

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, August 18, 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!

Descant



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Proverbs 9:1-6 |

Reader: A reading from Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 34:9-14 | *Benedicam Dominum*

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 401 | The God of Abraham Praise

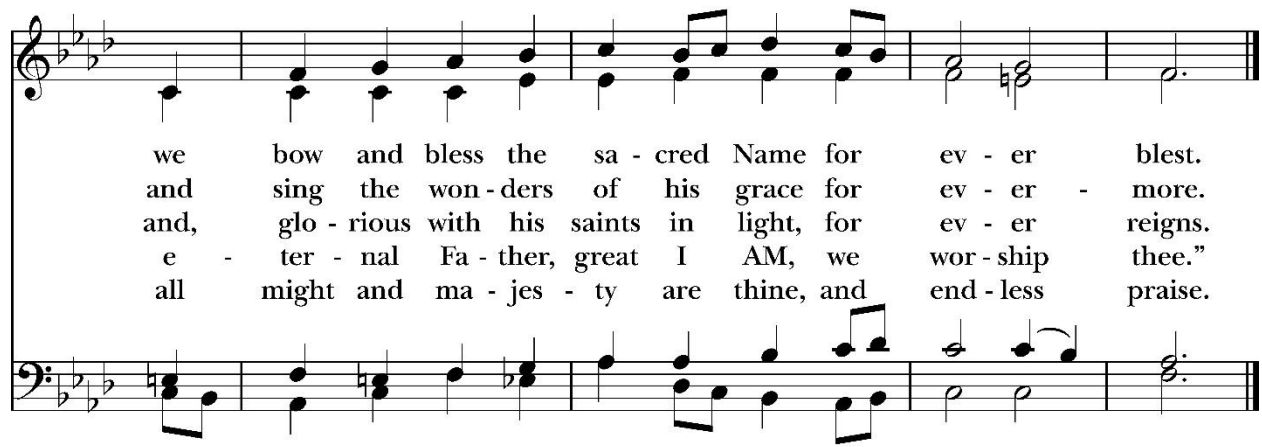
Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

Continued



The Gospel | John 6:51-58

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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

The first system of the hymn is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,'.

5 Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.'.

9 Optional Ending
For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

The third system is marked as an 'Optional Ending' and begins with a measure rest. The lyrics are 'For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that'.

13 mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are 'mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.'.

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

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 |

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh... Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." **Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.**

Lord, we lift the students, teachers, and staff of Lake Elkhorn Middle School in prayer. We ask that our ministry with Lake Elkhorn will be a blessing to the school and to Christ Church and pray the students will have a wonderful new school year. And we give thanks for all who gave of their time, talents, and treasure to provide much-needed school supplies for this coming school year. **Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.**

We rejoice in Christ Church, our faith home, and the opportunity to worship and minister together. We offer prayers, Lord, for our spiritual leaders: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Presiding Bishop-Elect, Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Rector Emeritus, Richard; our clergy, postulants, staff, Vestry; and our involved and dedicated laity. **Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.**

We join today with Christians across the world in the joy and fellowship of worship and Communion. In the Diocese of Maryland, we celebrate our sister churches, St. John's, Deer Park; St. Matthew's, Oakland; and St. John's, Frostburg; and in the Anglican Communion we hold up the Anglican Church of Melanesia. **Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.**

Lord, be with all those who are suffering, surround them with your love and grace, and revive their souls. We lift up those for whom we have been asked to pray, especially Ian, Leigh, Ron, Jerry, Dick, Dawn, Kim, Sabrina, Brian, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred, and Nell, and those you now name. **Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.**

Lord, we ask you to remember those who are no longer with us, especially ---- and those we now name. We ask You to surround those who mourn with Your Light. Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.

We welcome those who are visiting with us this Sunday. We pray that You will surround them with Your loving Spirit. We celebrate the birthdays of Leslie, Luke, Lexi, Jacqueline, Kerica, Michael, Jason & George, the wedding anniversaries of Cheryl & Earle Cummins, Janet & Isaac Olajide, Leigh & Duane Smith, and baptismal anniversary of Levi. Lord, we pray that we may abide in you, as you abide in us.

Lord, help us to remember that through the gift of communion, we abide in you as you abide in us. Amen.

Confession of Sin |

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

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

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

The Peace |

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

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

Welcome and Announcements |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 397 | Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re-joic-es;
 With ev-er-joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea-ven,

who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

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.

