



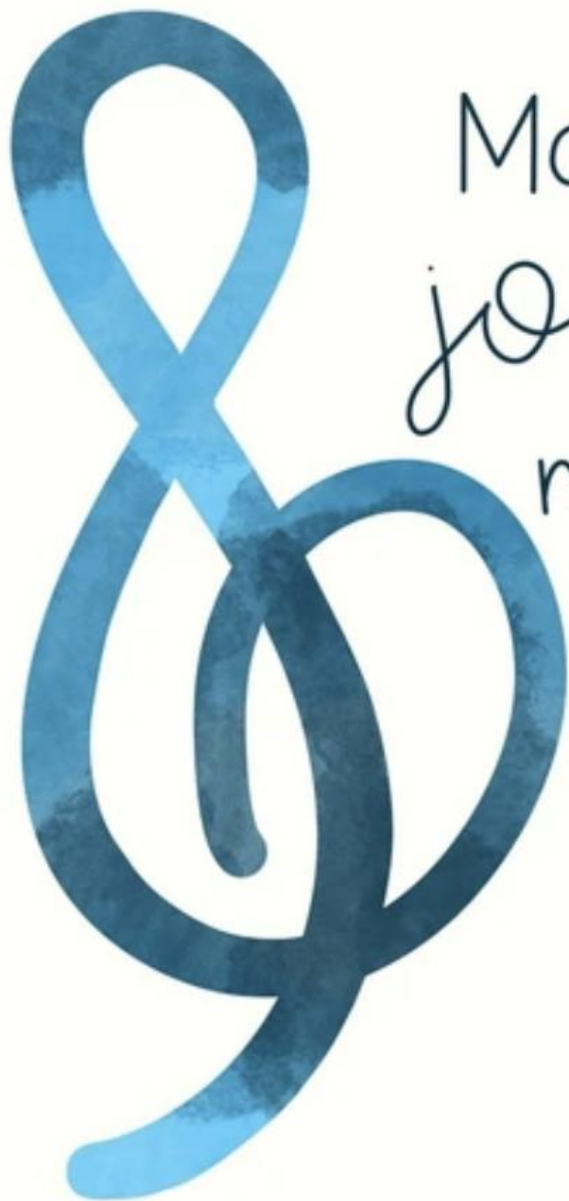
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EXTENDING THE LOVE AND EMBRACE OF CHRIST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:00 & 10:30 A.M.

Sunday, June 14, 2026 | Third Sunday after Pentecost



Make a
joyful
noise unto
the
Lord
Psalm 100:1

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church:
www.christchurchcolumbia.org.

This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

Descant

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

Celebrant: Blessed by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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**

GLORIA S280 | Glory to God

Robert Powell

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 OF THE DAY |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 | Exodus 19:2-8a

Reader: A reading from Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 100 | *Jubilate Deo*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

THE EPISTLE | Romans 5:1-8

Reader: *A reading from Romans.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS 67 | I Love the Lord

Traditional, arr. Richard Smallwood

1. I love the Lord, He heard my
2. I love the Lord, He heard my

1. cry and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan.
2. cry and pit - ied ev - 'ry groan.

1. ___ Long as I live ___ and trou - bles rise, ___
 2. ___ O let my heart ___ no more des - pair ___

1. ___ I'll has - ten to ___ His throne.
 2. ___ while I have breath ___ to pray.

THE GOSPEL | Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

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

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts,

no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

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Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending

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

13

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

Alk 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 worshipped 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 |

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting. His faithfulness endures from age to age. Help us to remain strong in our faith and love of You, Lord. **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia. In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for St. Andrew's, Pasadena, St. Anne's Annapolis and St. James', Lothian. We pray our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop Carrie; our rector, Emmanuel; Clergy; Richard & Marcia, and Seminarian, Yehinuel, our Parish Administrator, Yetti, our IT Guru, Chris, and our Music Director, Larissa, who have helped us stay connected and to find peace and comfort. We pray for Richard, our retired Rector. We pray for all politicians and leaders making decisions in our lives. We ask you to guide them in their work. Guide us to have tolerance and respect whichever political side we are on. **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East. We ask for an end to the bombing and destruction in Lebanon. We pray for an end to famine and Civil War in the Sudan. We ask for improved healthcare in impoverished areas in Africa and Asia and especially better childhood immunizations to combat a measles epidemic in Bangladesh. We pray for better irrigation methods and crop yield for all people on earth. We hope for adequate shelter for all who are on the margins of our economic systems. Lord help us to meet these critical needs. **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for all who work in healthcare. We pray for all who are sick or are caring for anyone sick, especially Ashley, Kimberly, Lisa, Rita, Steve, Jim, Kaci, MaryAnn, Alta, Mark, Brandon, Clarence, Diane, Mildred, Kayode, Rachan & Sherry. We pray for all who have died, and entered eternal life, especially for Nell Boynton and those you now name. **HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Help those who feel the heavy burden of the loss of a loved one, loss of a job or a business. Help us to appreciate the good and beautiful things and people in our lives and to find ways to celebrate. We will have light in our lives and happiness, if we hold on to each other and to our hope in You, Lord.

