

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, January 22, 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 | Prelude from Organ Book

Jean Langlais
Ola Oladipupo, organist

Opening Hymn 529 | In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4 |

Reader: A reading from Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

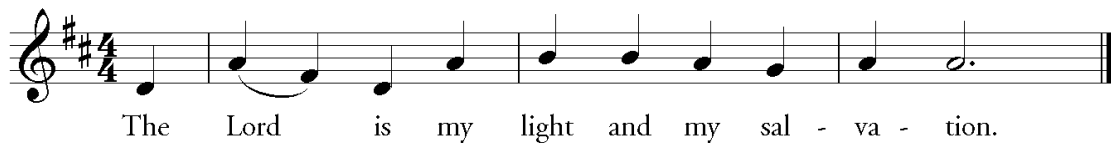
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

Psalms 27:1, 5-13 | *Dominus illuminatio*

Wie schon leuchtet



The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *

**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Antiphon

Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
 You have been my helper;
 cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Antiphon

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 |

Reader: A reading from Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right;

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Celebrant: 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 Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

The people stand as able.

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.

The Prayers of the People |

You know us, Lord. You know our strengths even when we do not see them. You know our deepest longings even when we do not speak them. You are our light in the darkness. We turn to you for guidance, comfort, and inspiration. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

You have blessed us in this country with the freedom to choose our leaders and to choose our path. Help us to always choose prayerfully, to look for Your light in our hearts to guide our actions. With You, all things are possible! May the beacon of Your light be especially visible to our bishops, Michael, Eugene, and John; our Rector, Manny; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our seminarian associate, Mike; our deacon postulant, Rebecca; and our retired rector, Richard; and all those in our government with the ability to touch our lives. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

In the Anglican Communion of Prayer, we pray for The Church of North India (United). In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for All Saints', Frederick; Harriet Chapel, Catoctin Parish and Grace, Brunswick. We pray for and thank You for all visitors and newcomers sharing in our worship today. May we reveal Your light in us to each other. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

We pray for those who are hurting in any way. We pray for those we minister to with our outreach. We pray for each other, especially Fr. Ginnever, Niambi, Lexi, Zeyneb, Denny, Samuel, Lucas, Shirley, Andy, Cynthia, Neal, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those we now name. We ask you to protect and guide those from our parish family who serve in harm's way, especially Conner Warlow and Kevin DeBoissiere. We pray

for the strength to keep our eyes open and searching for Your light. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

We pray for those who have journeyed to You ahead of us. May we celebrate their peace in Your presence and console each other in our sadness. We pray especially for Oyewumi Tomori, and those we now name. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

We celebrate the many reasons You give us to feel joy, especially for the birthdays we celebrate this week: Nathan, Aislinn, Brandi, Ann, Preethi, Barbara, Johanna & Cindy. We celebrate Your grace moving among us that moves our hearts and hands to provide beauty in the practical aspects of our worship service, clean shelter, warmth, music, and the written word. Help us to never take these things for granted. Help us to keep our eyes on You. **Lord, shine in our hearts.**

In this season of Epiphany we are reminded that You are the Light we see in our moments of clarity. Let Your brilliance shine through each of us in all that we do! **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 | My Eyes for Beauty Pine

Arlen Clarke

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.

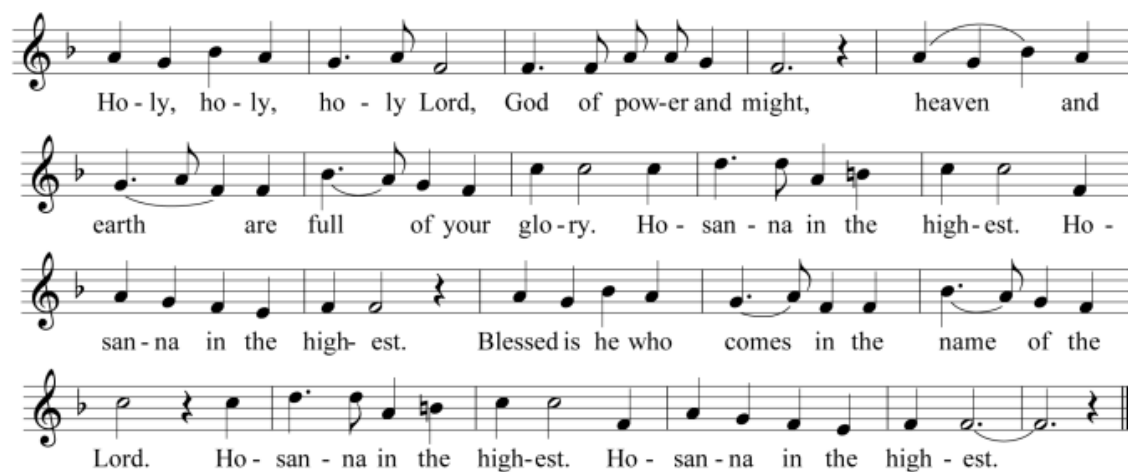
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

