

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, July 14, 2024 | 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!

Opening Hymn 594 | God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM Rhonda

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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.**

Gloria S 280 | 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 - mighty 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

A Reading from Amos 7:7-15 |

Reader: A reading from Amos 7:7-15.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 85:8-13 | *Benedixisti, Domine*

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

A Reading from Ephesians 1:3-14 |

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to take Him at His word.
2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just to trust His cleans - ing blood.
3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, Just from sin and self to cease.
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Pre-cious Je - sus, Sa - vior, Friend;

1. Just to rest up - on His prom - ise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
2. Just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'Neath the heal - ing, cleans - ing flood!
3. Just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing Life and rest and joy and peace.
4. And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust Him more!

The Gospel | Mark 6:14-29

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Deacon: 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,

Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

Optional Ending

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

mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

Sermon | The Rev. Randy Callender, *Canon for Mission*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed |

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

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

 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

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

The Prayers of the People |

Lord, do we listen to Your Word? Do we understand its importance? Does Your Word influence our thoughts, beliefs and actions? Does Your Word touch our hearts deeply and change our lives? Are we prepared to respond to God's call? May the Spirit dwell within us and bring us into a close relationship with our Lord and Savior. **Praise to Christ, our living hope.**

Lord of forgiveness, Lord of deliverance, Provider of shelter and love, Author of incredible beauty, Creator of life on the land and sea that nourishes humanity, and Giver of light and water that sustains all living things:

We are so blessed. May we be worthy of Your trust as caretakers of this world. **Praise to God, our Eternal Father, Mother, Creator.**

We pray for the Church universal, that we may all demonstrate mercy, generosity, faith and love, as ambassadors of Christ in our troubled world. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of Ireland. In our diocese, we ask our Lord's blessing for the parishes of St. Andrew the Fisherman, Mayo; St. James', Lothian; St. Mark's, Deale; and St. Paul's, Prince Frederick. We pray for our spiritual leaders: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop- Elect; and Carrie, our Diocesan Bishop. May they be granted wisdom in all their decisions. We are so appreciative of our Rector, Emmanuel; our Deacon, Denise; our assisting Priest, Marcia; our visiting Celebrant, Randy; and our postulants, Kiona, Mike, and Rebecca, for their service to our congregation. We also pray for our Rector Emeritus, Richard, as he ministers to his new community in Gettysburg. May we continue to be One in Christ. **Praise to the God of our Salvation.**

We extend our warmest welcome to all newcomers and visitors with us today. We are enriched by your presence with us in worship and praise. We hope you will return in the future and join in our fellowship. **Praise for God's goodness.**

We also pray for those who are ill, especially Rachan, Ivy, Sabrina, Graham, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those we now name. May they be restored to health and wholeness. We ask for the Lord's protection for those serving in the military, especially Conner Warlow and Kofi Abdallah. **Praise for God's healing touch.**

We remember all those who have died and entered into the eternal presence of God, especially those we now name. May light perpetual shine upon them and may peace be with those who mourn. **Praise to God for the gift of everlasting life.**

We celebrate occasions of joy in our parish family. This week we extend our love to those with birthdays of Ainsley, Diana, Catherine, Bill, Shahra & Dee, and wedding anniversaries of Alexia & Ron Couch and Donna & Thomas Day, and Baptismal anniversaries of Cathy & Gavin. May we all share in the happiness of these important landmarks in a person's life. **Praise God who gives purpose and meaning to our lives.**

May we set our minds on the Spirit of God, who abides within us. May we quiet our souls and remain in our Savior's love. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin |

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.**

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.