HEAR OUR PRAYER

We give thanks for the wonderful people in our congregation who shared so much of their time and talent with us. We are also thankful for our caring and talented teachers of Sunday School and Youth Group leaders and celebrate their work with our young people this past year. We celebrate birthdays, wedding anniversaries and baptismal anniversaries this week with Elizabeth, Marquis, Becky, Yetti, Maria & Nathaniel, Jan & Tom DeBoissiere and Carolann & Donald Sawyer and Jason, Emily & Brett.

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Send us out into the World in peace, Lord and with a song in our hearts. **AMEN**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION |

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.**

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 |

Please scan to give.





1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll



caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 3 |

Old 100th

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



THE HOLY COMMUNION



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, - ho - ly, ho - ly -
- ho - ly - Lord God - of hosts -
- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in - the - high - est -
! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name -
- of the Lord, - of the Lord -
- Ho - san - na - in the high -
est, Ho - san - na in - the - high - est.

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."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

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

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

organ

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.



Verses



I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the



peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will



save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - si - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain



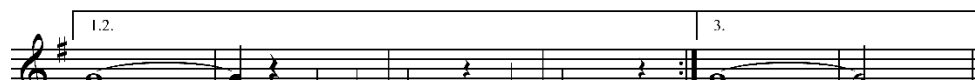
Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have



heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____



_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my



heart. _____ heart. _____

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

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

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING |

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

CLOSING 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;

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;

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.

THE DISMISSAL |

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

POSTLUDE |

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Assisting in Worship Today

Altar Guild

Ivy Amponsah, Sonni Aribiah, Jai Jones, Kathy Simms

8:00 a.m. Service

Chalicer:

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Usher: Michon Semon, Nancy Winchester

10:30 a.m. Service

Acolytes : Shreya Chrzanowski, Daniel Jackson, Wynstan Eguakun

Chalicer: Cheryl Lucente

Lector/Reader: Greg Schuckman

Lumen Christi Dancers: Peggy Hoffman, Phung Chau, Marcia Freeman, Doris Titus-Glover,
Allison Davis, Veronica Ivey, Shahra Toth, Sharon Werth, Suzanne Ziobro

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

Tellers

Bill Kirkpatrick, Phil Wright

MOCC'S
Spring Family
BBQ & PICNIC

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MOON BOUNCE! BURGERS! FUN, FUN, FUN! Get ready for sunshine, smoky grills, and good vibes all around!
We're firing up the barbecue and bringing the heat for a day full of food, friends, and fellowship.

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 14
1-4 PM

Please help make our annual event even better!
Scan the QR code to see how you can help

PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 14 – 20, 2026

Sunday, June 14

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
9:00 am	Family Service
8:45 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick, LL
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, UL
11:00 – 11:30 am	Coffee Hour - Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) – Parish Hall, CR & Zoom
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Wang Recital – New Brick, UL
5:00 – 8:00 pm	McKay Recital – New Brick, UL
4:30 – 7:30 pm	Total Restoration Church – Old Brick & Parish Hall, LL

Monday, June 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
5:45 – 6:45 pm	Refugee Leadership Meeting – Zoom
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – Parish Hall, LL
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom

Tuesday, June 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:00 am– 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour - Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Larissa Juneteenth Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 9:30 pm	300 Yr Communications Committee Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, June 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Theology on Tap (ToT) – Frisco & the Reckless Shepherd

Thursday, June 18

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Healing Eucharist – Old Brick
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Hour – Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Larissa Juneteenth Rehearsal – New Brick, UL
6:30 – 9:00 pm	Education for Ministry (EfM): Fast Track – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, LL