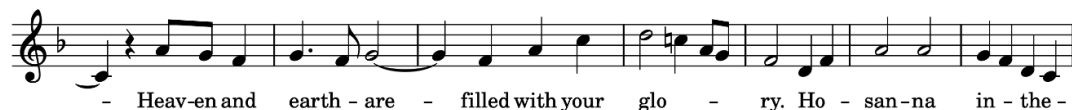
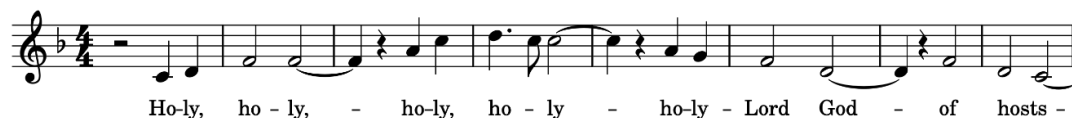
***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

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.**

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.

Communion Hymn LEVAS 154 | Taste and See

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. — O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, — of the Lord. **Fine**
1. I will bless the Lord — at all times. —
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord — with — me. —
3. Wor - ship — the Lord — all you peo - ple. —

1. — His praise — shall al - ways — be on my
 2. — To - geth - er — let us all — praise His
 3. — You'll — want for noth - ing — if you

1. lips; — my soul — shall
 2. name. — I called — the
 3. ask. — Taste — and

1. glo - ry — in the Lord; — for
 2. Lord — and He an - swered me; — from
 3. see — that God is good; — in

1. He — has been — so good to me. —
 2. all — my trou - bles — He set me free. —
 3. Him — we need — put all our trust. —

D.C.

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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 | 8:00 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 389 | Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

1 Let us, with a glad - some mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:
2 Let us blaze his Name a - broad, for of gods he is the God:
3 He with all - com - mand - ing might filled the new-made world with light:
4 He the gold - en - tress - ed sun caused all day his course to run:
5 The horn-ed moon to shine by night, mid her span-gled sis - ters bright:

Refrain
for his mer - cies ay en-dure, ev - er faith-ful, ev - er sure.

6 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain

Dismissal |

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

Postlude |

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

8:00 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Joan Harvey

Ushers: Jo Emily Knox

Chalicer: Joan Harvey

10:30 a.m. Service

Lector/Reader: Robin Bradley

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

Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex Opiri, Ainsley Couch, Jasmine Opiri

Chalicer: Ivy Amponsah & Cheryl Lucente

Altar Guild

Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente, Sarah Mugo

Tellers

Cathy Gold, Rhonda Tomlinson, Leanne Sheriff

CELEBRANT FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

The Rev. Marcia Davenport

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair is next Sunday! This is a very special highlight on our calendar every year, so join us for one Holy Eucharist service in New Brick at 10:00 a.m. on August 25th, 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 our common life and ministries even stronger.



PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 24

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – New Brick
8:45 – 9:30 am	Blood Pressure & Medication Check, New Brick, Coffee Room
8:45 – 10:15 am	Reimagining CEC Task Force – New Brick, lower level
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, August 19

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
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Pastoral Care Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, August 20

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
11:15 am – 12:00 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
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Reimagining CEC Task Force – Zoom

Wednesday, August 21 – New Brick Closed for Carpet Cleaning

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

Thursday, August 22

8:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Reimagining CEC Task Force – Off Campus
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, August 23

7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, August 24

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.

Help Us Reimagine Christ Church - This Sunday and Next Tuesday

Our *Reimagining Christ Church* group meetings continue in August, and we hope that you'll join us to brainstorm ideas and reimagine what Christ Church could and should be - especially as we approach our 300th anniversary. Our next public, in-person gathering is after the 8:00 service this Sunday, August 18th (approx. 9 a.m.), and the next virtual meeting is Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00 pm on Zoom. You can find the most recent, Vestry-approved financial report [here](#), which can help give you an idea of our current status. The Zoom link for the August 20th event is here, the Meeting ID is 838 7048 9180, and the Passcode is *Task*

Blood Pressure and Pharmacist Consults at Church - This Sunday

To provide health and wellness services to parishioners of all ages, the CEC Health Ministry provides blood pressure checks and 1-to-1 private consults with a licensed pharmacist this Sunday, August 18th. Come to the Elevator Room in New Brick from 9:00-9:30 a.m., and bring any of your medications you want to discuss or any other questions you might have. If you can't make it that day, 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.

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! You can also ask for more information by speaking with Kathy Lyon at church, or by emailing centering@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Parish Festival and Ministry Fair - ONE SERVICE Next Sunday, August 25

The Christ Church Parish Festival & Ministry Fair, an annual tradition, is back! There's only one worship service that day, August 25th, so join us in the New Brick sanctuary at 10:00 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN! We'll have BBQ goodies, fun for all ages, and an opportunity to learn about the many ministries that make Christ Church a very special place.

