

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany | Digital Edition

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, February 12, 2023 • 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude | We Shall Overcome

Traditional spiritual
Tyler Sanders, french horn

Opening Hymn 525 | The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

setting: Robert Powell

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord
 God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Father:
 re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

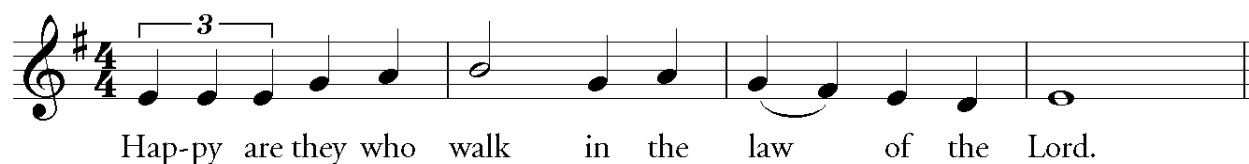
The people may be seated.

A Reading from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 |

Reader: A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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



Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

Antiphon

Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

Antiphon

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 |

Reader: A reading from Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn LEVAS 203 | There Is a Balm in Gilead

Carl Haywood

There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed

The first system of the hymn is written in 4/4 time. The treble staff begins with a G-clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The bass staff begins with an F-clef and a key signature of one flat. The bass line starts on a half note F3, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a half note B-flat3. The lyrics are: 'There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed'.

whole; There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul. **Fine**

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note C5, followed by a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note B-flat3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a half note F3. The lyrics are: 'whole; There_ is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.' The system ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And_ think my work's in vain, _ But_
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, _ You can
3. Don't_ ev - er be dis - cour - aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, _ And_

The third system introduces three variations of the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The bass staff has a half note F3, followed by a quarter note G3, a quarter note A3, and a half note B-flat3. The lyrics are: '1. Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, And_ think my work's in vain, _ But_
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, _ You can
3. Don't_ ev - er be dis - cour - aged For_ Je - sus is your friend, _ And_'. The system ends with a double bar line.

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____ **D.C.**

The fourth system continues the variations. The treble staff has a half note C5, followed by a quarter note B-flat4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff has a half note B-flat3, followed by a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, and a half note F3. The lyrics are: '1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain. _____
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all. _____
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. _____'. The system ends with a double bar line and the word 'D.C.'.

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The Nicene Creed | BCP 358

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

Our readings call us to follow You and your commandments. Help us Lord to remember that like Paul and Apollos, we are called to be your servants. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

Let us give thanks for the Light of Light who came into this world for us and who will come again, who calls us to service in His name. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

We rejoice in Christ Church, our faith home, and the opportunity to worship together. To You Lord we lift up our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Seminarian Associate, Mike; our Deacon postulant, Rebecca; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert, and our Presiding Bishop, Michael. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

We give thanks for the opportunities we have to be your servants, through liturgy and worship, formation, outreach, and many more ministries. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

In the Diocese of Maryland, we celebrate our sister parishes, Grace Memorial, Darlington; Holy Cross, The Rocks; Holy Trinity, Churchville; and St. John’s, Havre de Grace. In the Anglican Communion we hold up the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. We pray that the worldwide Church may impact the lives of many living in poverty, in fear of violent conflict and lacking educational opportunity. We pray **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

We lift up those for whom we have been asked to pray, especially Cherrylynn, Roberta, Ginnever, Samuel, Catherine, Caroline, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. We also ask for the Lord’s protection for those serving in the military and in harm’s way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. May our prayers surround those in need, especially the people of Syria and Turkey impacted by the recent earthquakes. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

Lord, we ask You to remember your servants who are no longer with us, and those we now name. We ask You to surround those who mourn with Your Light. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

We welcome those who are visiting with us this Sunday. We pray, Lord, that You will surround them with Your loving Spirit. We celebrate the birthdays of Laura, Cherry Lynn, Amy, Norbert, Anne & Cheryl, and the baptismal anniversaries of Jane, John, J.B., Alex, Charles, Elizabeth, Theo & Krista. We pray, **“For we are God’s servants, working together, we are God’s field, God’s building.”**

Lord, during Epiphany, help us to remember that you are the light that guides us in all we do. **Amen.**

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Prayer for Patrick Papa Kwesi Essuman Tachie-Menson |

Celebrant: O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you this day our brother,
Patrick Papa Kwesi Essuman Tachie-Menson.
We thank you for giving him to us,
his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life,
so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth,
until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

