



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00A.M.*

Thursday, November 28, 2024 | Thanksgiving Day

WELCOME HOME!

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

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

PRELUDE |

OPENING HYMN 290 | Come, Ye Thankful People Come

St George's Windsor

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT |

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

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; 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 | Joel 2:21-27

Reader: *A reading from Joel.*

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM |

Psalm 126 | in convertendo

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *

then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *

and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, *

and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *

like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE EPISTLE | 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Reader: A reading from Timothy.

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

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

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

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 433 | We Gather Together

Kremser

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
 he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 6:25-33

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

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

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

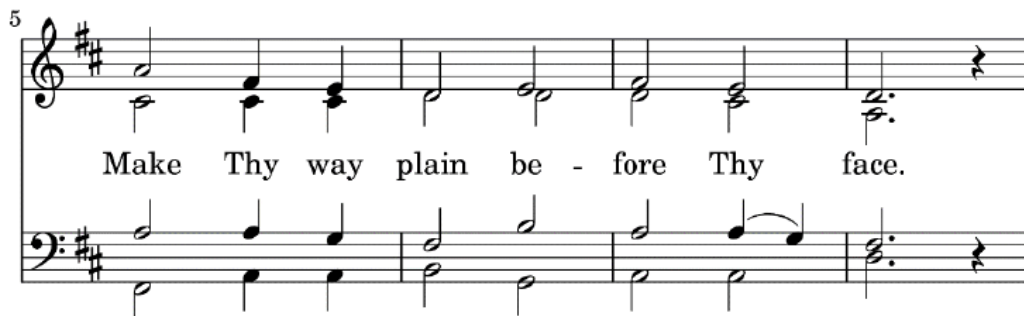
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

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Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

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mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | Jonathan Smith

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

We give thanks today for the fruit of our trees, vines and fields. We give thanks for the men and women whose labors produce our food and for the hands that prepare our meals. Help us to remember that everything we have comes from You. *Lord, You have done great things for us and we are glad indeed.*

We lift in prayer those without the food, shelter, work or safety that we are privileged to enjoy. We pray for relief for victims of war and other forms of violence. May world leaders be open to receiving the wisdom and humility to resolve conflicts and end violence and persecution. We remember those in prison, hospital and those who are alone today. We pray that their fears and sadness be replaced by faith and hope. May we never forget those in need. *Lord, hear our prayers.*

We give thanks for our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Associate Rector Emeritus, Marcia, our Postulants, Kiona, Mike and Rebecca, our retired Rector, Richard and for our all our staff and our lay leaders. We give thanks for our Outreach Commission and all in our parish who do so much to help others. And we welcome newcomers and visitors to our church home today. *Lord, You have done great things for us and we are glad indeed.*

We pray for healing for those among us who are ill in body, mind or spirit. We pray for Wayne, Theo, Ronald, Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Rachan, Ian, Jerry, Kristin, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell and those you name. May they know that they are loved by You and by us, Your servants. We pray for those in military service, especially Quinn Barber and Conner Warlow. We pray for our loved ones who have already departed this life, especially Michael John Clarke, and those you name. We will miss them as we gather for today's holiday but are grateful for their presence on so many other Thanksgivings. May the departed rest in peace and may we who grieve be comforted by Your presence. *Lord, hear our prayers.*

We give thanks for today's holiday and the opportunity to gather in thanksgiving with friends and family.

We are grateful for other happy occasions that members of our Christ Church family celebrate this week: especially the birthdays of Nell, Braeden, Audra, Erin, Shawn, Matthew, Terry, Dione, Jon, Hope & Emily, wedding anniversary of Linda & Ralph Stewart, and baptismal anniversaries of Kristin, Dione & Jonathan.
Lord, You have done great things for us and we are glad indeed

Lord, we thank You for our many blessings. Keep us strong in faith as we meet both the joys and challenges of our lives. We pray for peace in the world, especially in the Middle East often finding it impossible to find a safe place. Guide the leaders of all nations and factions that justice and peace may prevail throughout the world. We pray for a world that will counter hatred and violence with love and peace. We pray, Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer for peace.. May we always strive first for Your Kingdom and Your Righteousness. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION OF SIN |

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

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

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

THE PEACE |

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

People: And also with you.

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

PASSING THE PEACE | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

**I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.
Welcome and Announcements |**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN 288 | Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros-pering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

boun-teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel-low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

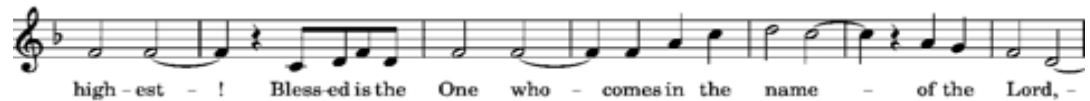
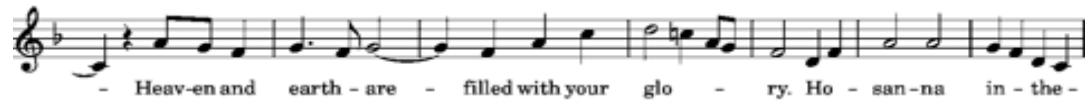
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 302 | Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted
a Dieu

