



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Sunday, October 12, 2025 | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Holy Baptism

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.

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 493 | O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;
***People:* There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
***People:* One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY |

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 29:1, 4-7

Reader: *A reading from Jeremiah.*

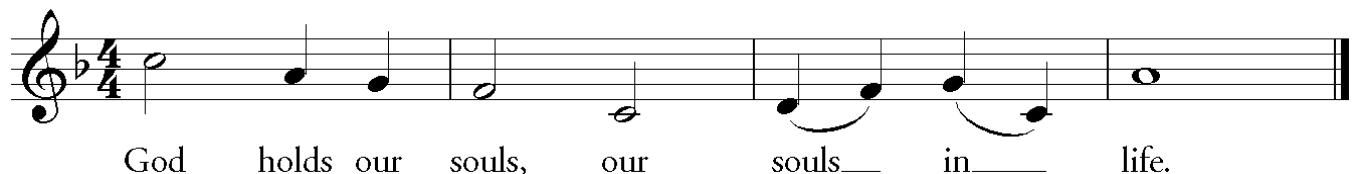
These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 66:1-11 | *Jubilate Deo*



Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."
Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

Antiphon

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

Antiphon

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Reader: *A reading from 2nd Timothy.*

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful--
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

THE GOSPEL | Luke 17:11-19

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were

not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eousness,

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 people stand as able.

HOLY BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE: Elijah Nicoli Tam

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents: **I present Elijah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?
Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

The celebrant then addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with Elijah and all who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

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

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:

Celebrant: Elijah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The celebrant continues:

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Elijah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM SONG | This Little Light of Mine

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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 HYMN | Jubilate Deo

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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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:



The Celebrant continues

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 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,

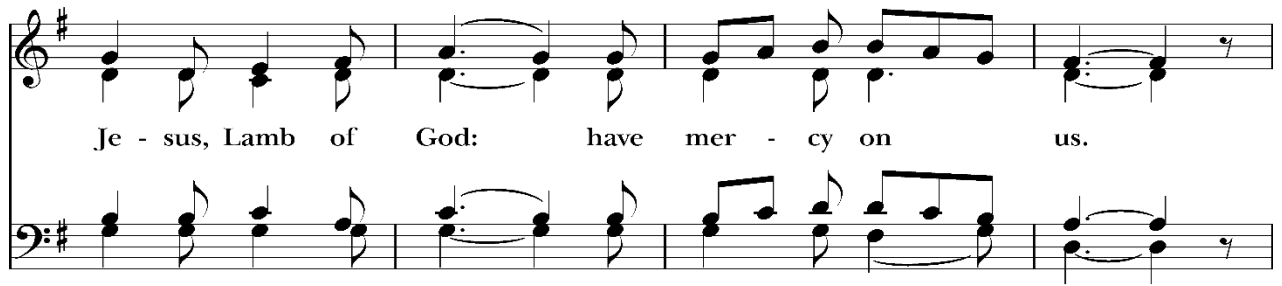
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

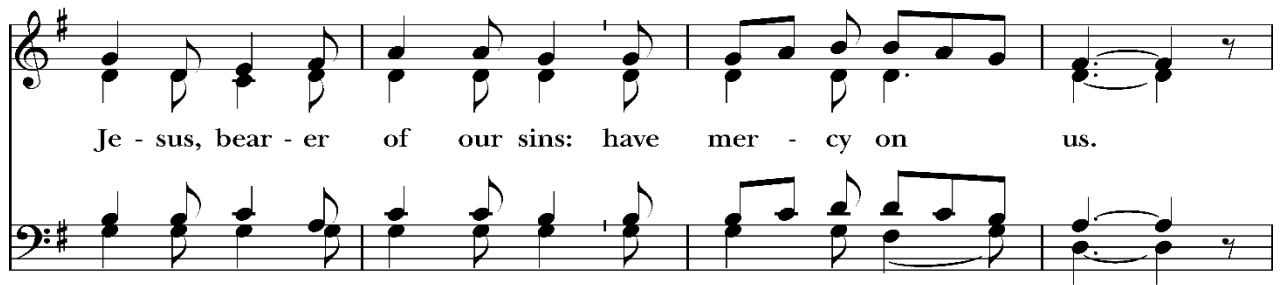
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