Welcome and Announcements |

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem | Let Us Break Bread Together

African American spiritual, arr. Philip Gehring

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer B | BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

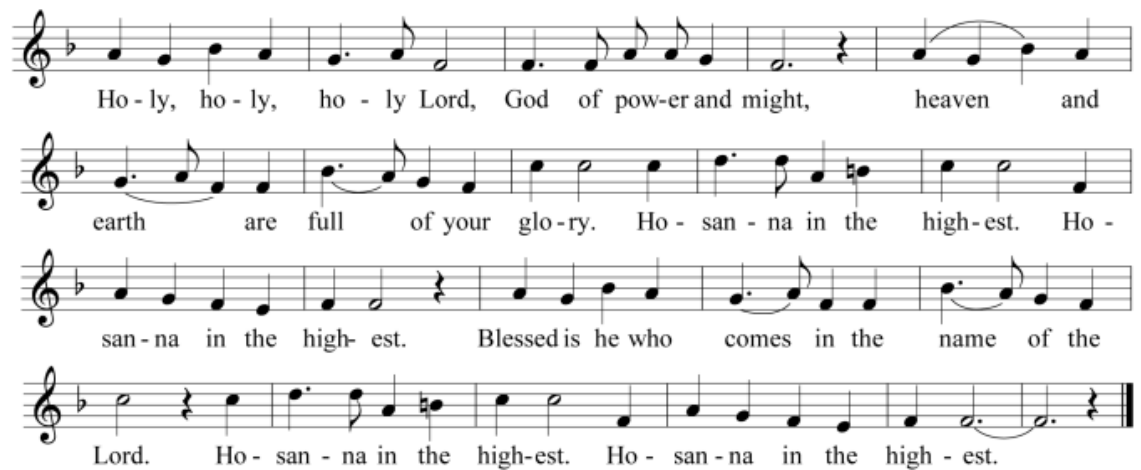
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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

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



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer | BCP 365

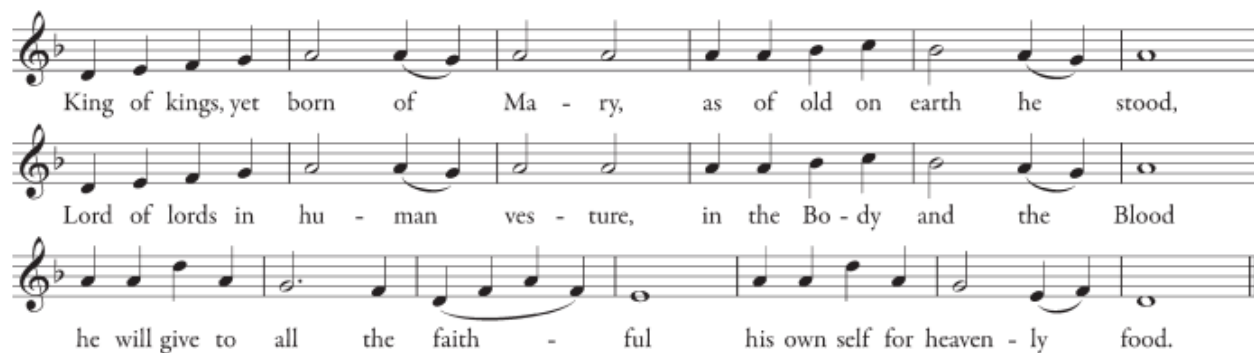
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

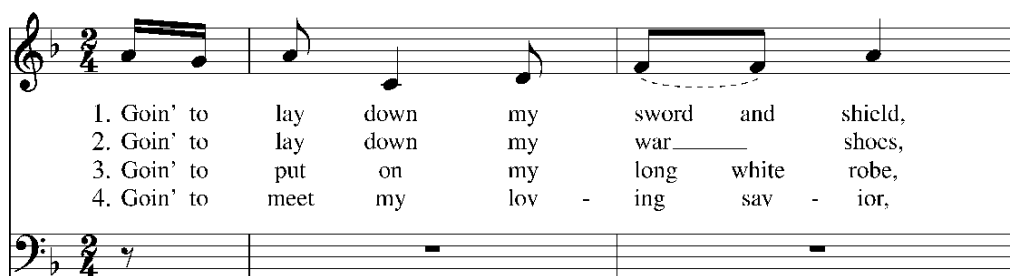
***All:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**



