1-6

Reader: *A reading from Jeremiah.*

*Read by Dione Maboney in Portuguese
Jane Adams in Chinese*

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.**

THE PSALM

Canticle 16 | *The Song of Zechariah* *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*Read by Sonni Aribiah in Efik
Maria Rios in Spanish & Oby Okeke in Igbo*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -

earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 23:33-43

Read by Pamela Pruitt in French

Alex Amponsah in Twi & Rev. Yehinuel Odidi in Hausa

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

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

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

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

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 worshipped 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 |

Read by Sonni Aribiah

Sara Kirkpatrick in Portuguese & Betty Dagne in Amharic

Christ, our King, is before us, behind us, beside us. He calls us to hope, to love, and to serve. Today, Lord, we ask Your blessing and guidance for our outreach ministries to our sisters and brothers in need as we strive to be Your Hands and Feet and Heart in this world. Lifting our voices we pray, **"Lord enlighten the eyes of our hearts to Your path and Your wisdom."**

Lord, we pray for all who seek You throughout the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we lift up the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for: Holy Trinity, Baltimore; Memorial, Baltimore; and St. Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore. We ask Your wisdom and grace for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel. We give thanks for their witness as we pray, **"You are our God and we are the people of Your pasture."**

Lord, we are mindful of our brothers and sisters who are poor, hungry, imprisoned, unwelcome, or suffering illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Lexi, Diane, Priscilla, Natasha, Mildred, Nancy, Patrick, Winifred, Priscilla, Jim, Kayode, Isaac, Abel, Rachan & Sherry, and those you now name. Sustain them and their caregivers as we pray, **"You are the Rock of our salvation."**

We pray for the souls of those who have died and entered new life in the kingdom of the Father, especially Ann Burdett & Faye Fallowfield, and those you now name. Strengthen those who mourn and help them to find comfort as we remember Your words, saying, **"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."**

With grateful hearts we celebrate the birthdays of Erin, Hope, Braedan, Tolu, Shawn, Audra, Diane, Dione & Nell, the wedding anniversaries of Amanda & Hao Cheong and Sydneya & Chester Dacres, and baptismal anniversaries of Dione, Kristin & Jonathan. We lift our voices in praise, saying, "We are joyful in You, O Lord, for You have made us and we are Yours." **AMEN.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

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.**

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 |

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore/Pan de Vida

Cesáreo Gabaráin/Bob Hurd

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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



THE HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

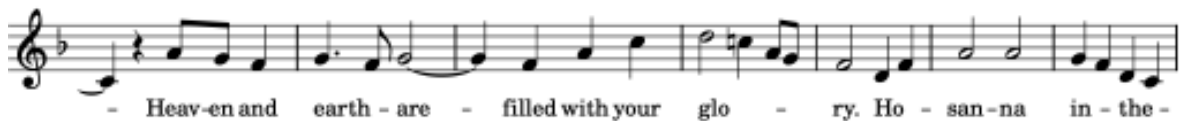
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: 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.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

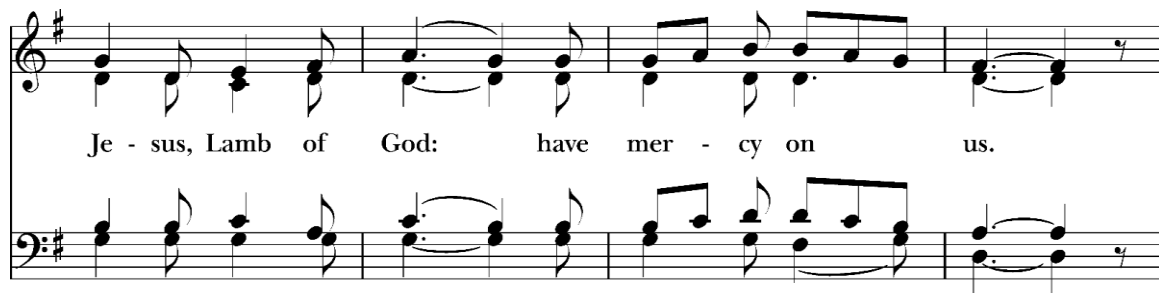
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