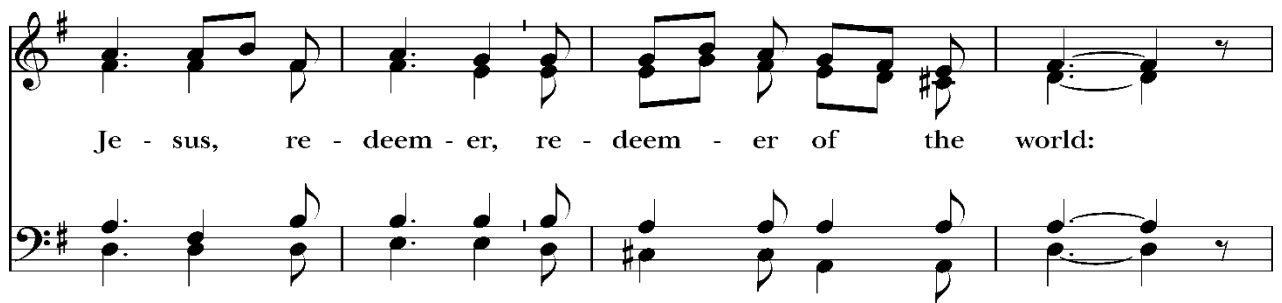




Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



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*



1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve thee to the end:
 2 O let me hear thee speak-ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom-ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas-sion, the mur-murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard-ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8 & 10:30 a.m. service

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.

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing, and the People respond Amen.

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

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light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes: Shreya Chrzanowski, Danny Jackson, Abigail Boyer

Altar Guild: Cheryl Lucente, Leigh Smith, Pamela Foreman

Chalicerist: Ivy Amponsah

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

Tellers: Bill Kirkpatrick, Phillip Wright

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

PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 12 – 18, 2025

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship – New Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:20 am	Sunday School, Sunday Circle
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR
1:15 – 5:30 pm	Sundays @ 3 Concert – New Brick, UL
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Confirmation Class – Zoom

Monday, October 13

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Meal for Rt. 1 – Parish Hall, LL
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, October 14

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – ONLINE

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
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Thursday, October 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 – 4:00 pm	HC Homeschool – New Brick, LL
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Christ Church Yoga Summer Camp – ONLINE
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, October 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, October 18

9:00 – 3:00 pm	Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Fidelidad – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
9:00 – 11:30 pm	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild Prep



Next Sunday, October 19:

Christ Church's Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections

We will host our Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections next Sunday, October 19, with only one service at 10:00 a.m. in New Brick, followed by a potluck lunch and Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections. As has been our practice, we invite parishioners to donate meals for our communal brunch, so stay tuned for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Please join us as we review our ministries and activities from the past year while planning for our leadership in the coming year. We will also learn about our future direction as a parish, so this is certainly one of the most important gatherings of the year.

The nominees this year are (in alphabetical order): Denisa Abdallah, Katie Adams, Jim Berkson, David James, and Denholm Kendall. You can view a photo and read a brief message on our website between today and October 19th, so visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2025-vestry-candidates for those.

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

Annual Report Submissions Due Now

At each year's Annual Meeting, we publish and distribute the Christ Church Annual Report, which outlines the parish's activities and ministries from the past year and shares plans for the coming year. We ask that each ministry group submit a brief description of their activities and achievements, as well as their upcoming plans, to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org, so he can include them in the report. If you have a special photo or two that you'd like us to include, send those, too. Email him if you'd like a copy of last year's Annual Report. The deadline for submissions is today. Thank you.

Your Auction Donation Submissions are Due

Buonasera! Soon, it'll be time for the largest fundraiser of the year, the 2025 Christ Church Auction. This year, we're traveling to Italia (in spirit, that is) for *Buonasera! - A Night Out in Italy* on Saturday, November 1.

There are a few differences of note this year - most importantly, it will be held for one evening only, as the 2025 Auction will be a 100% in-person event. But fear not - **CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED!** That means **EVERYONE** can participate, bid, and buy great stuff! Bidding begins at 7 p.m.

Right now, though, we need to know about your auction item donations, so get those to us ASAP. You'll find the donation link on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/auction - or you can email auction@christchurchcolumbia.org for assistance. Please do this by October 15th at the latest!

Any questions? Reach out to Robin Bradley at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org or speak with her at church.

Two Spots Left! Join EfM : Wide Angle

The Education for Ministry program class, which has been at Christ Church for a few years, began its third year last Sunday. However, a second group with a new curriculum has launched, and you're invited to take part. *Education for Ministry: Wide Angle* is a less intensive, one-year program that provides an introduction to scripture, history, spiritual practices, ethics, and theological reflection. This group is also an online-only gathering, meeting on Zoom Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Wide Angle currently has individuals from a variety of age groups participating, including both women and men. If you are interested in learning more about this program, you can email Mother Marcia Davenport at EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org, and she will provide you with all the necessary information to get started.