Friday, June 19

All Day	Office Closed
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Juneteenth Concert – New Brick, UL
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream

Saturday, June 20

9:30 – 11:30 am	MOCC Breakfast – Silver Diner, Elkridge
12:00 – 2:00 pm	WOCC High Tea Event – Kae Pearl Tea Room, Sykesville
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, LL
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Altar Guild prep



ANNOUNCEMENTS



If you have an announcement to share with the church,
Please send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR ALL OF THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS & LINKS

Spring Family BBQ & Picnic - This Sunday after Church

The Men of Christ Church's Spring Family BBQ & Picnic is this Sunday, June 14. This no-charge event is a new MOCC fellowship gathering that connects generations and celebrates our church family. All ages are welcome - there will be a moon bounce for the children, and fun, food, and drink for everyone. Their raffle drawing has also been moved, which means you still have time to get in on it! Tickets are \$10 each, and three for \$20. That's right - if you buy two tickets, you get one free, which sounds like a pretty good deal. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the winner and supporting MOCC Outreach programs and events. Speak with Duane, Ed, Sonni, or any MOCC member today. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

A Special Juneteenth Concert - Next Friday, June 19

Please join us for a Juneteenth concert in the New Brick Sanctuary on Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. "Breaking the Chains" will feature the Caritas Vocal Ensemble, accompanied by our music director, Larissa Sanders, performing works by Black composers centered on themes of justice, freedom, and the ongoing fight for equality. Proceeds from this concert will benefit the Music Ministry at Christ Church and the Howard County Center for African American Culture. A light reception will follow.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, June 20

Join us for French toast and fellowship - the MOCC breakfast is a monthly tradition, and in April, it will take place on Saturday, April 18th. Set your GPS to Silver Diner at 8250 Gateway Overlook Drive in Columbia. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., and all ages are welcome. You can also set a calendar reminder on your phone for every third Saturday of a month, for that's when we meet up for this tasty start to our weekend.

The WOCC Summer Tea - Saturday, June 20 – MUST SIGN UP TODAY

A beloved annual event is back for 2026, and everyone is welcome to join us! The WOCC are hosting their Summer Tea on Saturday, June 20 at 11:00, so make your reservations with us as soon as possible. We gather at the Kate Pearl Tea Room in Sykesville for a few hours of delicious fruit, scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, sweets, and of course, delicious TEA! This year, the cost for the event is \$44., which includes gratuity and all charges. The deadline for signing up is June 14, and you can do so in the Narthex of New Brick or by emailing WOCC@ChristChurchColumbia.org and letting them know you are interested. You can then process payment by placing a check or cash in an envelope into the teapot on the table in the Narthex, or by paying online via Realm (select the WOCC fund and write "Tea" in the memo line). Carpooling is also available, so if you would like to do this, please speak with any WOCC member or email us at the address above. We look forward to having you join us!

LAST CHANCE - VBS&CC is Almost Here!

Christ Church's Vacation Bible School and Choir Camp takes place this summer from Monday, June 22, to Friday, June 26, and gathers daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. Then, after the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service on June 28, we'll have a wonderful ice cream celebration for all VBS&CC participants! At VBS&CC, children will enjoy a week of Bible stories, music, science, crafts, games, and making new friends and seeing old ones! Snacks, lunch, and refreshments are served daily, and the program is staffed by our wonderful Christ Church parishioners, many of whom have been a part of VBS and our Choir for years.

The registration form for VBS&CC can be completed here. If you have multiple children to register, please complete a separate form for each child. The tuition is \$30/child or \$75/family, and **you can process your tuition payment here.** Volunteers are also needed, so join us and have fun! **Please email us** if you'd like to assist with the program or have any questions.

Interested in Learning About EfM? This Might Be Your Chance to Join this Rewarding Program

Education for Ministry at Christ Church (EfM) is a rewarding long-term program, a unique, small-group series based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service. The first few years of EfM at Christ Church have been extremely insightful for its participants, many of whom have experienced unexpected yet beautifully transformative experiences while gaining friendships with others in the study group. Starting now, they're opening a few extra participant spots for next season for both sessions, which begin towards the end of this summer. Even if you're currently unsure whether it's the right fit for you, now is the time to ask questions and learn as much as you can from its current participants, so you can make an informed and prayerful decision. Learn more by visiting www.christchurchcolumbia.org/efm, and by speaking with Mother Marcia Davenport at church.