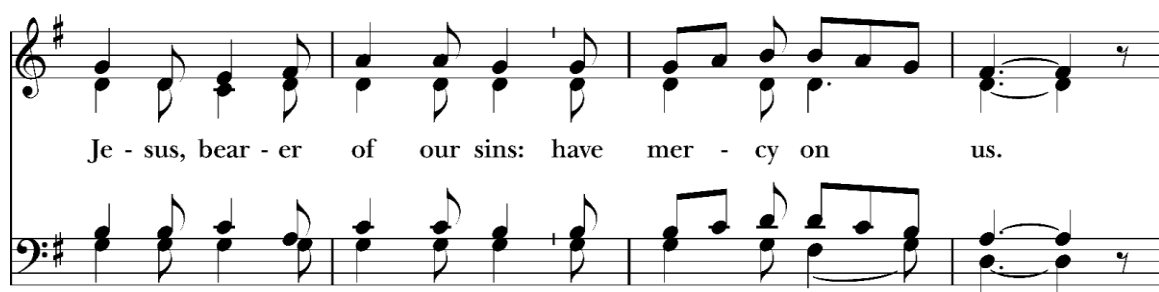
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

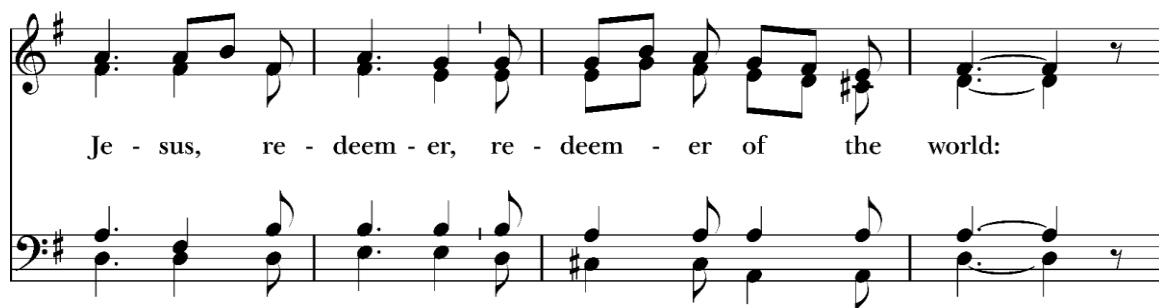
Franz Schubert
arr. Richard Proulx



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



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



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



give us your peace, give us your peace.



The Gifts of God
for the People of God

He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;

Je - sus Christ, the first and last_ no man works like Him. He is

no man works like Him. **Fine** 1. He built his throne up in the air_ 2. I was but young when I be - gun_

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from 2. But now my race is

1. ev - 'er where_ no man works like Him. He is 2. al - most won_ **D.S.**

Ostinato Refrain

Capo 1: (D) E $\flat$ (Em/G) Fm/A $\flat$ (A) B $\flat$ (D) E $\flat$

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

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

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

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an-gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Dione Mahoney

Chalicerist: Dione Mahoney

Ushers: Kayode Fatodu

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Steve Alpern

Chalicerist: Steve Alpern

Acolytes: Wynstan Eguakun, Ava Fox, Aston Fox, James Mercer

Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

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

Tellers: Kenny Okeke, Leanne Sheriff

PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 23 – 29, 2025

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am– 9:30 am	Coffee Hour
9:00 am– 9:30 am	Children & Family Worship – New Brick, UL
9:30 am– 10:30 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom & Parish Hall, CR
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Zoom
4:00 – 7:00 pm	Beaudoin Recital – New Brick, UL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
11:00 am	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Summer Yoga Camp – ONLINE

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream

Thursday, November 27

All Day Thanksgiving Day
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am Thanksgiving Day Service - New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm CEC Book Club - Zoom

Friday, November 28

All Day Office Closed
7:00 am Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, November 29

9:00 – 3:00 pm Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
2:00 pm AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm Altar Guild prep – Old Brick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS



Thanksgiving Day at Christ Church - November 27

Come join us at 10 a.m. for the Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in New Brick. We welcome everyone to gather with us, but we will also livestream the service on [our website](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#) pages so you can worship and give thanks from wherever you are.