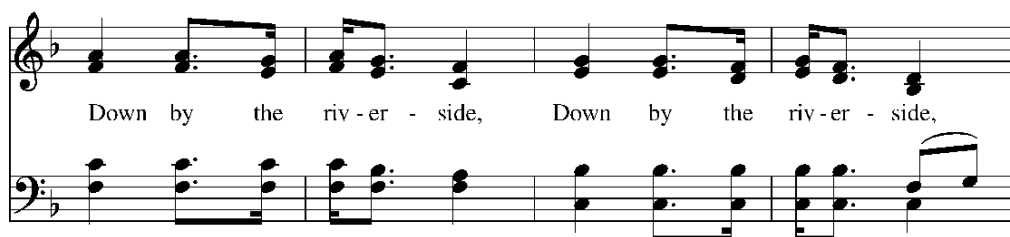
King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on earth he stood,
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heaven - ly food.

Communion Anthem LEVAS 210 | Down By the Riverside

Traditional spiritual



1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,



Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,



Down by the riv - er - side.
 1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,
 2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,
 3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,
 4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,



Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

I ain't goin't
more. stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't
stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no
I ain't goin't
more, stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't
stud - y war no more, -
stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no more. (2) more.

Post-Communion Prayer | BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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

Closing Hymn 657 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

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

Postlude | He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional spiritual
Tyler Sanders, french horn

Today's altar flowers were donated in loving memory of Patrick Papa Kwesi Essuman Tachie-Menson.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Nancy Winchester, Yetti Lipede

Chalicer:

9:00 a.m. Service

Ushers: Eva & Hope Oladipupo, Yetti Lipede

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Kathy Lyon

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, JB Hanson, Beth Johnson

Acolytes and Crucifer: Frances Mercer, Hannah Boyer, Luke Aribiah

Chalicer: Cheryl Lucente

PARISH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 12 TO FEBRUARY 18

Sunday, February 12

8:00 – 8:45 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – New Brick, lower level
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels
9:30 – 10:30 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
10:30 – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:30 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level

Monday, February 13

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Outreach Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level

Tuesday, February 14

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
7:30 – 9:30 pm	Building and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Theology on Tap – Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, February 16

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Home School – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, February 17

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Christ Church Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, February 18

9:00 am – 12:30 pm	Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening

Epiphany VI at Christ Church

Epiphany continues with three worship services this Sunday - the first is our Old Brick Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. and is followed by Family Worship in New Brick at 9 a.m. We then conclude with our traditional 10:30 service with music and choir in the New Brick Sanctuary. Mask use is optional, though still recommended. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our [website](#), [YouTube](#), or [Facebook](#) pages.

Youth Formation

Youth Formation begins with breakfast around 8:30, followed by Family Worship and Sunday School. Every child is welcome, and you can find the details on [our website's Youth Formation page](#). Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

The Christ Church Youth Group (grades 5-12) also meets Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the basement of the Church Office building. If you are interested in having your child join the CECYG, please email Todd for more information - youthministry@christchurchcolumbia.org

And you adults! Have you considered a calling to help nurture the youth of Christ Church? We are in need of more teachers and assistants now than ever! No experience is required - we will provide all the materials and you will be on a team with an experienced leader. If you are able to help - even just once a month - with this important ministry, [please email our Youth Minister, Todd Domer](#).

Adult Formation

Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. Sunday Circle will be looking at the social and political issue of immigration through the lens of real-life stories presented by our multicultural Christ Church congregation. In our series, we will enrich our knowledge and connection with the immigrant story with personal sharing, poetry, short story, prayer, and 'digging deeper' material on the history and cultural roots of immigration policy in Western nations. Join us each Sunday in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. or on Zoom. [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117**, and the Password is **AFSC**. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. [See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information](#).

Our Sunday Services Need Your Help

We are in need of more ushers, chalcists, and lectors for the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and personalized training will be provided so please consider helping out!