There Are Only a Few Spaces Still Available for Financial Peace University

As a community of faith, one of the gifts we can offer one another is guidance on how to manage our resources effectively. For those seeking better insights on enhancing their financial well-being, the Financial Peace University series can provide valuable guidance. This multi-week seminar aims to help parishioners manage their finances and become better stewards of their earnings. It's a life-changing program, but it is limited to ten people/families, ensuring a direct connection with each participant. The class will meet on Monday evenings, and the cost is \$100 per person/family. If you need more information, please speak with Fr. Manny at church or email him at revmanny@christchurchcolumbia.org.

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.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God, a gathering that takes place every Monday. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is 817 6254 3177, and the Passcode is CP. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

The CEC Book Club is Back! - Thursdays

The CEC Book Club is about to start a new season, and you're invited to join us! The new book we're about to start is *The Heartbeat of God* by Katharine Jefferts Schori (former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States). You can find the book at [many online resources](#), or we can scan and send you the first bit to get you started. Then, join us on Zoom Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. - [the link is HERE](#), Meeting ID is 853 4359 7339, and Passcode is CECBC.

If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, this group is definitely for you - we choose a book as a group, read a chapter or two each week, and then gather virtually for an hour or so on Thursdays to share our thoughts. If you've considered taking part or if this is your first time hearing about us, now's the time to join! Email us with any questions - bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org

MOCC Breakfast – Saturday, October 18

Join us for French toast and fellowship! The MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and this month it will take place on Saturday, October 18th, at Silver Diner, located at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. See you there!

Register Now for CEC Sunday School

Christ Church's Sunday School ministry believes in growing a deep and wide faith in kids through education in the Gospel, serving our community, and fellowship with one another. From the earliest age, we want kids to know the basic truths of God's Word and how we can apply those in our daily lives.

Please visit www.cecevents.org/SundaySchool-2526 to learn more and complete our registration form (one form per child, please), so we can reserve space for your children. And if you have any questions or need assistance, please email us at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

LEMS Kindness Pantry Help, and an Invitation to Attend a Special Event

Many thanks to everyone who's signed up to bring items for the Lanke Elkhorn Middle School Kindness Pantry! We have most items covered, but we still need small bottles of dish soap and canola oil. You can find the sign-up list [here](#) and can bring all items to Christ Church by this Sunday, October 12th. Place them in the blue LEMS bin located in the New Brick Narthex, and we'll get them to the school.

Another way you can help our local students and families is by coming to LEMS on October 15 and assisting The Roving Radish in distributing boxes of food to those in need. Email us at LEMS@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll send you more details.

Thank you for helping support the students and teachers of Lake Elkhorn Middle School!

YOU CAN HELP! Inviting You to Join Our Monthly Outreach Meeting this Monday

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope.

To join us on Monday, [use the Zoom link that's HERE](#), use the Meeting ID 892 6873 6183, and the Passcode is Outreach!

Help Grassroots on Monday, Oct. 13, by Providing Food for the Homeless

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church serves a hot midday meal at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and delivers dinner to residents of the Grassroots Emergency Shelter. The [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#) operates both facilities.

A team led by Outreach member Shahra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after car-pooling to the DRC in Jessup. To help on Monday, Oct. 13, please check our [DRC online signup form](#), which describes the procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick for DRC's side dishes. We last participated on Sept. 8.

Every second Monday, the parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our [Grassroots online signup form](#). Grassroots handles serving that meal to shelter residents, who include numerous children. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day, usually feeding a total of about 150 people. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Did You Know? Grassroots Offers Crisis Services That Go Well Beyond Sheltering and Welcoming Our Homeless Neighbors

Parishioners are urged to spread the word about the array of mental health options available through Grassroots, which strengthened its [resources](#) as part of an expansion to a third site in 2023. The center's staff at 8990 Old Annapolis Rd., Suite A, in Columbia provides behavioral health, substance use disorder, and suicide prevention help around the clock. Someone suffering a mental health crisis –or their loved ones– can walk in, call 410-531-6677, or chat, text, or phone 988 (which is modeled on 911).

Parishioners were updated by Anna Katz, director of grants and support at Grassroots, who spoke during our Sunday Circle series, *Virtues of a Beloved Community: GENEROSITY*, on September 21 ([view her mental health overview on our Zoom recording here](#)). While many of us are familiar with the operations at Grassroots' two facilities for the

homeless — such as meals, shelter, and pantry supplies — its counseling services are less well-known. You can watch the entire Sunday Circle presentation on our YouTube channel or above in this email.