Crab Feast - An Annual FWF Extravaganza! - July 1

The most anticipated First Wednesday Fellowship of the year comes in July, so get your crab-eatin' bibs ready! On Wednesday, July 1, at 6 p.m., we'll host our annual Crab Feast just outside the Great Hall of New Brick, and everyone is invited, no matter what your age is!

The cost is:

- \$30 for 6 crabs
- \$20 for a stocked plate of juicy BBQ
- \$45 for a combo plate (BBQ & crab)
- BYOB

Please note that you **MUST** pre-order, as this is a catered event! Orders are due by June 21, and **you can pay via Realm** (write "Crab/BBQ" in the memo line), check, or cash. The BBQ menu will include ribs, smoked chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, hot dogs, and corn on the cob.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. Be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Christ Church Book Club is On Summer Break

The CECBC has started its summer break, but if you're interested in joining a new book discussion group this fall, let us know! The Christ Church Book Club is an informal online conversation that selects a book and discusses it as a group for about an hour a week, each person offering diverse perspectives and experiences. Email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know that you're interested, or just log on later this year - everyone is welcome to take part, and we always welcome a few more participants!

Noonday Healing Eucharist - Thursdays

Throughout the year, Christ Church offers a midday Healing Eucharist on Thursdays in Old Brick. A member of our clergy leads this service of readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Parishioners and community members are all welcome to join in a prayerful time in the presence of God, and to share in the wonderful mystery of God's love whilst we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones. Please come in to reflect, pray, and participate in a service held in our beautiful, historic chapel.

Learn More About Your Parish - Read the Monthly Vestry Meeting Minutes

To help provide complete transparency with our parish family, we have decided to provide the minutes from each monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry. **You can read a PDF of the latest Vestry meeting minutes here.** If you have any questions or wish to discuss something with a Vestry member, please stop by the Vestry Table at church on any Sunday morning.

Provide Eucharist to Those Unable to Travel to Church as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor

This year, we have had more people request **Communion to You**, a service Christ Church provides to bring Eucharist to homebound parishioners. To fulfill this need, we require a few more Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). If you're interested in helping with this vital ministry, please speak with Kathy Lyon at church or contact the Church Office. And if you require this service for yourself or someone you know, **please fill out this brief form**, or call the Church Office. We will ensure that Communion gets there.

We Need More Help at Christ Church!

There are many roles in the church that most people don't think of regularly – or at all. However, the truth is that it requires a great deal of work by many people to keep Christ Church the well-run parish that it is. You can help your church by volunteering to be a Reader, Chaliceist, Teller, the Inreach Ministry, or by assisting the Christ Church Altar Guild. None of these requires weekly assistance - both only require a short amount of time every few weeks or so, but the impact you have on the entire parish is significant. For those specifically interested in the Altar Guild, please email **altarguild@christchurchcolumbia.org** or speak with Pam Foreman or any other Altar Guild member setting up on Sunday mornings. If you want to know more about the Inreach Ministry, please speak with Michon Semon at church, complete the brief form at **cecevents.org/Inreach**, or email us at **inreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**, and we will get you started. For those interested in assisting as a Reader, Chaliceist, or Teller, please call the Church Office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org** or speak with Yetti.

Coffee Hour is Back!

We are looking for people and ministries to occasionally help host the Coffee Hour that follows our 10:30 New Brick worship. This takes place in the Elevator Room of the Narthex right after worship concludes, is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, and is a fantastic way to get to know your fellow parishioners. We simply gather for a few minutes to refresh ourselves before heading out to our weekend's other obligations. You can sign up at **cecevents.org/Coffee**.

You can provide Coffee Hour by yourself, as a family, or with other parishioners, but we are ideally looking for three individuals, one family, or one CEC ministry to provide Coffee Hour each Sunday, as this will help lighten the load. In fact, if we get just half of our parishioners volunteering, we should each only need to do this about once a year, so many hands make light work (and this is flavorful, as work goes!)

All you need to do is provide snacks (homemade or store-bought), brew the coffee (we provide the machinery), and help clean up afterward. Training can be provided, and we'll give you a list of snack ideas if you wish. Questions? Please contact the church office at **office@christchurchcolumbia.org**, or call 410.381.9365. **Thank you!**

Sunday School is Out for the Summer – and THANK YOU!

