

# Christ Episcopal Church

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, October 23, 2022 • 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](http://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!

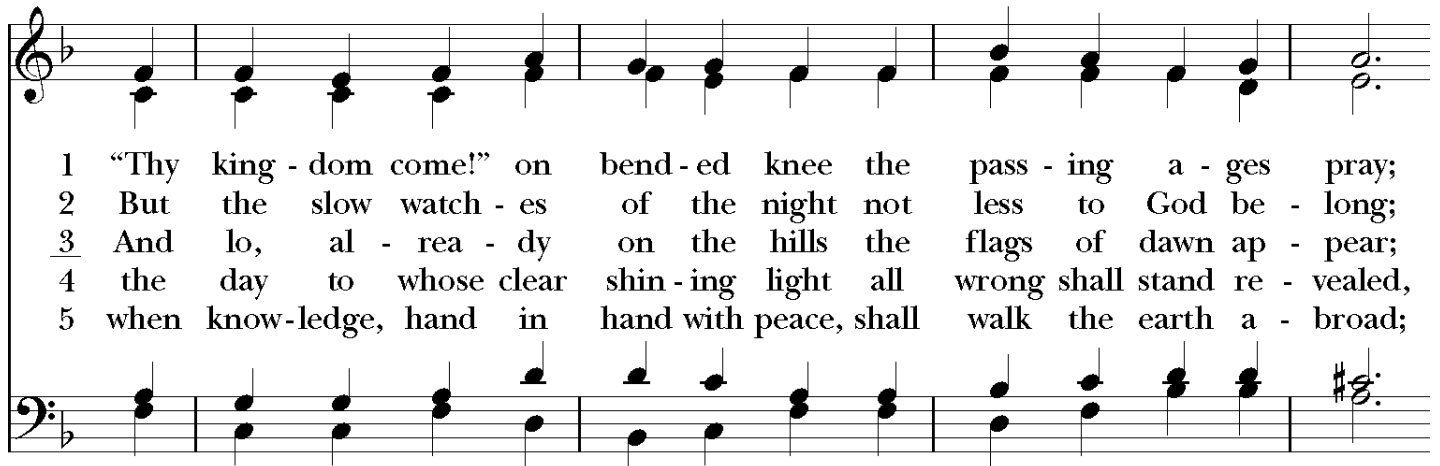
Prelude | Adagio in G minor

*Tommaso Albinoni*

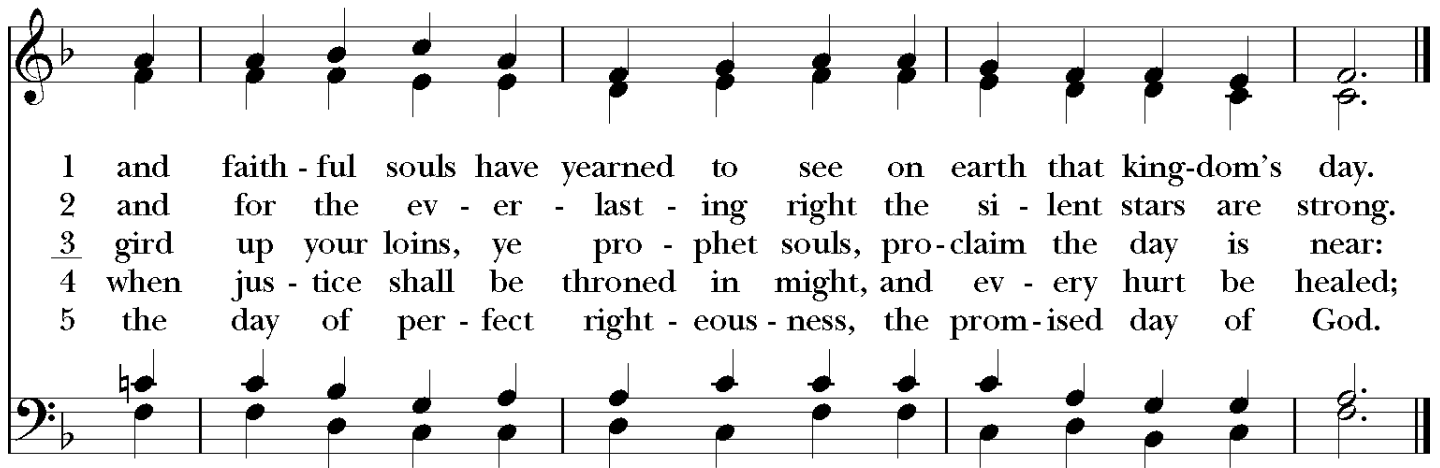
Opening Hymn | 615

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*St. Flavian*



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king-dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro-claim the day is near;  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

## 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.

## The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Reader: A reading from Jeremiah.

Although our iniquities testify against us,  
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many,  
and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel,  
its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,  
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,  
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not forsake us!

Thus says the LORD concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,  
they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the LORD does not accept them,  
now he will remember their iniquity  
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?  
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down  
so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;  
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,  
the iniquity of our ancestors,  
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;  
do not dishonor your glorious throne;  
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?  
Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?  
We set our hope on you,  
for it is you who do all this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**

*Antiphon*

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*  
**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

*Antiphon*

The Second Lesson | 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Reader: A Reading from 2 Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

*Introduction*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
 2 'Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
 fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - cred from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
 graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
 mics shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

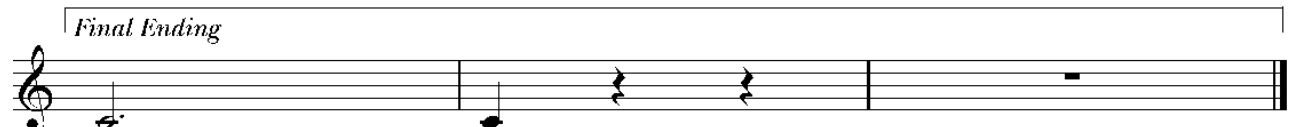
lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
 cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom-ised reign of peace.  
 earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Final Ending*



Lord.

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

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon |

The Rev. Canon Mary Sulerud

*The people stand as able.*

The Nicene Creed | BCP Page 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.**

## Prayers of the People |

As children of God, we are called to be holy and just, to serve and to love. In this way, may we relate to our community and the world, live in strength, and hope for the future. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to God's work, saying: **Lord, help us walk in humility and faith.**

We ask Your grace and guidance for all elected leaders throughout the world, that they may govern with justice and the courage to do what is right for their people. We pray for peace and the resolution of armed conflicts in our world. We pray for unity and understanding in our own country. In our church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Intern, Mike and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we remember Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In our diocese, we pray for Holy Trinity, Essex; Messiah, Baltimore; and St. Matthias', Baltimore. We lift up all who are new or visiting with us today. We pray: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

We pray that our hearts rejoice in the living God. We offer our deepest gratitude and ask Your blessing for Christ Church staff and lay leaders. We give thanks for those parishioners who have become new vestry members. We pray all our leaders may continue to do Your work with wisdom and grace wherever they may best serve You, saying: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

We pray for all those in need and those who suffer from illness of mind, body, or spirit, especially Judith, Shirley, Jim, Cynthia, Betsy, Neal, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those you now name. May they and their caregivers find their courage in You. We also pray for those in service to our country who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow. Hold us all in the palm of your hand. We pray: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

We remember all those who have left their earthly home and now abide with You, especially Cynthia Willis, and those you now name. Comfort those who mourn them with Your peace that passes all understanding. We pray: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

With grateful hearts, we rejoice in the birthdays of Amisha, Gavin, Derek, Brian, Fran, Nancy & Ellen, and baptismal anniversaries of Andrew, Stacey & Diana, and other happy occasions of this week. We thank You and pray: **Lord, help us to walk in Your ways.**