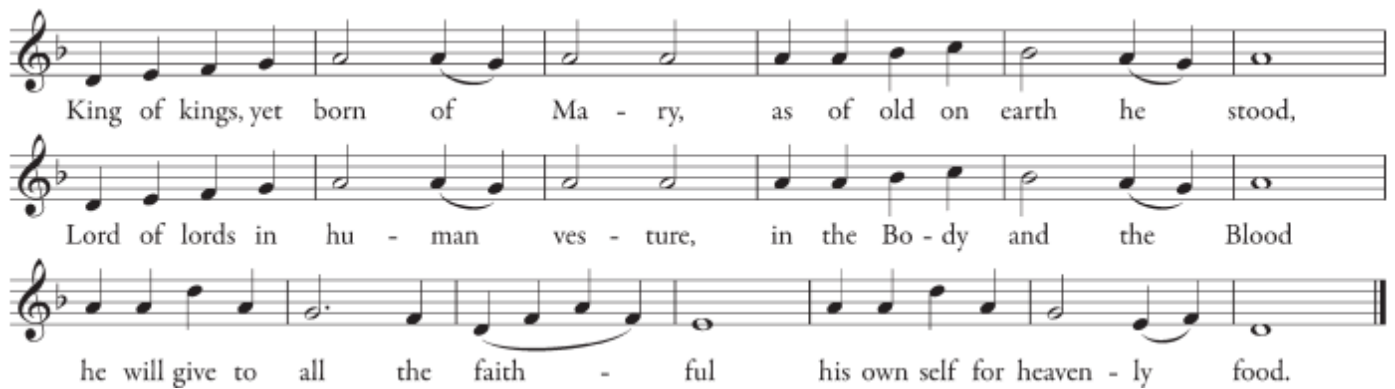
The Breaking of the Bread |

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

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

Fraction Anthem Hymn 324 (v. 2) | King of King

Picardy



Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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 |

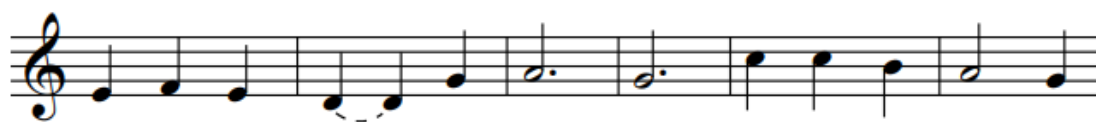
The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.**



1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2. I want to see — the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3. I'm look-ing for — the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run — with pa-tience the race, we



star of my life — is Je - sus. In him there is no
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy — of Je - sus.



dark-ness at all. The night and the day — are both a-like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Dismissal |

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude | Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbe

PARISH CALENDAR
JANUARY 22 TO JANUARY 28

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom

Wednesday, January 25

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 – 11:00 am	Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Parish Hall, lower level
12:00 pm	Noonday Service – Old Brick
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, January 26

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
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, January 27

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 10:00 pm	Men of Christ Church Bowling – Bowlero Columbia
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, January 28

11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 8:00 pm	Event Rental – Old Brick
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 III at Christ Church

Epiphany continues with three worship services this Sunday - the first is our Old Brick Eucharist at 8 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.