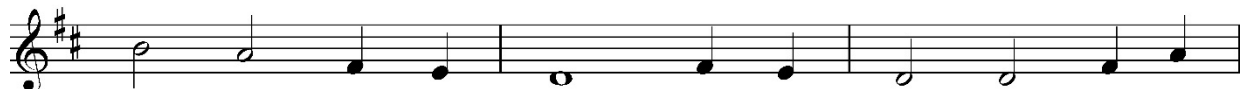
THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 686 | Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

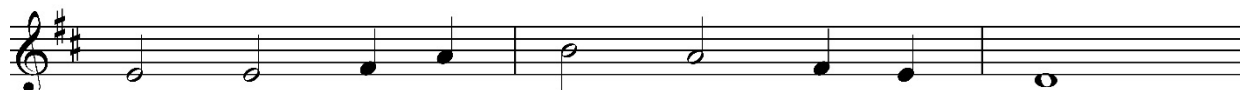
Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



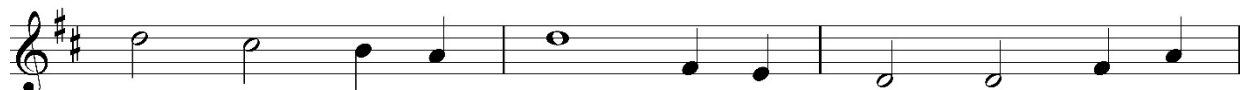
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



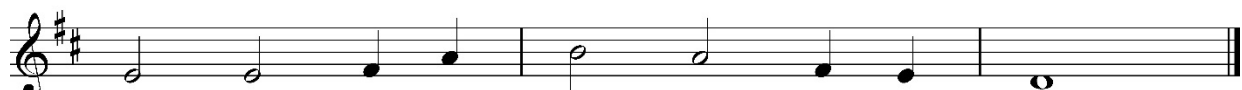
ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Please scan to give.



Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

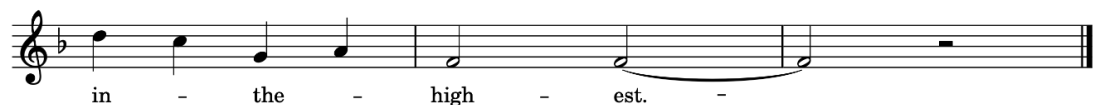
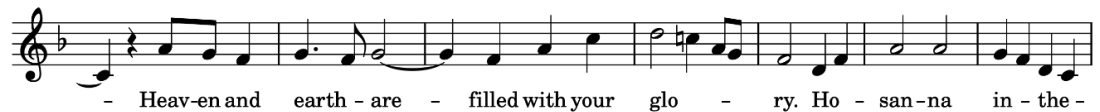
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

All 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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer |

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread |

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

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

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

Communion Hymn LEVAS 151 | One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley

One bread, one bod - y,
one Lord of all, one cup of
bless - ing which we bless. And we, though

man - y, through - out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
 2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the
 3. Grain for the fields, scat - tered and

1. free, wom - an or the man,
 2. works, one in the Lord
 3. grown, gath - ered to one

D.S.

1. — no more. One
 2. — of all. One
 3. — for all. One

D.S.

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Lord.

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.

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 LEVAS 201 | I've Got Peace Like a River

Traditional

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

1. soul; I've got riv - er in my soul.
2. soul; I've got foun - tain in my soul.
3. soul; I've got o - cean in my soul.

Dismissal |

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

Postlude | In the Glory of the Invalides, Verset X

Marcel Dupre

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Ron Baran

Ushers: Michon Semon

Chalicer:

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Cheryl Lucente

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Beth Dagne, Alex Amponsah, Eva Oladipupo, Hope Oladipupo

Acolytes and Crucifer: Shreya Chrzanowski, Nevaeh Wilmot, Lucinda Hart

Chalicer: Ivy Amponsah & Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild

Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Tellers

Amanda Kirkpatrick, Cherry Williams

CELEBRANT FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 21

The Rev. Dina van Klaveren, *Canon for Stewardship and Development*

PARISH CALENDAR JULY 14 TO JULY 20

Sunday, July 14

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Kenyan Church – Old Brick
10:30 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
6:00 – 10:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Monday, July 15

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom
7:00 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level

Tuesday, July 16

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

Wednesday, July 17

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, July 18

8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom

Friday, July 19

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 9:00 pm	<i>Living Waters</i> Movie Screening – Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, July 20

6:00 am – 12:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level
8:30 – 12:00 pm	CEC Center for Spiritual Nourishment – New Brick
9:00 – 10:00 am	Cycling & Fellowship
9:30 am	Men of Christ Church Breakfast – Another Broken Egg, Elkridge
2:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 11:00 pm	Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For a digital copy of this service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website.

Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings

Centering Prayer is a weekly evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **875 9496 3596** and the Passcode is **Centering!**

Health Ministry Meeting - Thursday, July 18

Christ Church's Health Ministry's public meeting discusses health, wellness, and fitness-related activities, plans for the Health and Wellness Fair in September, and so much more. We welcome newcomers, so join us for this Zoom meeting next Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and see what's in store and how it might help you live a healthier life. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **876 0562 2927**, and the Passcode is **Healthy**.

Movies at Christ Church - Friday, July 19

Several film screenings are coming up over the summer, so grab some munchies and enjoy a night at the movies! **You can view the details here** or on flyers around the church. The next showing is Friday, July 19th at 7 p.m. in the "theatre" in the Parish Building's lower level for the film *Living Waters: Intelligent Design in the Oceans of the Earth*. And if you're interested in presenting a film screening at Christ Church, **please email us**.

Cycling for Health and Fellowship - Saturday, July 20

The CEC cycling group welcomes everyone to join us for a ride on July 20th at 9 a.m. Our growing group gathers in the New Brick parking lot for a safe and enjoyable cycling trip around parts of Columbia. Bring your helmet and bike, and join us for a morning of exercise and fellowship. If interested, please email cycling@christchurchcolumbia.org and let us know, so we don't leave without you! You can learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/health.

MOCC Breakfast - Saturday, July 20

Everyone's gotta eat, so why not join us for breakfast on Saturday, July 20th? We'll gather at **Another Broken Egg in ElkrIDGE** at 9:30 a.m. for great food and even better conversation and fellowship. All ages are welcome.

Join Us at the Center for Spiritual Nourishment - Saturday, July 20

Christ Church's July session of the Center for Spiritual Nourishment takes place on Saturday morning, July 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, and everyone is invited to gather with us. The CSN provides opportunities for spiritual growth for Christ Church members and the larger community by offering an array of experiences that engage the mind, body, and spirit. We will be tending to our souls in the community!

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - Sunday, July 21

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry will provide blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist on Sunday, July 21st. These occur in the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., so stop by, and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that Sunday, place "BP/Meds Check at Church" on your calendar on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 9 a.m., or regularly check the **website's Parish Calendar** for the next one.

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, July 24

ToT is an informal get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy fun, engaging, structure-free conversation with other parishioners and friends. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24th at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. If you have any questions, please speak with Mike Looney or email **seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

When Midsummer Comes, So Do the Crabs! - Wednesday, August 7

Fresh crabs... delicious sides... BYOB - get ready for the tastiest FWF gathering yet! We are planning a crab extravaganza that will leave no taste buds unhappy, followed by summer fun and fellowship. If you'd like to indulge in some crabs, mark August 7th at 6 p.m. on your calendar, and gather outside the lower level of New Brick. The cost for crab is \$25. per person, and that'll cover our cost of getting the freshest ones around. **Just let the church office know** if you want to have some, so we can make sure we get enough for everyone. Of course, there are options for non-crab eaters, as well, so join us!

Christ Church's Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - August 25

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair will be here before we know it! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for Holy Eucharist in New Brick at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all, and activities for kids. Each Christ Church ministry will also be represented, where you can grab an informational pamphlet or flyer and speak with ministry members to learn more about why each is a vital contribution to our common life - and how you can join in and help make us even better.

Does Your Ministry Need an Updated Trifold or Flyer?

One of the ways we can spread the word about the many ministries at Christ Church is with printed pamphlets or flyers. For those ministry leaders with existing ones, please send Chris any information or revisions you might have so he can prepare updated ones for the Ministry Fair in late August. Send any text, photos, etc. to him by Sunday, August 11th, and feel free to email any questions - **communications@christchurchcolumbia.org**. And if your group or ministry doesn't have a document to share and would like to, email him ASAP.

The Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair - September 14

The Christ Church Flea Market and Craft Fair, presented by the WOCC, will take place on the CEC campus on Saturday, September 14th! Spaces are now available, and you can complete yours by picking one up in the Narthex, or you can download a copy on our website at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/flea-market. And start getting your gently used books, baked goods recipes, and other items ready! This is the WOCC's biggest fundraiser, and proceeds help support many Christ Church activities and gatherings throughout the year. The more people involved in this community gathering, the more successful this important event can be!

Second Annual Community Health & Wellness Fair - September 21

The Christ Church Health Ministry is proud to announce that it has begun making plans for its second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair! On Saturday, September 21st, everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will be addressing a wide array of health and wellness topics and concerns. At the H&W Fair, you can learn ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Stay tuned for more details over the summer!

EfM Invites You to Learn More about Ministry

Education for Ministry is a unique small-group program based on study and practice in theological reflection, helping participants discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play. Now, as the first year of our EfM seminar is drawing to a close, we are looking for a few additional people to join us as we enter the next year of study and reflection. Because of the program's cyclical nature, individuals may begin their studies during any calendar year of the four-year cycle. Participation by members at a variety of levels of study will be so enriching for us all. Please consider joining us! If you have questions, you can speak with Mother Marcia Davenport at church, or email EfM@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Our Altar Guild Needs Your Help

The Christ Church Altar Guild is looking for a few more people to help us in our ministry of providing clean linens and liturgical items for every worship service. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, please visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild

Communion to You

To connect more directly with those of you who are local and worship virtually, Christ Church offers *Communion to You*, an opportunity to have altar gifts delivered to you or made available for pickup at our campus. If you want more information, **please complete this form** or **email** the Church Office.

Healing Stations

Christ Church now has healing stations during the 10:30 Eucharist at the back of the sanctuary. If you need prayer, we invite you to visit the healing station after receiving Communion. We also welcome those of you who wish to help, so if you are interested in joining a group of parishioners who offer healing prayer, email Rebecca Warlow at healingministry@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday!

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year, but are always looking for more input, so join us! This celebration is a massive milestone for our church, and we want participation and ideas from as many people as possible. There are a variety of committees that you can serve on and so we would like to encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you have ideas, are interested in assisting, or need more information, please speak with Robin Bradley at church or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Save the Date: SLYC Leaders to Visit Christ Church on Sunday, July 28

Once more, Christ Church will welcome representatives of St. Luke's Youth Center (**SLYC**), whose leaders will update us on its work brightening the lives of children in West Baltimore. Join us from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the Great Hall in New Brick on Sunday, July 28. Coffee, drinks, and pastries will be served.

SLYC Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot will speak during announcements at both worship services and will conduct an informal presentation between services. See her slide show and learn about volunteer opportunities during a meet-and-greet with Talbot, who last visited Christ Church with others from SLYC in August 2022. Read about that visit in the **Outreach Blog of Aug. 25, 2022.**

SLYC is a collaborative of West Baltimore families who together provide youth with critical resources, life-enriching experiences, and a safety net of support. During summers, SLYC holds **Camp Imagination**, a day camp that takes place at a cooperating parish while SLYC's campus is under renovation (*above, left & right images*). Camp Imagination is being held from July 1 to Aug. 2 at St. John Lutheran (& Episcopal) Church, 300 Maple Ave., Linthicum, MD. It's not too late to participate as a volunteer. For information, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Children and counselors will end their summer experiences at the **Claggett Camp and Conference Center** with one week at All God's Children Sleepaway camp, Aug. 4 to Aug. 9. The Outreach Commission in May gave \$1,500 to SLYC, which covers the full cost of one child for five weeks of day camp and one week at Claggett. The donation was drawn from Vestry-approved Outreach funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Thanks for your generosity!

SLYC's year-round results are impressive, as described in its **Fiscal 2023 Impact Report**. The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** is a partner, and its reparations task force **awarded a grant** to SYLC in 2022. You'll have the chance to learn more in person during the SLYC visit on June 28. Please mark your calendars.