In Howard County, clinicians on its mobile crisis team are dispatched to accompany police on psychiatric emergencies. Its outpatient mental health clinic offers free long-term therapy. Its substance use disorder stabilization program aims for treatment within 24 hours. Its behavioral health urgent care is the state's only one that remains free, Katz said. Grassroots is a call center for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and a national backup for 988 chat and text. The Pew Charitable Trust's Trend Magazine featured Grassroots in a 2023 article, "[What Happens When You Call 988?](#)"

Now's the Time to Walk or Run in CAC's 'Steps Forward' Fall Fundraiser

It's not too late to participate in [Steps Forward](#), a Walk/Run campaign to raise funds for the [Community Action Council of Howard County](#) (CAC). Individuals or teams are invited to accumulate miles during October while soliciting donations. Participants will receive a special T-shirt and discounted entry to the [Run Through the Grapevine 8K](#), hosted by the [Howard County Striders](#) in Mt. Airy, Maryland, on Sunday, November 2. The annual cross-country/trail race takes place at Linganore Winecellars.

On race morning, a non-perishable food drive will benefit the Howard County Food Bank, which CAC operates. As the county's designated anti-poverty organization, CAC provides multiple services as described in its [2024 Impact Report](#). These include early childhood education, eviction prevention, weatherization, and utility assistance.

FISH and CCC Have Combined Pantries, and FISH Needs Phone Volunteers

Recently, [FISH](#) and [Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) partnered to provide food services for Howard County residents. The two organizations have merged their pantries. FISH will continue to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. CCC will continue making distributions at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery. For information, go online to [Get Help](#).

Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label "FISH/CCC". Please keep bringing baby wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.

FISH will continue to provide telephone support to Howard County residents to provide guidance and financial support because the personal touch is very important when people are in crisis. You could be the one to lend a helping hand by lending an ear! Consider volunteering from home by giving just one day a month to assist those who could benefit from financial assistance from FISH. Training is provided. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong or email andydelong.fish@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.

**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S
OUTREACH, YOUTH, AND OTHER PARISH NEWS**
including website and email links, and Zoom meeting details



CIAO!

We need
your item donations
for.....



It's time to prepare your Auction donations!
Notifications are due by Friday, October 10.

SMALL ITEMS! BIG ITEMS! VACATIONS! GIFT BASKETS! SERVICES!
ALL ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED!

Tickets & Passes

- Sports tickets
- Theatre tickets
- Concert tickets
- Golf rounds
- Restaurant gift certificate
- Lotto tickets
- Ski passes
- Water park passes

Travel

- Airline tickets
- Vacations
- Vacation house/condo stay
- Motor home rental
- Golf vacation
- Fishing trips
- Hunting trip
- Bicycle tour
- Camping tour
- Casino stay & play

Themed Baskets

- Spa basket
- Gardener's basket
- Italian cuisine basket
- Beer samplers
- Dog owner's basket
- Chocoholic basket
- Griller's basket
- Wine basket
- Camper's basket
- Instant date night
- Car care bundle

Around the House

- Bicycle
- Yard tools
- Camera
- Rugs
- Blankets and quilts
- Ice cream maker
- Television

Services

- Carpentry services
- Pet grooming services
- Consulting services
- Decorating services
- Car detailing
- Landscaping
- Cleaning
- Catered meal by private chef
- Photo-shoot
- Super Bowl party

Lessons

- Music lessons
- Dance lessons
- Cooking lessons
- Fitness lessons
- Art lessons
- Language lessons
- Acting lessons
- Golf lessons
- Crafts lessons

It's Auction Donation Time!

Buonasera! - the 2025 Christ Church Auction is on Saturday, November 1st, and, as there's no online bidding this year, this one-night event is the place to be! It will be an evening of incredible fun as we are transported to *bella Italia* and enjoy wine, music, appetizers, and lots and lots of live and silent auction action. And with on-site childcare available this year, everyone can come, bid, and win great items!

But of course, the event - the largest fundraiser of Christ Church's year - is only as good as the items on offer, and that's where you come in - we need you to notify us of the details for your item donations by Friday, October 10th - which is only two weeks away, so don't delay! You can either email us at auction@christchurchcolumbia.org or enter the details directly into the auction software (or scan the QR code in the graphic above, which will direct you there).

Items don't have to be delivered until the end of October.

Lastly, mark your calendars - bidding begins November 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall.

Thank you!



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