Sunday School

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

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. with a presentation titled *Exploring the Ministry of Deacons*. You can also join us virtually for this gathering; [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is **847 9910 4117**, and the Password is **AFSC**. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. 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.](#)

Centering 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](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Noonday Worship in Old Brick - Wednesdays

Noonday worship is back each week at Christ Church! Every Wednesday, we get together at 12 noon in Old Brick for a Eucharist with healing, so come and join us for this midweek gathering.

Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

C'mon, all you singers! 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

The CEC Book Club is back and gathering Friday evenings 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, this is the time to join us! Just [email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.hoke@efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **817 9855 4366** and Password is **CECBooks**

We Need Your Lenten Meditation Book Submissions

For 20 years, Christ Church has compiled a Lenten Meditation Book, distributed to our parishioners on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday. The LMB is created with love and designed to assist us all in times of quiet contemplation, by sharing our thoughts and preparing ourselves for rebirth and renewal at Easter. Our Communications Administrator posts these each weekday during Lent on our Christ Church website to share them with the world, along with uplifting musical selections on Saturdays.

To accomplish these goals, **we must have all your submissions in by February 5th** to put this publication together and to have it up on our website, which is viewed by thousands of individuals worldwide during Lent.

That means we have a 4-week timeframe to compose and submit your prayers, songs, stories, poems, readings, or personal reflections. We also include your favorite inspirational pieces by writers or theologians. You can submit these by name or anonymously - your choice. There are some copies of last year's LMB in the Narthex for you to take or examine as a guide for examples of submissions. You can also visit christchurchcolumbia.org/lenten-meditations and read last year's daily reflections. All contributors will be listed and acknowledged at the conclusion of the booklet. Submit by email to: efboudreau1@gmail.com, by text message to 301-452-7115, or place it in the Spiritual Life mailbox in the Church office. Questions: call Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115. Thank you ever so much!

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.

Our Sunday Services Need Your Help

We are in need of more ushers, chalicists, 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 TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED, so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers:** welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (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 Lipede at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Coffee Hour

We are always looking for Coffee Hour hosts for the 8:30 a.m. (in Old Brick) and the 9:30 a.m. (in New Brick) gatherings. **The sign-up sheet is online** and you are welcome to sign up for one, or for both! 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 couples, or with another family. Ministries are also encouraged to sign up. 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.

Revised Christ Church Directories are Available

Recently, the Christ Church Parish Directory was updated, and copies are available. You can contact the church office for a printed copy by emailing office@christchurchcolumbia.org.

We're Starting a Podcast!

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 now getting underway, 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, Toni Summerell**, or email Chris at communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

WOCC January News

The WOCC started the year running, and at our January meeting, we set the calendar chock full of fun events for 2023. We are letting everyone recuperate for the remainder of January, and will then start in February with Heart Health Month, and on February 12th we will participate in *Wear Red for Heart Health* awareness. We ask for pictures of people wearing red to be provided by next Friday, January 27th. Email them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org and we'll assemble them into a collage for the website, Narthex display, and a February edition of *Gatherings*.

Other activities in the coming months will include a Labyrinth meditation walk, Robinson Nature Center walk, and Spring Tea, as well as an attempt to work a Toby's Dinner Theater evening into our plans. Look for details in upcoming news and information bulletins, and come and join us for these events. If you have other good ideas, share them with us! And be sure to join us for our February meeting on the 6th at 1:00 p.m. A link will be sent out the last week of January. Please try to join us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the members or officers: Cathy Gold, president; Shahra Toth, VP; Cindy Read, secretary; Suzanne Ziobro, treasurer; Mary Vail, chaplain.

2023 Pledge Envelopes

Unfortunately, production issues have delayed the shipment of our 2023 donation envelopes. We are awaiting an update from the vendor, and when we receive one there will be an announcement detailing when and where they will be made available for pickup. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the church office.

Pledge for 2023

At Christ Church, we are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who continually support our ministry of faithful service, and we pray that each of you will prayerfully consider your contribution to Christ Church for this calendar year. You can bring your pledge cards to church with you at any time, pick up and complete a pledge card in the Narthex, or [pledge online](#) (choose "Pledge for 2023" in the *FUND* dropdown menu). Thank you very much for your support of our vital common life.