Good and gracious God, you call us to be disciples carrying out your mission. Transform us through the power of your Spirit. Open our hearts to acknowledge your many blessings, to use your gifts wisely, to share generously, to serve joyfully, to live responsibly, to be a gift to others. Help us nurture a stewardship way of life, which connects, serves, and impacts our communities. Guide us as we prayerfully discern how to give of our time, talents, and treasures, to further your kingdom on earth. We pray, Through Christ our Lord, **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.*

#### 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 |

#### Commissioning of the Members of the Vestry of Christ Church |

Jan DeBoissiere (*Sr. Warden*) • Isaac Olajide (*Jr. Warden*) • Andrew Eaton (*Treasurer*) • Ron Couch (*Registrar*)  
Denisa Abdallah • Jane Adams • Tim Beaty • John Curley • Beth Johnson • Sara Kirkpatrick  
Andrea Leeman • Ray Lyon • Diane Phillips-Laguerre • Alfred Titus-Glover

**Presenters:** We present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

**Rector:** Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God and this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called.

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of Christ Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Maryland?

**Presenters:** We believe they are.

Rector: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Vestry Members: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Vestry Members: I will, with God's help.

Rector: Let us pray.  
O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage:  
Enlighten with your grace the Members of the Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Rector: In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Members of the Vestry in this Parish.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Choral Anthem |

Give Almes of Thy Goods

Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods, and turn never thy face from any poor man,  
and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Offertory sentence, Boof of Common Prayer, from Tobit 4

O come, ye servants of the Lord  
O come, ye servants of the Lord,  
and praise His holy name  
From early morn to setting sun,  
His might on earth proclaim.  
His laws are just, and glad the heart:  
He makes His mercies known.  
Ye princes come, ye people too,  
and bow before His throne.

*The people stand as able.*

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

The Great Thanksgiving | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP Page 355

*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.**

*The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanks to God. In response we proclaim:*

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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;  
**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.  
You may receive just the bread if you prefer.  
If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.  
If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.  
If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.  
Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.*

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

*James E. Moore, Jr.*

Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Break thou the bread of life,  
 Dear Lord, to me,  
 As thou didst break the loaves  
 Beside the sea;  
 Beyond the sacred page  
 I seek thee, Lord;  
 My spirit pants for thee,  
 O living word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,  
 To me, to me,  
 As thou didst bless the bread  
 By Galilee;  
 Then shall all bondage cease,  
 All fetters fall,  
 And I shall find my peace,  
 My all in all.

Teach me to live, dear Lord,  
 Only for thee,  
 As thy disciples lived  
 in Galilee;  
 Then, all my struggles o'er,  
 Then, vict'ry won,  
 I shall behold thee, Lord,  
 The living one.

## 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 Blessing |

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



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
 2 (*Insert the stanza appropriate to the day*)  
 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.  
 and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown  
 till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.  
 a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Verse 2:

Praise for the Lord's own brother,  
 James of Jerusalem;  
 He saw the risen Savior  
 And placed his faith in him.  
 Presiding at the council  
 That set the Gentiles free,  
 He welcomed them as kindred  
 On equal terms to be.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Festal March by Florence Beatrice Price

Ola Oladipupo, organist

*Today we welcome The Rev. Canon Mary Sulerud, Interim Canon to the Ordinary.*

## PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER 23 TO OCTOBER 29

### **Sunday, October 23**

|                     |                                            |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am             | Eucharist – Old Brick                      |
| 8:30 – 9:00 am      | Breakfast – Great Hall                     |
| 9:00 – 9:30 am      | Family Service – New Brick, upper level    |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am     | Parenting Group – Great Hall               |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am     | Sunday Circle – Old Brick                  |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am     | Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am     | Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level   |
| 10:30 am            | Eucharist – 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     |
| 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.    | Confirmation Class – Zoom                  |