This Sunday, we wrapped up another successful program year of Sunday School, so today, Christ Church would like to share a heartfelt THANK YOU...

...to Miss Jenn, and every one of our Sunday School leaders and assistants - we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and creativity you invest in shaping the next generation. Thank you so much for your dedication, patience, and the love you pour into teaching our children every single week.

...to the parents of our Sunday School students - thank you so much for trusting us with your beautiful children and for partnering with us to support their faith journey this year. We are incredibly grateful for your constant encouragement, flexibility, and support, which make our Sunday School community so special. We deeply appreciate the commitment it takes to bring your children each week; your dedication at home is truly the foundation of everything we do.

...most of all, to the wonderful children! It is you who brought your bright smiles, energy, and curious hearts to Sunday School. We are so incredibly proud of you for learning, sharing, and growing in your faith with us each and every week. Sunday School just wouldn't be the same without your joy, enthusiasm, and laughter!

We'll share registration forms for the 2026-27 Sunday School program year in a month or so, but until then, enjoy the warm weather and long days that summer brings. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Do You Have a Green Thumb? Help Columbia Community Care to Tend Its Garden Plot at Freetown Farm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Columbia Community Care (CCC) invites volunteers to help cultivate its garden plot at Freetown Farm, 8000 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, Md., 21044, in partnership with **Community Ecology Institute** (CEI).

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance for slots on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m., on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. Go online to this **CEI signup form** to register for a slot, and choose “general volunteer” under “group.”

CCC encourages both novice and experienced gardeners to help “plant, weed, and maintain this source of fresh, nutritious food for local Howard County families.”

How Yams, Cupcakes or Chocolate Milk Can Make Someone’s Day at the DRC

Our team of Christ Church volunteers arrived on Monday, June 8th, at the Day Resource Center (DRC) to serve a hot midday meal and to replenish DRC’s pantry. They were eagerly anticipated by diners at the facility, which the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center** operates to help county residents who are homeless or struggling to make ends meet.

Team leader Shahra Toth reported that DRC’s vegetarian diners relished the sweet potatoes, hominy, salads and other menu options. Anyone with a sweet tooth delighted in the desserts, especially Suzanne Ziobro’s cupcakes decorated with summer-themed sprinkles and tiny beach umbrellas (see photos). And those who depend on the DRC’s pantry welcomed the option to choose shelf-stable milk boxes in either plain or chocolate flavors.

The congregation can take credit for that choice of milk. The Outreach Commission approved spending \$170 for a total of 180 8-oz boxes – of which one-third were chocolate milks at the DRC’s request. As previously reported, the delivery also included Spam and other canned meats. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to “General Outreach.” A hearty thanks!

You, too, can pitch in by shopping for the pantry at the DRC and Grassroots’ two other sites. We welcome in-kind donations of items such as hearty soups and fruit cups to be dropped off ahead of time in the Parish Hall kitchen for delivery on second Mondays. The pantry needs clothes, too. A parishioner had donated two bags of gently used T-shirts and other items that were added to Monday’s load in the Toth family’s truck (see photos).

Find Grassroots’ **monthly needs list** on our signups under “Related Files.” The next date to prepare sides and serve a midday meal, or to drop off sides for an evening meal, is July 13. Get details in our **DRC online signup form** or in our **Grassroots online signup form**.

Bring Items for FISH/CCC, and Consider Volunteering to Take Calls from Home

FISH and **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) partnered last year and merged pantries. CCC continues to hand out food at three sites on Saturday mornings and by home delivery to Howard County residents. For information, visit **Get Help online**. For updates on community services such as **youth programs**, check CCC’s **Facebook page**.

FISH continues to pick up donated goods from Christ Church and others. Please put non-perishable food and personal care products in the altar basket or in a bin just inside the Parish Hall. Look for a combo label “FISH/CCC”. Please bring baby wipes and diapers, especially large sizes.

FISH will continue to provide telephone support to Howard County residents, offering guidance and financial assistance because the personal touch is very important when people are in crisis. For information, ask parishioner and FISH treasurer Andy DeLong (*seen in this photo*) or email him at **andydelong.fish@gmail.com**.

You could be the one to lend a helping hand by lending an ear! As a phone volunteer, you can help from your home by giving just one day a month to assist those who could benefit from financial assistance from FISH. Training is provided. Thank you!



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