Calling All Volunteers!

Camp Nabi is an overnight grief camp for children & teens aged 6-18 who have experienced the death of a loved one. This camp is facilitated by Hospice of the Chesapeake, where our own Director of Youth & Family Ministries, Kiona Lookingbill, serves as Chaplain. Camp Nabi is held in Millersville, MD from August 9-11, 2024, and the success of this camp is made possible with the generous support of many volunteers. If you would like to provide volunteer support at Camp Nabi (there are various spots available), please **learn more here**, and **apply here** by this coming Monday, July 15th. Thank you.

Help Us Organize the LEMS School Supply Backpacks - July 24

We will be putting the supplies into the backpacks for LEMS on Wednesday, July 24th from 9-11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, so please come and help! Soon, we'll announce a mid-August date for delivering the supplies, and we could use your help here, as well. The details for this part of the drive will come in upcoming Christ Church communications, so stay tuned.

You can still help, even if you cannot make it on the 24th. Contributions can be made via check, online, or via text: If you'd like to write a check, please make sure you indicate "LEMS School Supplies" on the memo line. You can send it to the church, or drop it at the office or in the collection plate.

If you would like to **give online via Realm**, please choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown, and write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line. You can also use the light blue "Support Christ Church" button at the top of every page on our website for that form.

To give via text: text CECGIVING to 73256 to give using your mobile device; you'll immediately receive a link to our form. Click the link, then choose "LEMS" from the FUND dropdown menu. Please also write "School Supplies" in the MEMO line so that your donation is used as you wish. (Note: This number will never send you unsolicited texts. To cancel further messages, simply text STOP. If you need assistance with text giving, text HELP. Standard text message and data rates may apply).

If you have questions about our LEMS partnership or would like to help, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email lemssupplies@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you very much for your support.

Columbia Community Care Reopens Its Pantry with Help from Christ Church

When **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) was forced to vacate its former home in the Columbia Flier Building, the nonprofit organization had to clear out its inventory of perishables. The refrigerators were bare as its volunteers hurried to reopen in the rear of its Long Reach Village site after making the move over Independence Day and the holiday weekend.

On Friday, July 5, the Christ Church Outreach Commission helped Pantry Manager April Lee by presenting her with a \$500 Costco gift card (*above, center image*). She planned to buy 5-dozen bulk packs of eggs, milk, bulk sealed packages of fresh chicken legs, bags of navel oranges, six-count bags of romaine lettuces, bunches of bananas, and more. The moment was captured for the Christ Church website in a post, "**Christ Church Outreach in Action**." Lee said, "I can't thank you enough for this very timely and much-needed donation," expressing "deepest appreciation" for everyone at Christ Church.

The funds were derived from Vestry-approved Outreach funds made possible by your contributions to Christ Church. Please accept our heartfelt thanks!

CCC shortened summer hours for its distribution sites, which serve our neighbors in need on Saturdays. Volunteers arrive at 9 a.m., start distribution between 9:30 and 10 a.m., and close all sites by 11:30 a.m. Locations are at the Long Reach space in Suite 107, 8775 Cloudleap Ct.; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center, 10431 Twin Rivers Rd.; and The Barn at Oakland Mills Village Center, 5853 Robert Oliver Place, all in Columbia.

Meanwhile, CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6, and pullups in sizes 3T, 4T, and 5T. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers items.

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to "**Get Help**" on CCC's website. Or **learn how to volunteer** at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry. Find updates on the **CCC Facebook Group**.

Look for the FISH Bin on the Breezeway near the Parish Hall

FISH of Howard County requests non-perishable foods and toiletries, which we collect in the basket at the altar or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between the Parish Hall and Old Brick. **FISH** provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

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.



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

Your beloved Christ Church counts on you and your faithful giving.

Stewardship 2024

We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can complete one electronically on our website - **www.christchurchcolumbia.org/2024-pledge**

Text Giving

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply send a text with the word **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 toward 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



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