The MOCC's January Events

At our holiday dinner in December, we had a great time reconnecting and enjoyed everyone's company. The food was great and so was the conversation, as we discussed various ways that the MOCC can begin to impact our local community. There was a lot of energy around us getting together on a more regular basis, and we're excited to see how MOCC can grow in 2023.

The next event for the MOCC calendar is a bowling night next Friday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Bowlero Columbia, 7100 Carved Stone Road. Men of all ages are encouraged to join us! Let us know you're coming by speaking with Duane Smith or emailing MOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org



A Group of Disabled Young Adults and Children Enjoy a Christmas Party and More at Philip's House in Kampala, Uganda

Christ Church continues to support Philip's House, which last month held a Christmas celebration for its disabled residents. The home for young adults and several children in Kampala, Uganda, operates on a tight budget, which means the gathering – and the gifts – would have been impossible without you.

Philip's House was founded by a friend and colleague of parishioners Teddy and Sonni Aribiah. The founder, Jan Smart, established the home as a memorial to her late brother, Philip, who was disabled. It is located on the grounds of an orphanage where Teddy grew up and, during her most recent trip to Uganda, Teddy made a point to visit Philip's House (*above photo*).

The most recent contribution by Christ Church was approved by the Outreach Commission at its November meeting. We sent \$500 in Vestry-approved funds so that Philip's House could plan for Christmas and purchase a few other essentials.

“We always have many additional unexpected expenses that are needed for the well-being of our children. Your gift will be used for medical supplies and a Christmas dinner for the children. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of these beautiful children,” responded Tami Hoffman, director of the **Hoffman Family Foundation**, which oversees Philip's House operations.

Previously Christ Church donated \$500 in 2021 and made a strategic contribution of \$1,770 in the summer of 2020, at a time when the coronavirus pandemic had hampered the staff in obtaining a reliable food supply for Philip's House. The funds were used to build a sturdy garden fence. After that, staff and residents could grow their own without fear of losing the produce to theft or animals. On Teddy's visit, it was clear the fenced garden had thrived.

Providing sufficient food for vulnerable residents is no small matter. At the height of the pandemic, Philip's House chose to stretch funds and preserve adequate staffing by forgoing meat during the special Sunday meal. The menu remained special by including matoke, a banana dish that is beloved in Uganda. Bananas are among the crops in the fenced garden. “Their collective decision to not eat meat on Sundays truly humbled me and made me think about my own privilege,” said Jan Smart, who has updated the Outreach Commission on Zoom about progress at Philip's House.

Columbia Community Care Offers Volleyball Clinics for Youth as Part of Its Health & Healing Initiative

To provide greater opportunities for girls who might not otherwise get to develop skills in sports, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) has resumed a volleyball program that was popular during the summer. On Mondays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., CCC offers “Key Elements” at the Columbia Association’s Supreme Sports Club, 7080 Deepage Dr., Columbia, MD 21045. The program is part of CCC’s Health & Healing initiative. Please spread the word.

“Our amazing volleyball program features an individual/small group tailored experience taught by collegiate volleyball athletes...The program will prepare participants for the high school level or club volleyball,” says the CCC website. Referring to its summer session, CCC says most of its participants made their high school teams and all participants made huge strides in their skills, teamwork, and confidence.”

The program is for ages 10 to 18 and costs \$25. For information, please text 410-868-6858.

The Health & Healing initiative is among four categories of **CCC programs**, which include Essential Resources, Liberation Education, and Purpose Pathways.

The Outreach Commission asks parishioners to continue supporting CCC, which updates its needs and volunteer opportunities on the **CCC Group on Facebook**. In general, please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Leigh Smith has become our representative, taking parishioners’ donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays.

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 its 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.





What Is Your Destiny?

A Saint Bernard crashes the Gospel reading during a sunset Eucharist on the beach. A home renovation crew clad in paint-splattered work clothes does morning yoga stretches. Roosters crow: at 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m. Cars swerve every 50 feet to avoid crater-like potholes on sand-encroached roads. A pack of stray dogs scarfs down sandwich crusts alongside an alligator-infested river. A young man with a broad smile inquires, “What is your destiny?”