### **Monday, October 24**

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| 7:00 – 7:30 am | Morning Prayer Livestream |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Centering Prayer – Zoom   |

### **Tuesday, October 25**

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| 7:00 – 7:30 am    | Morning Prayer Livestream                                |
| 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level |
| 11:00 – 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                  |
| 5:00 – 6:00 pm    | Children's Choir – New Brick, upper level                |

### **Wednesday, October 26**

|                |                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| 7:00 – 7:30 am | Morning Prayer Livestream              |
| 10:00 am       | TOPS – Parish Hall, lower level        |
| 7:00 – 7:30 pm | Evening Prayer Livestream              |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm | Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – Zoom |
| 8:00 – 9:00 pm | AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level  |

### **Thursday, October 27**

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|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 – 8:30 am    | Morning Prayer Livestream                                |
| 9:00 am – 3:00 pm | Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm   | Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom                               |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm    | Bible Study – Old Brick & Zoom                           |
| 7:00 pm           | AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level                 |
| 7:00 – 9:00 pm    | Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level                      |
| 7:30 – 9:00 pm    | Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level                 |
| 7:30 – 8:30 pm    | Waterloo Al-Anon – Old Brick                             |

### **Friday, October 28**

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

### **Saturday, October 29 – Auction Day!**

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| 6:30 pm | In-Person Auction Activities begin – New Brick, lower level |
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,  
email to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Thursday morning

### This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XX

Join us at any of our three worship services... Our first service is an 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Service takes place in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and various Adult Formation gatherings at 9:30. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. This Sunday, we will welcome Canon Mary Sulerud, Interim Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Maryland. Nursery services are available in New Brick for those who need them. We continue to follow the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, which means that 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.

### Sunday School

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

### Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. Our Stewardship series continues with *Stewardship of Money*, led by The Rev. Canon Mary Sulerud, Canon for Congregational Vitality at the Diocese of Maryland. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study is also gathering in the Parish Hall Conference Room, so you have several options. Everyone is welcome to choose any of these options each Sunday. **See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information.**

### Confirmation and Inquirers Class

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

### Stewardship 2023

We recently mailed each parishioner their pledge card for 2023. We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service. We pray that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. Our in-gathering service is on Sunday, November 6th, but in the meantime, parishioners can still return their pledges **or pledge online**. You may also pick up a pledge card in the Narthex.

## 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.

## Still Looking for Help on Sunday Mornings

Christ Church is still in need of volunteers to assist us on the occasional Sunday morning. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere (Altar Guild assistance) or Yetti Lipede (Teller help), or email us at [info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org) if you might be interested or have any questions. Thank you.

## Centering Prayer - Mondays

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. 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](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

## Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. [You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.](#) 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 or email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org).

## First Wednesday Fellowship - Wednesday, November 2

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for dinner and fellowship! Our next FWF gathering will be Wednesday, November 2nd in the Great Hall of New Brick. We are looking forward to a fun evening for all ages, and hope that you'll all join us!

- 6-7 p.m. catered dinner of soup and sandwiches... [please RSVP here to ensure we have enough food!](#) Thank you.
- 7 p.m. Our activity will be Advent wreath making! One wreath form and a set of candles will be available for each family. Please bring a plate for your wreath, some garden scissors, and any greens you may have to share with others.

Please donate as you are able to assist in offsetting the cost of the meal. An average meal costs about \$15. and [you can use our online giving form](#) - just choose "Parish Life & Activities" from the FUND dropdown menu and write "FWF" in the MEMO line. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Atkins ([dandjatkings@verizon.net](mailto:dandjatkings@verizon.net)).

## Bible Study - Thursdays

This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. Bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. Thursday Bible Study is a hybrid gathering; the Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

## **The CEC Book Club - Fridays**

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

## **WOCC October News**

- **Robinson Nature Center WOCC Walk:** You're invited to join us next Wednesday, October 26th, from 12 noon to 2-ish to walk through the colorful autumn leaves at the Robinson Nature Center. The leaves should be “peaking” in color, and it’s a beautiful setting to view them. The trails are short and friendly, with lots of signs and small creeks. Bring your lunch and we’ll enjoy some conversation before setting out. If you have any questions, shoot us an email at **[wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org)**.