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

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

Lent at Christ Church

Next week, we will publish our website's page containing our 2023 Lenten schedule. There are many traditional services and gatherings, as well as several new ones. We hope to see you at many of them! We'll publish a link here and on social media when it's live. In the meantime, you'll find details for several upcoming Lenten events in today's *Gatherings*.

entering Prayer - Mondays

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 on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

C'mon, all of you who like to sing! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and everyone is welcome to take part! **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

CEC Book Club - Fridays

We are discussing a new book Fridays at 7:30 p.m. - *Looking for God in Messy Places: A Book About Hope* by Jake Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana. Right now, we have ten members in the CECBC but always welcome newcomers to the group, so how about you? We are a friendly bunch and appreciate everyone's input and thoughts. The book can be purchased online, but you don't need to be prepared the first week; we can scan our assigned pages and email them to you. For a copy of this week's reading, feel free to email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com or text her at 301-452-7115. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so Friday evening. - that link is [here](#), the Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and the Passcode is **CECBooks**

WOCC Upcoming Events

Wear your favorite red clothing this Sunday in support of *Wear Red for National Heart Health Month*. This is an important awareness event, as heart disease remains the leading killer in the country - yet studies show that 80% of cases can be prevented. Come to church that day in your favorite red items, and look for our new Wear Red for Heart Health photo collage on our website and social media that weekend (there's still time to send yours in)! Five steps to help prevent a heart attack are 1)eat healthily, 2)get active; 3)stop smoking; 4)achieve a healthy weight; 5)take medications as prescribed. You also still have time to send us your photo for the *Wear Red* collage - send it to Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by the end of the day this Friday!

Other WOCC activities in the coming months will include Labyrinth meditation walks, a Nature Center journey, and our annual May Tea. We are also trying to put a Toby's Dinner Theater gathering into our 2023 plans. For the latest, look for details in upcoming Christ Church news and information bulletins, and then come join us for these events! Also, if you have other good ideas, share them with us. You can reach us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org at any time.

Men Of Christ Church's February Gatherings

We have had a great time recently reconnecting with several gatherings, with great food, games, and conversation. We have also talked about various ways that the MOCC can begin to impact our local community and there was a lot of energy around us getting together on a more regular basis. Join us for our February events: our first is our monthly MOCC Saturday Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 18th at 9:30 a.m. Just join us at Bob Evans Columbia, 8325 Benson Drive. We'll also have a MOCC 18-and-Older Gathering on Saturday, Feb. 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Stumpy's Hatchet House, 6695 Dobbin Road. Interested to learn more about the MOCC? Please contact Duane Smith at cduanesmith@verizon.net or email the Church Office: office@christchurchcolumbia.org

Theology on Tap - February 15

The next session of Theology on Tap is this coming Wednesday! Join us for a get-together where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles of the day, and an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. ToT takes place Wednesday, February 15th at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 21

The incredible youth of Christ Church will once again host our annual Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on February 21st! Join us in the Great Hall of New Brick for this traditional start to the Lenten season. Serving begins at 6:30 p.m. **so please sign up here so we know how much to buy.** Seating is available until 7:30 p.m. The prices are \$15. for an individual and \$25. for a family, and you can pay using cash, or using our online giving form (choose “Shrove Tuesday Dinner” in the FUND dropdown menu). You’ll also get to view the beautiful handiwork of **African Team Ministries** at the event. This will be the final opportunity to get your hands on some great gift ideas, made by very talented artisans.

Lenten Reflection Day - February 25

Christ Church’s Spiritual Life Commission presents Lenten Reflection Day on Saturday, February 25th. This year, we are very blessed to have our own Seminarian Associate, Mike Looney, lead us in prayer and meditation as we deeply examine our 2023 theme, *Be an Instrument of God’s Peace*. Lenten Reflection Day includes a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m., continues with the day’s program, and wraps up around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. We hope that you’ll find time to join us for this exceptional start to the Lenten season.

Youth Gathering - February 25

Our February Youth gathering will be go-karting at the Autobahn Indoor Go-Kart Raceway in Jessup. There will be more details to come, but the event will be on February 25th from 7-9 p.m. so mark your calendars... and get ready to start your engines!

Jazz Vespers - Sunday Evenings during Lent

Jazz Vespers is a special liturgy of Evening Prayer which combines scripture readings, prayer, silent meditation, and rich music. Christ Church is offering this special service during the 2023 Lenten season and offering different opportunities for prayer, music, and reflection. Please join us in the New Brick Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for this uniquely enlightening service. Jazz Vespers at Christ Church begins on Sunday, February 26th.

Resurrection and New Life Spiritual Direction Group: Four Wednesdays, May 10- 31, 7 - 8 p.m. on Zoom

Join in a small group exploration of how the resurrection and new life scriptures are speaking to you now. We will use lectio divina (reading, meditating, and sharing of scripture passages) and group spiritual direction practices to attend to what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us individually and in the group.