Sound like a bizarre night of dreams?

Well, “dreams” were involved, in a way—**DreamBuilders**, to be specific. But these actual memories evolved from my recent mission trip to Puerto Rico the first week of January. All told, 16 “deacons,” including our Seminarian Associate Mike Looney, parishioner and DreamBuilders Team Leader Cathy Gold, and myself, traveled to this U.S. territory to repair homes devastated by hurricanes.

Okay, not all technically or officially deacons, but certainly deacons in the most essential part of the title: people called to serve the various needs of the world, especially outside the doors of the church. Those needs were painfully evident in the Puerto Rican towns of Luiza, Carolina, and Juncos, where our group worked alongside the staff of **SBP**, the disaster relief organization charged with helping to rebuild homes in these underserved communities. Communities where blue tarps still sit atop wind-ravaged rooftops, thousands still await promised insurance money and FEMA funding, and hundreds remain on SPB’s waitlist since Hurricane Maria struck in 2017.

Our mostly unskilled but mighty DreamBuilders renovation team comprised members from five Maryland congregations: our own Christ Church Columbia, St. Marks Highland, Temple Isaiah Fulton, Trinity Elkridge, and Ascension Westminster. We worked for nearly a week: chipping concrete, laying tile, installing cabinets, and painting fences, among other tasks. We cooked, dined, and cleaned up together, commiserated with each other about 2:30 a.m. garbage pickups, worshipped together at an Episcopal Eucharist and a Jewish Shabbat service, and enjoyed the beauty of the tropics.

I used muscles I forgot I had. And I do not exaggerate in saying I performed more manual labor in five days than ever before in my life. Each night, I collapsed into bed, sore and exhausted. But each morning, roused by squawking roosters and squalling cats, I awoke refreshed and ready to return to work.

Christian, our SBP leader who asked us each day, “What is your destiny?”, is, at the tender age of 24, one of the most inspiring people I’ve served with. His infectious energy and enthusiasm eased even the misery of scraping and painting and repainting an aged and battered wrought iron fence, complete with intricate curves and extremely hard-to-reach surfaces.

As a deacon, I could offer a ready answer to his question. But I sensed in its origins a broader challenge: to stretch outside our comfort zones, to reflect on our motivations, to search deep within for *more*. More than usual. More than ordinary. More than self.

That challenge resonated throughout my time there—and transpired for me one particular day when we met one of the homeowners, 77-year-old Orlando. Orlando has been staying with relatives since 2017 when Maria’s rage rendered his home uninhabitable. He greeted us with a smile as he walked into his house to inspect the progress. He nodded as he passed from room to room. And finally, he said, “I am the king of this castle.” And we heartily agreed, grateful to play a small part in restoring his castle to its full glory.

Indeed, we are all the kings and queens of our own castles, no matter how small or large, cramped or spacious, simple or adorned. But we are also all beloved brothers and sisters within God’s great kingdom on Earth—co-inhabitants in this vast yet interconnected Creation—all called to help each other live our best lives.

Mission trips are planned to help those in need. But I will tell you that I received as much blessing as I gave during this trip, perhaps more. Blessing in connections with passionate young people dedicated to serving their community, proud of their homeland, and welcoming and inclusive of all. Blessing in work alongside fellow Christians and Jews and non-affiliated missionaries who yearn to serve those waiting so long for restoration and healing. Blessing in a sense of community that transcends borders, crosses oceans, and embraces differences in race, religion, ethnicity, and culture—all working together for the common good.

We are all deacons in a sense, members of the **Diakonia of all Believers**. “Diakonia is a Greek word that means caring for those in need, carrying out God’s vision in word, action, and in attending to all of God’s creation. In today’s world where power can be determined by wealth, but resources only available to some, healing and transformation are possible if we examine that call to diakonia.”

Even in our disconnected and divided world, healing and transformation *are possible*, if we are open to examining the call. They are also mutual: As we minister to those in clear need, they minister to us, in ways perhaps harder to put into words. What blessings we create when we resist labeling things “impossible”—and open ourselves to the possible.

-Denise



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