Sign Up for Christ Church's Annual Christmas Pageant

Soon, we will be assigning roles for the 2025 Christmas Pageant! Please take a moment to complete this very brief form, which will help us assign the appropriate role for your child. Please let us know whether your child will be able to participate and whether they would like a speaking or non-speaking role. Animal characters are also welcome! The Pageant is a well-loved tradition at Christ Church. More news about Pageant rehearsals will be in December's Youth and Family Ministry newsletter. Please complete the form by this Sunday, November 23.

Read to Our Sunday School Children!

Do you love sharing stories and reading? Did you know that we have volunteers who read a Bible story to our youngest children in the nursery? We can always use more, and we welcome anyone - young, or young at heart - to participate in this ministry. We have books and children's Bibles, or you can bring your favorite story to share. There is no preparation needed, and it only takes 10 minutes of your Sunday. If you are interested, please contact Jenn Atkins at dandjatkings@verizon.net.

Youth Group, Take a Hike!

Next Saturday, November 29th, the Christ Church Youth Group will gather for a nature hike through the beautiful woodlands

around Columbia. We will meet up at 6329 Angel Rose Ct in Columbia, share a light breakfast, and then embark to Lake Roland Park for an invigorating morning! [You can download a trail map here to get you started.](#) Pick up will take place at 1:00 p.m. Any questions? Please text Ms. Leanne at 240.701.4476

The Bishop's Visit - November 30

Our Diocesan Bishop, Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will be the homilist at the 9:00 and 10:30 services next Sunday, November 30th, with Confirmation taking place during the 10:30 worship service. We hope that the entire congregation will join us on that special day as we receive new members of the church.

The 9 a.m. Family Worship is an opportunity for all of our children to have an up-close and personal interaction with Bishop Carrie, to learn about the role of a bishop, what a bishop wears and why, and the sacrament of Confirmation.

Youth Group Wreath Sale

Christ Church is holding a Christmas Wreath Sale, with all proceeds benefiting the Christ Church Youth Group. The cost of each wreath is \$25. and you can sign up in the Narthex. Remember to let us know how many wreaths you would like on the sign-up form. The wreaths will be delivered on Sunday, December 7th, and payment is due upon pickup.

The deadline to order is next Sunday, December 30th, so be sure to sign up this Sunday!

It's an Ugly Christmas First Wednesday Fellowship! - December 3

Get your ugly Christmas sweaters out of storage and prepare for a fun FWF to cap off the year. We'll have our own FriendsGiving dinner for everyone and provide the main dish, but please bring side dishes and desserts to share and enjoy.

Of course, this event wouldn't be complete without an Ugly Sweater Contest, so wear yours to win a prize! We'll also create holiday cards to distribute to the community, so be sure to join us on the first Wednesday in December at 6 pm. in the Great Hall.

Friday Film Fun for Families - December 5

Gather for a holiday treat that will delight all ages - on Friday, December 5th at 7 p.m., we'll screen the film *The Christmas Candle*. Deep in the heart of the English countryside of Gladbury, David Richmond, a progressive young minister, arrives, and the villagers discover a new formula for miracles: good deeds, and acts of kindness.

While David's quest to modernize the village sets him at odds with the old-world candlemaker, he finds an unlikely ally in the lovely skeptic, Emily Barstow. Now, the fiery candlemaker must fight to preserve the legacy of the Christmas Candle, but when the blessed candle goes missing, the miraculous and human collide in the most astonishing Christmas the village of Gladbury has ever seen. Let the wonder of the season emerge with the Light of the world given to us!

Advent Quiet Day - December 6

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 6. This important Christ Church tradition, presented by the Spiritual Life Commission, marks the start of the Advent season and helps us to focus and retain our perspective in these hectic weeks leading up to Christmas.