If you are unfamiliar with group spiritual direction, it is a facilitated deep listening practice where we ensure safety through confidentiality and hearing each person share without editing, fixing, or adding our own stories. We listen. Then, when it is our turn, we share. We are grateful to each person for their contribution.

The group will be facilitated by Carol Abbott, a spiritual director since 2006 and new parishioner at Christ Church. Carol and her husband moved to Columbia a year ago to be near their daughter Kate and husband Ian who just welcomed their new baby, Brian Charles Bucacink, born on 1/18/23. If you would like to read more about Carol and spiritual direction, you can visit her bio on the Bread of Life page: **<https://www.breadoflife.org/spiritual-direction>** (scroll toward the bottom of the page to read about Carol.)

Please contact Carol at **cabbottgm@gmail.com** if you are interested in the group. Participation will be limited to the first 7 people to ensure time for each person to share.

The 2023 Pledge Envelopes Are Here

The 2022 Christ Church pledge envelopes have arrived and are available for pickup now. They are located in the Narthex, but if you need to make other arrangements or have any questions, please **email the Church Office**.

Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are presently seeking parishioners to help with planning Christ Church's 300-Year Anniversary. This celebration is an important milestone for our church, and we want as much participation from each of us as possible. There are lots of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or would like more information, please contact Fr. Manny at **revmanny@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.

Like Coffee? Let's Enjoy Some Together! You Can Help.

The 8:30 a.m. Old Brick Coffee Hour is in full swing (thank you!), but we really need people and ministries to help set up for the 9:30 a.m. gathering in New Brick's Elevator Room. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and fun, and a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. You can work by yourself, in groups, or with another family. Perhaps a group or ministry can offer to host the occasional Coffee Hour, as well. All you need to do is provides snacks, brew the coffee, stay for the coffee hour, and help tidy up. Training will be provided. Questions? Please contact the church office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org** or 410-381-9365.

Christ Church Podcast - Later in 2023

In a recent *Gatherings*, Father Manny discussed the idea of creating a Christ Church Podcast, a homegrown, multimedia collaboration of our parish's many features, talents, and interests. That idea is gaining steam for a launch later this year, but we would love to involve some more people to help make this the best it can be. If you enjoy writing, are interested in researching the multilayered history of Christ Church, have an interest in audio production, like to shoot videos on your phone or camera, enjoy composing, singing, or playing music, have a particular topic you'd like to share with others, love to draw or paint... we can find a place for each of you! We're meeting again in two weeks (date and time TBD) and you're invited to join us to see how you can be an important part of this new venture. If you'd like more information or are interested in joining us, please speak with **Fr. Manny, Ann Barnes**, or email Chris at **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**

DreamBuilders Chocolates and Coffee, Just In Time for Valentine's Day!

We will be selling DreamBuilders chocolates, hot cocoa mix, coffee, and tea this Sunday, February 12th, after both services in the lower level of New Brick. All the proceeds will go to help fund DreamBuilders missions. It's good stuff for a worthy cause, and just in time for Valentine's Day! You'll also find other DB news elsewhere in today's *Gatherings*.

African Team Ministries Sale

African Team Ministries is a Christian ministry working as an intermediary between African and American churches. With help from Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Anglican denominations, ATM provides funding for orphan and refugee relief missions and evangelism in East Africa. African Team Ministries provides East African, primarily Kenyan, artisans with a market for their beautiful creations. Please peruse the ATM jewelry table that will

be set up each Sunday in February leading up to Lent to view their intricate wood carvings, eye-catching soapstone décor, natural elements' nativity sets, stunning necklaces, earrings, bracelets, and much more! It will also be on display during the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. The support they receive is sent directly to their partnering bishops to provide school fees, tuition, books, and uniforms. This support ensures that the children receive an education and the measure of stability needed to rebuild their minds. You can make payments using our **Online Giving Form**; just choose "African Team Ministries" from the *FUND* dropdown menu. African Team Ministries currently have children registered for sponsorship in Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. We could also use help with the table on these days, so if you would like to assist, please speak with Sara Kirkpatrick.