Rendez

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un-to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever-more.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant

The Rev. Dr. Olivia Hilton

Lector: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Denisa Abdallah, Michon Semon, Yetti Lipede

Chalicerist: Joan Harvey

Altar Guild: Sonni Aribiah, Ivy Amponsah, Kathy Simms

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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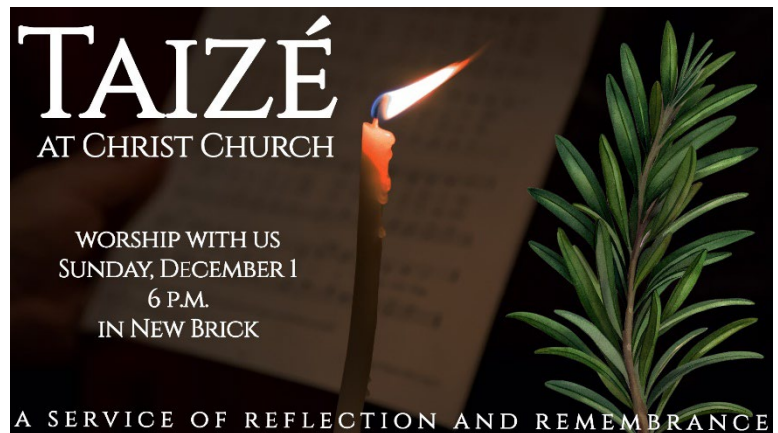


Church Office Closed – November 27 & 28

Please note that the church office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving next Thursday and Friday, and will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

Taizé - Rosemary for Remembrance This Sunday at 6 p.m. in New Brick

The weeks leading up to Christmas can be a pressured time, and frazzled nerves can cause us to get beside ourselves. In addition, the impact of losing a loved one has been felt by all of us at one time or another. To comfort us all, we encourage you to gather with us for our combination Taizé / Rosemary for Remembrance service, worship that's created to support those who have experienced loss this year, as well as those dealing with an added amount of strain or stress during the holiday season. It's a quiet, reflective worship that helps us slow down and recover ourselves, as fellow parishioners gift us with songs, reflections, and poems as we all pray together in worship and support. It's a comforting and meditative service that inspires us to lift up all of those loved ones who have left us and help each other through the hectic season ahead. Don't miss it.



Help Support Our Youth Ministry! Advent & Christmas Wreath-Making Fundraiser – This Sunday

The Christ Church Youth Ministry hosts a perfect holiday season starter, the Advent & Christmas Wreath-Making Fundraiser! We hope you'll come and support the youth's efforts as they raise funds to help their many programs and outreach initiatives. Join us in New Brick's Great Hall after the 10:30 service next Sunday, December 1st. A suggested donation of \$50 per wreath kit will help fund our Youth Ministry, but kits are free to those who volunteer for the event and they include everything you need to create a gorgeous wreath or centerpiece to help bring holiday spirit to



your home. Beverages, holiday treats, and Christmas music will be provided. If you can't make it to the Fundraiser, don't worry - we'll have ordering information around the campus soon. You can place an order, and we will make it for you! Visit <https://cecevents.org/wreaths2024> or click the QR code above.

It's an Ugly Christmas First Wednesday Fellowship! - December 4

Get your ugly Christmas sweaters out of storage and prepare for a fun FWF to cap off the year. We'll provide the main dish, but please bring side dishes and desserts to share and enjoy. Of course, this event wouldn't be complete without an Ugly Sweater Contest and a little Christmas Bingo will liven up the gang, so be sure to gather with us at 6 pm. in the Great Hall.



Christ Church Choir - Returns December 5

The Christ Church Choirs takes next week off for the Thanksgiving holiday, but returns on December 5th. rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone is welcome to join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45-7:30 p.m. and Adult Choir meets from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org, or simply come join us in New Brick on a Thursday evening.

Christ Church Book Club - Returns during Advent

The CEC Book Club just wrapped up its latest book and is planning on starting an Advent-themed one after Thanksgiving. If you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, the CEC Book Club might be 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 at 7:30 p.m. to share thoughts and have lively conversations. If you have any questions or are interested in joining us, email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Advent Quiet Day – Saturday, December 7 in Old Brick

Everyone is encouraged to join us for Advent Quiet Day, as this Christ Church tradition marks the start of the Advent season and helps us to focus and retain our perspective in these hectic weeks leading up to Christmas. We'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m. and then take part in a morning of readings, spirited discussions, shared community, and periods for quiet meditation led by the Rev. Kirk Kubicek. Our retreat then concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a very special gathering each year, and we hope you join us as we let Light enter our feelings and actions to help make this a remarkable and joyous Christmas season.



WOCC Christmas Feast - December 8

At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th, we will gather for our annual Christmas Feast at The King's Contrivance Restaurant, and we hope you'll all come! You can sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. The deadline for signing up is December 1st. Lots of other events are coming up, too - the WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick and on our website and contains all the fun events planned. Please feel free to speak to any WOCC member or email WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you need more info.