Christ Church Choir - August 29

C'mon, all you singers and music lovers! The choir begins rehearsing again in New Brick starting on Thursday, August 29th, and people of all ages are welcome to join us. 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 handbell &/or vocal choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sundays or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org

First Wednesday Fellowship - September 4

September's FWF will be on September 4th, and our theme - *Restart in September* - centers around a healthy kick-off for fall! Gather with us at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall as we try and return to healthy routines and habits after the summer. There will be a delicious and nutritious meal for dinner, along with a special challenge to participate in during the month - and those of you who bring their completed challenge back at the October FWF will be entered into an amazing gift card drawing!

The Annual Flea Market and Craft Fair - Saturday, September 14

The Christ Church Community 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 by downloading a copy from 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 - Saturday, September 21

Our Health Ministry is proud to announce the second annual Community Health and Wellness Fair, and on Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., everyone is welcome to gather in the Great Hall as many booths and presentations will address a wide range of health and wellness topics and concerns. This event can show you many ways to improve your mental, physical, or family health. Visit tinyurl.com/CEC-2024HealthFair for more details and email health@christchurchcolumbia.org if you'd like to help or have any questions.

"Leading in Divided Times" - October 8

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland and the [One America Movement](#) are excited about the upcoming series of workshops: "Leading in Divided Times." This four-part series will allow both clergy and lay leaders to gather and will be broken into four sections. Each session will be livestreamed on Zoom beginning on the evening of Tuesday, October 8th and everyone is welcome to take part. If you would like more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3xMcq8L>.

What is EfM? Read On...

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 Assistance

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. We currently have three teams, but if we can create one more, then each only has to manage one week a month. If you are interested in signing up, please speak with Pam Foreman or any Altar Guild member, or visit www.christchurchcolumbia.org/altar-guild.

Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday!

Plans for Christ Church's 300th year are well underway, but we 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.

LEMS Thanks You!

The final stage of the Lake Elkhorn Middle School summer project is now complete. This past Tuesday, August 13th, an enthusiastic team of parishioners lined up their trucks and SUVs, rolled up their sleeves, and hoisted 53 completed backpacks and countless boxes of school supplies into their vehicles. We then caravanned over to LEMS and delivered them with time to spare before school begins on August 26th. These backpacks and supplies will be available to the students who come to the new student orientation, which is always deeply appreciated by families who struggle to provide all the items needed for a successful start to the school year.

Thank you to all of you who contributed financially to this yearly effort, those of you who filled all those backpacks with supplies, and those who delivered them with such good spirits! Stay tuned as we hope to have more opportunities to partner with LEMS in the upcoming school year. If you'd like to help in the future, please speak with Cathy Whittaker at church or email lemspc@christchurchcolumbia.org

Episcopal Relief & Development Aids Victims of Western Wildfires

A fire that began on July 24 in a Northern California gully has continued to burn across multiple counties, destroying homes and livelihoods. Immediately, [Episcopal Relief & Development](#) (ERD) began providing hands-on guidance to the Diocese of Northern California. The diocese set up a resource hub at a church and several churches began providing spiritual aid to evacuees.

The Park Fire has scorched more than 660 square miles, according to [an Associated Press article](#) on Aug. 9. ERD described in [a statement on July 30](#) how it has partnered with the diocese to provide disaster community-engagement training to parishes in high-risk areas. That effort followed the devastating Camp Fire that destroyed the town of Paradise in 2018. Some people rebuilt and then lost their new homes in the latest fire, [NBC reported on Aug. 11](#).

ERD shared this plea: “Please pray for the impacted communities in California and those affected by fires in the western U.S. as the emergency services work to contain the fires and bring people to safety.” ERD provided [this link](#) to a selection of prayers in times of crisis and natural disasters.

In response, the Outreach Commission at its August meeting approved sending \$500 to ERD’s U.S. Disaster Response Fund on behalf of Christ Church parishioners. This is the latest in a series of disaster-relief donations, the most recent of which is [helping victims of Hurricane Beryl](#) in the Caribbean. These are Vestry-approved funds derived from your pledges and contributions. Heartfelt thanks go out to one and all who make this possible.

Donate Items to the Flea Market, and Help Support Our Refugee Ministry

Please donate your in-good-condition rummage sale items to the Refugee Ministry table at the WOCC's Flea Market on September 14th. We'll take just about anything that's in good condition (but not clothes or furniture that won't fit in a car's back seat or trunk). Watch for information on where and when to bring it to the Parish Hall (not yet - coming soon!). If you have any questions, need us to transport your items, or would like to help (if you help, you'll get first pick!) email parishioners Paula Rees (cprees@comcast.net), Diana Hall (dbhallmd@gmail.com), or Ann Barnes (annbarnes001@comcast.net), or speak with them at church. Thank you for your support.