Inviting You to Remotely Join Us this Monday, Feb. 13, at the Monthly Outreach Meeting

As we enter 2023, consider getting more involved in Outreach at Christ Church. Please join us remotely for the Outreach Commission's 7:30 p.m. meeting on Monday, Feb. 13. You can help us to fulfill our mission, which has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is HERE**, the Meeting ID is **876 3365 7968** and the Passcode is **Outreach!**

Help Grassroots in Several Ways: Feed the Hungry on Feb. 13 and Start Spreading the Word to Combat Drug Addiction in Howard County

Leaders of the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** asked Christ Church to raise awareness of the center's **Crisis Stabilization Program** for people with substance use disorders. The goal is greater visibility for the program that addresses drug addiction in Howard County.

These services place an emphasis on people struggling with opioids and stimulants. Through its crisis stabilization program, Grassroots assists clients in preparing for treatment and helps with plans for modifying, reducing, and abstaining from use and moving toward greater health and wellness. The crisis stabilization program team includes social workers, nurses, substance use counselors, and other crisis staff.

Here's where you come in: Pick up a handout from the Outreach table in the Tower Room of New Brick or **view it on our website's Outreach blog**. Post a flier at your workplace. Or tell a friend or the family of someone who needs an intervention that Grassroots is a good place to get help. Counselors are available 24/7 for walk-in stabilization at 6700 Freetown Rd. Columbia MD 21044. Or people can call the hotline: 410-531-6677.

Here's another way to help Grassroots. Please take part in the Christ Church tradition of feeding the homeless on the second Monday of each month. To join us on February 13th, please sign up by this Sunday, February 12.

If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers also gather at that time to carpool to Jessup.

Parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of a live-in center on Freetown Rd. make their drop-off later, arriving in the parking lot at 3:15 p.m. A volunteer transporting the food departs at 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form** or, for more information, email us at **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

We most recently took part on January 9th. Shahra Toth, with the continuing assistance of Dione Mahoney, is the new coordinator. She replaces Nancy Winchester, who will continue to acquire the fried chicken.

The **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** operates both facilities. It's efficient to provide for groups at two separate venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the entrees. Thank you!

The DRC and the Live-In Facility have wider needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the latest needs list under the words “Related Files” on each of the signup sites online.

Save the Date: DreamBuilders Mandatory Meeting for Summer Mission Trip - March 4

If you are interested in joining DreamBuilders to repair homes in Kentucky in June, make sure you attend our mandatory meeting on Saturday, March 4th, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be at Temple Isaiah (12200 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton). We will have all the information you will need about the June trip, but if you have any questions before then, please see or **email Cathy Gold at cgold2000@aol.com**. It'll be a life-changing event, for you and for the people we're helping in Kentucky. Hope to see you there!

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project

This important project is an initiative that's being taken by one of our own parishioners, Gavin Couch. Gavin explains: "Hello, my name is Gavin Couch and I am currently a life scout in Troop 874. I am working on my eagle project with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This is an organization that builds beds and provides bedding to children who were recently homeless, but now have a place to live and need beds and bedding. I am at the beginning of my project and am collecting monetary donations and twin-sized bed-in-a-bag sets. There is also a Venmo code for monetary donations and a link to an Amazon wishlist, should you like to purchase from there. If you would like these details or have any questions, you can see me at church or email me at **gbcouch24@gmail.com**. Thank You."

Columbia Community Care Seeks Volunteers on Saturdays, Continues to Request Diapers, Personal Care Items

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by giving essentials and with your time and talent. Please look for updates, such as requests for volunteers on Saturday mornings, posted in the **CCC Facebook Group** or on the **“I Can Help” portion of its website**. For example, you'll find a need for volunteers to sort grocery items at the CCC pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill their shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

7 A.M. IN OLD BRICK
12 NOON & 7:30 P.M. IN NEW BRICK

ASHES TO GO

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

GENESIS 3:19

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JOIN US on ASH WEDNESDAY February 22nd

Ash Wednesday reminds us of our mortality and of what we are made of. To get our thoughts and ourselves ready and prepared for Lent, Christ Church offers worship with the imposition of Ashes on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 a.m. in Old Brick, and at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. in the New Brick Sanctuary. We'll also livestream the 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. services on our website, YouTube, and Facebook pages.

And this year, *Ashes to Go* returns* to Christ Church - an opportunity for those working commuters, students, and early risers to stop by and receive ashes as they start their day. We will offer a short prayer and administer the Ashes to those who cannot be with us in worship that morning, but who desire the Ashes nonetheless. Simply look for the *Ashes to Go* banner in the main driveway, and stop by between 6 and 7 a.m.

**weather permitting*



WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH

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

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

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

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

THANK YOU.



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