- **Save The Date:** Sunday, December 4th, 1:00 p.m. - Women of Christ Church Christmas Luncheon at King’s Contrivance Restaurant. Come join us for friendship and feasting at King’s Contrivance Restaurant for our Christmas Luncheon. We will be advertising the details and the menu selections soon. As usual, we will use this event to gather Christmas presents for our friends at Springfield Hospital. Hope to see you there!

- **Seafarers Donations Needed:** We will be making another trip to our friends at Seafarers in Baltimore Harbor in early November, so please bring your donations to the Seafarer’s bin in the Tower Room of New Brick by the end of October. They are in need of 2023 calendars, recent magazines, cards, warm weather hats, gloves, scarves, and socks. Thanks in advance for your support of Seafarers!

## **Seeking One or Two Volunteers to Help the Homeless on Saturday, Oct. 29th**

As winter approaches, a hot meal beckons the homeless people who live in a tent or in their vehicles within reach of the Day Resource Center (DRC) in Jessup. Typically, Christ Church serves a monthly meal at midday on Mondays, when many volunteers are working. Now the DRC is giving us a chance to volunteer on a Saturday morning.

The time is 9:30 a.m. to noon on October 29th, when one or two volunteers from Christ Church are invited to join servers from other Howard County congregations to staff the breakfast meal. The location is the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center, 10390 Guilford Rd., Jessup, MD 20794. The **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** operates the DRC on the ground floor of the center for homeless men, women, and, occasionally, their children.

A Christ Church family has already stepped forward to contribute scrambled eggs for that morning’s menu, so for the help we’re seeking, there’s no cooking involved. Instead, you might be asked to ladle the food as diners line up or to load plates in the dishwasher. A Grassroots staff member is always on hand to oversee the meal. If you want to sign up, please email **[outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org)** no later than noon on Monday, October 24th.

Besides meals, Grassroots offers services such as laundry and showers three days a week at the DRC. But one of its most important offerings is a free medical clinic, where Dr. Joseph Gagliardi relies on Christ Church for over-the-counter supplies.

Thanks to the support of parishioners who donate through the church to “General Outreach,” or to the DRC explicitly, the Outreach Commission was recently able to spend \$155 to replenish the clinic's medicine cabinet. Outreach member Dione Mahoney purchased and delivered antibiotic ointments, bathing wipes, antacids, and nutritional supplements for diabetics.

You may recall that in the summer we donated drinks to keep his patients hydrated. A hearty thanks for all these items goes to you from “Dr. G” and our DRC friends!

At Christ Church, Dione remains an assistant coordinator for the DRC along with Shahra Toth, who will become the coordinator as of our December meal on Monday, December 12th. (Thank you, Shahra and Dione!) After the midday meal on November 14th, Nancy Winchester will step down as coordinator while continuing to serve as a volunteer. (A hearty thanks to Nancy for her countless efforts over the years!) To reach any of them with questions, please email [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org).

### **Columbia Community Care Announces Restaurant Week Oct. 23-30th, Continues Its Request for Diapers, Baby-Care Items, and Depends**

Now's the time to eat out or to take out, with seven restaurants planning to donate a portion of receipts on successive days next week to benefit **Columbia Community Care** (CCC). For the particular days and hours during which each restaurant participates, please take a look at the **CCC Group on Facebook**. The participants, such as Hudson Coastal in Fulton and Silver Diner in ElkrIDGE, are being announced in a series of posts. A list of restaurants is found on CCC's flier (shown here) and on the nonprofit organization's website. Also check the site for information about how CCC helps people in the community with produce, staples, and other essentials at three distribution sites or by home deliveries.