We'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m. and then take part in a morning of readings, spirited discussions, shared community, and periods for quiet meditation. Our retreat then concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a memorable gathering each year, and we hope that you'll join us as we let the Light enter our feelings and actions to help make this a remarkable and joyous Christmas season. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars for this special morning of reflection now.

No Sunday School on November 30

Please make a note that there will be no Sunday School or Youth Formation on Sunday, November 30th but be sure to gather with us for Bishop Carrie's visit to Christ Church during the 9:00 Family Worship or the 10:30 Choral Eucharist. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, December 7.

Christmas Flowers and Music

Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one during the Christmas season are gratefully accepted, as these help fund the wonderful greenery, flowers, and musicians that assist in bringing this season to life for everyone.

There are two ways you can donate - you can do so digitally using our [Online Giving Form](#) and select "Christmas Flowers & Music" or "Christmas General Offering" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write the dedication name(s) on the *MEMO* line. If you are paying by check, you'll soon find both Christmas envelopes in the Narthex and in Old Brick. When using either method, please be sure to submit yours no later than Friday, December 7th.

WOCC Christmas Feast - December 7

Come Join Us For The Women of Christ Church's Christmas Feast: Sunday, December 7th, 1:00 p.m. at Kings Contrivance Restaurant. The cost is \$63 per person for a delicious 3-course meal and non-alcoholic drinks, all inclusive (fancy drinks can be purchased from the cash bar).

Sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 30. Subsidies are available - talk to Father Manny. We'll also be collecting unwrapped gifts for Springfield Hospital again this year, and [you can find their wish list on our website](#). We really hope to see you there!

Seminarian Mike is Being Ordained – December 13

Gather with us on Saturday, December 13, as Michael Looney is ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons by the Diocese of Maryland! As a Seminarian, Mike's been a vital part of our parish, and his introduction of The Center for Spiritual Nourishment to Christ Church has now become a permanent part of our common life. It's been a joy to witness Mike's walk firsthand, and now we get to celebrate as he takes the next step in his faith journey. We'll gather at [The Church of the Redeemer](#) for the 11:00 a.m. service - 5603 N Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. If you can't make it in person, you can still watch their livestream [here](#).

After the Ordination, there will be a reception at Vantage Point in Columbia (another gathering introduced to Christ Church by Mike) from 2 to 4 p.m., and you are welcome to join him for either event ([RSVP for the reception](#), so we know how much to bring) or for both.

MOCC Christmas Dinner - December 20

Come join us for The Men of Christ Church's Christmas Dinner, taking place on Saturday, December 20, at 5:30 p.m. at Kings Contrivance Restaurant. The cost is \$63 per person for a delicious 3-course meal and non-alcoholic drinks (a cash bar will also be available). Come and enjoy good food and prizes!

Sign up in the Narthex by December 7. Subsidies are available - speak with Father Manny. We'll be collecting travel-sized items from the Comfort Cases donation list this year; you can read more about that in the Outreach section of the *Gatherings*.

Join the Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

If you ever thought about giving Choir a shot, how about now? We have rehearsals in New Brick on Thursday evenings—Handbell Choir at 6:45 and Adult Choir at 7:30—and all adults are welcome to join us.

Whether you read music or not, have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit full-time or not, there's a place for you in our handbell &/or vocal choirs. If interested, please speak with Larissa at church, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or stop by New Brick on any Thursday evening.

Get Involved: Find a Ministry that's Right for You

We can always use some more people to keep Christ Church the vibrant, active, dedicated parish that it is. You can be a Teller, Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, or choose to assist the Christ Church Altar Guild, Inreach, or Buildings and Grounds ministries - and many others. None of these requires weekly assistance - they only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those interested in the Altar Guild, please email altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org, or inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org for Inreach (or [visit their website page](#)), and if you're interested in assisting as a Teller, LEV, or Acolyte, please call the Church Office at office@christchurchcolumbia.org.



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