Enter a Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 20th to Help Bridges to Housing Stability

Advocating for affordable housing and helping individuals and families who struggle to keep a roof over their heads is the mission of [Bridges to Housing Stability](#). It's a daunting task, but the nonprofit organization offers golfers a way to support the cause on Friday, Sept. 20.

Bridges will hold the third annual [Sheehy Toyota Bridges for Birdies Golf Tournament](#) at The Timbers of Troy, 6100 Marshalee Dr., Elkridge, MD. The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and features a full day of golf, food, and awards. The cost for a single golfer is \$200, or \$800 for a foursome, which covers greens fees, unlimited range balls, food, and beverages.

The event raises crucial operating funds, says Bridges Executive Director Jen Broderick. “Every swing, every hole, and every cheer helps us make real change in our community.” Christ Church has been a supporter of Bridges since 2019.

Home Sweet Home

The WOCC, in partnership with Grassroots, is providing new home kits for those who have been homeless and now found an opportunity to have a home of their own. The kits include much-needed, common materials for anyone who needs assistance with starting such an important life chapter.

[Please visit our sign-up sheet here](#), which has specific items you can provide. From trash cans to gift cards, each item will make them feel more at home. Your item donations can then be deposited into the marked bin near the Outreach table in the Tower Room of New Brick. If you have any questions or need assistance, please speak with Jo Emily Knox or Sara Kirkpatrick at church, or email WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org. We hope you'll participate in this program, which ends on September 22nd.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Seeks Volunteers at Sites

Keep in mind that Columbia Community Care (CCC) has 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 by 11:30 a.m.

Locations are at Long Reach, 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.

Go online to learn how to volunteer at distribution sites or as a translator or shopper at its pantry, which has relocated to the rear of the Long Reach distribution site. Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to “Get Help” on CCC’s website. Find updates on the CCC Facebook Group.

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6, and pull-ups 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.

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.





Our Call to Help the Stranger

Three years ago today, the government of Afghanistan collapsed as the American military withdrew and the Taliban came roaring in. Maybe you saw the videos of desperate Afghans crowding the Kabul airport, of young men falling to their deaths as they clung to wheel wells of American planes lifting off, of toddlers being handed across barbed wire to American service members, of the hundreds killed by suicide bombs, of children lost, of people trampled in the panic. Specifically because of their work with and for *our* country, thousands of Afghan people and their families faced torture and death at the hands of the Taliban and they had to flee.

The immediate response by a group of us at Christ Church was: We have to do something! We have to help these people! We have a moral obligation to help them.

And so, the Christ Church Interfaith Refugee Ministry was born and stood up on its feet. Thanks to the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of so many parishioners, four families are under the Ministry's umbrella three years later. Thanks to the leadership of Deacon Denise, six congregations – Episcopal, Quaker, Jewish, Methodist, and Lutheran – now work together to help these families.

Global Refuge describes working with immigrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers as “the long welcome”, and it surely is. Each of these four families arrived in the United States with *nothing* (unless you count a small garbage bag of clothes and, maybe, a barely working cell phone), and two families arrived without some of their immediate family members (from whom they are still separated). Becoming financially self-sufficient in a vastly different country takes a long time, no matter how hard these refugees work. Overcoming the traumatic danger they experienced and the loss of their country and their way of life will take a lifetime.

“Our” families came into the ministry's care as long ago as December 2021 and as recently as June 2024. The adults who worked for, or with, the United States were medics, military base guards, armored car drivers, translators, and liaisons between the Afghan government and the U.S. military. Because of this, each one was tagged to be killed by the Taliban; one survived an assassination attempt. The children range in age from toddlers to young adults. Some came with U.S. work authorization; some have just now received permission to work. Marvelously, one is now a resettlement manager with Lutheran Social Services in Baltimore, helping newly arriving immigrants, including the “fourth family”! Every single person is so, so grateful for all that we, Christians and Jews working together to help Muslims, have done and continue to do for them.

When Christ tells us to love our neighbor, when he tells the parable of the Good Samaritan helping the stranger, he does not say that it will be easy, or quick, or painless, or without problems. What He tells us is that this is what we are supposed to do and that in doing so, we are loving Him. Here at Christ Church, we really try to live into these commandments in all sorts of ways – the Refugee Ministry is just one - and all are worthy.

We ask you to pray for the families in our care, and for refugees worldwide. To find out more, or if you can help support us financially, please go to [the Refugee Ministry page on the Christ Church website](#). If you have time or talent to give, we can really use you. Thank you for reading.

On behalf of your Refugee Ministry, and with respect and appreciation,

Ann Barnes

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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 info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Thank you.



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