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

### **DreamBuilders Puerto Rico Mission Trip Registration is Open, but only until October 30th!**

DreamBuilders is sending a team to Puerto Rico during January 8-14 to repair homes damaged by hurricanes. Some families have been waiting for home repairs since 2017 when Hurricane Maria devastated the island. This year, Hurricane Fiona knocked out their infrastructure again and caused more damage to Puerto Rican homes. This will be our third mission trip, working with SBP-Puerto Rico to help families get back into their homes. Registration is open now through October 30th through the DreamBuilders website: <http://www.DreamBuildersmd.org/January-2023-trip-to-puerto-rico/>. The \$700 volunteer cost covers flights, housing, food, and rental vehicles. We have reserved excellent housing a few blocks from the beach and near restaurants and shops. The average temperature in January is 80-83 degrees. All training, safety instruction/gear, and supervision are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Gold at [heycathy@verizon.net](mailto:heycathy@verizon.net).

### **DreamBuilders Local Project for the ARC of Howard County: November 12 & 13**

DreamBuilders will be renovating a group home in Columbia, replacing the kitchen floor and upgrading several damaged doorways. We need 10 volunteers each day to complete the work over a single weekend, as the residents will be relocated during the renovation. The workday will be 8:30-4:00 each day, and lunch will be provided. This project is open to youth in seventh grade and older, and adults. No experience is necessary, and all training and supervision will be provided. You can register for this project through the DreamBuilders website: [DreamBuildersMD.org](http://www.DreamBuildersMD.org). If you have any questions, contact Cathy Gold or Stacey Frith.

### **Join Us for an Interfaith Vigil for Refugees on November 13th**

Christ Church's Refugee Ministry will host *United We Pray: Interfaith Vigil for Refugees* on Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. This community service is open to people of all faiths and traditions, as we gather to show our unified support for those around the globe forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution,

or disaster. We will pray particularly for our refugee neighbors who live, work, and attend school in our communities. The service, to be held in St. John's historic church at 9120 Frederick Rd. in Ellicott City, will include readings, prayers, music, and reflections from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Quaker faith traditions.\* A light reception will follow in the adjoining All Saints Hall building immediately following the service, with the opportunity for refreshment and fellowship, and the chance to meet some of the refugee families in our area. We welcome all community members to this event, as united we pray for the plight of refugees around the world.

*\*Sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia Jewish Congregation, Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque, Patapsco Friends Meeting (Quakers of Howard County), and Christ Episcopal Church.*

### **FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies**

Our representative from **FISH of Howard County** recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Please continue donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.



# The 33rd Annual CHRIST CHURCH AUCTION

**ONLINE AUCTION**  
Begins Saturday, October 22nd

**SILENT AUCTION**  
Saturday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.

**LIVE AUCTION**  
Saturday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for a  
full week of fundraising and fun!



## Register Now!

You can log on at <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-auction> to view the Christ Episcopal Church 33rd Auction Catalog online, or scan the QR code at the bottom of this page. The Catalog contains every item that's up for bidding - some can be bid on during the week, and some are only available at our in-person Auction next Saturday, October 29th.

Be sure to register for the ability to bid so that you can start bidding right away! You can register at <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-auction-register>

## Donated Items

For those who have donated items (thank you!): please deliver your items to the lower level of New Brick on Friday, October 28th from noon to 7 p.m. or on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## Reserve Next Saturday, and Join Us for the Event of the Year!

The week-long Online Auction is only part of the fundraiser... the excitement peaks at our in-person Silent and Live Auctions next Saturday, October 29th, so you'll want to be there! We'll have exclusive items you can silently bid on and win, along with some incredible gifts that our Auctioneer, Steve Alpern, will happily award the winning live auction bidders.

We are also looking for donations of appetizers and desserts to fuel us as we bid, so if you can help, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CEC-auction-refreshments> and sign up. Thank you!

**Questions?** Email us at [auction@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auction@christchurchcolumbia.org)





## 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](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

## THANK YOU.



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