

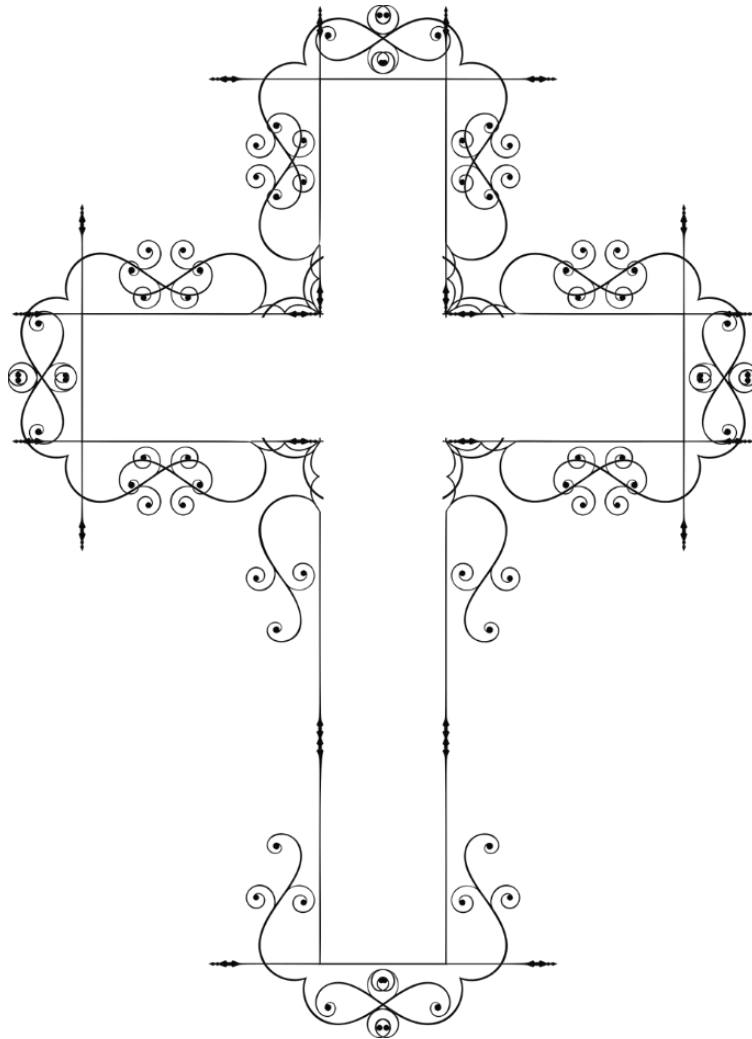
# Christ Episcopal Church

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost |

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 12, 2023 | 10:30 am



## **Welcome Home!**

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: [christchurchcolumbia.org](http://christchurchcolumbia.org). This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

*Today's Hymns were selected by Rebecca Warlow, winner of Hymn Selection Auction Item*

## Opening Hymn 427 | When Morning Gilds the Skies

*Laudes Domini*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known  
 4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,  
 2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

## Opening Acclamation |

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
 People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
 Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;  
 People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
 Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
 People: **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

***People:*** Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

A Reading from Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 |

*Reader:* A Reading from Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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



Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*

**we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**

*Antiphon*

He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*  
**which he commanded them to teach their children;**

That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*  
**that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
**and not forget the deeds of God,  
but keep his commandments;**

*Antiphon*

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 |

*Reader:* A Reading from The First Epistle to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and the reading of the Gospel.*

Sequence Hymn 618 | Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

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

Sermon | The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

## Holy Baptism | BCP 301

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate |

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents:* I present *Liam Poe Neff* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:*

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

*The celebrant then addresses the congregation:*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

#### The Baptismal Covenant |

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

#### Prayers for the Candidate |

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Intervessor:* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Open his heart to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Send him into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Intervessor:* Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

#### Thanksgiving over the Water |

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

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

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

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

*Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in

joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism |

*Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:*

*Celebrant:* Liam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The celebrant continues:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidates' heads, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All:* **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## 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 LEVAS 60 | How Great Thou Art

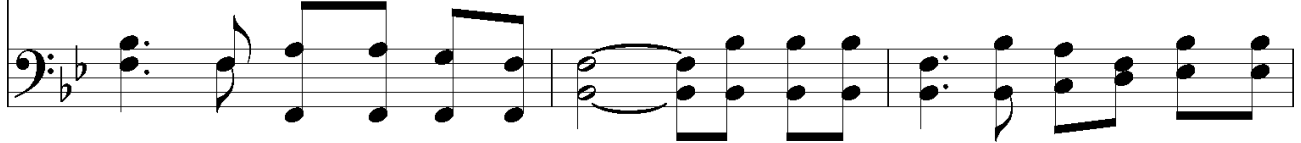
Stuart K. Hine



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*
2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —
2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —
3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —
4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

*Continued*

*Please scan to give.*



*The people stand as able.*

Presentation Hymn 380 (v. 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 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:

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. -

*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 |

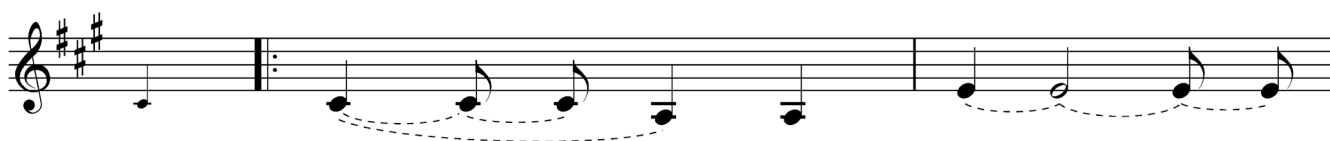
*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

#### Fraction Anthem LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The organ part is on a single staff, and the vocal part is on a single staff. The lyrics are: "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." The organ part provides a harmonic accompaniment to the vocal line. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and an organ line. The organ part is marked "organ" at the beginning of the first system. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.



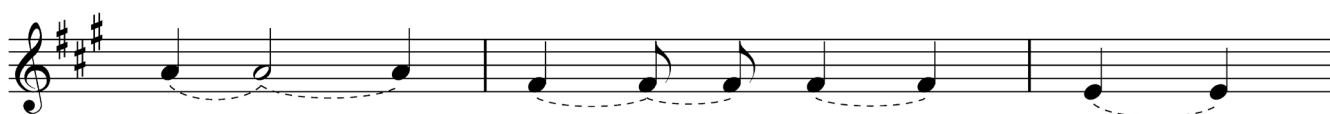
1 I am the bread of life; they who  
 2 (The) Bread that I will give is my  
 3 (Un-) less you eat of the  
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion,  
 5 (Yes,) Lord, we be - lieve that



1 come to me shall not hun - ger; they who be -  
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, and they who  
 3 Flesh of the Son of Man and  
 4 I am the life. They who be -  
 5 you are the Christ, the



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 2 eat of this bread, they shall live for  
 3 drink of his Blood, you shall not have life with -  
 4 lieve in me, e - ven if they  
 5 Son of God who has



1 me un - less the Fa - ther draw them.  
 2 ev - er. they shall live for ev - er.  
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.  
 4 die, they shall live for ev - er.  
 5 come in - to the world.

*Descant*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

*Refrain*

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. \_\_\_\_\_ 5 Yes, (z) day.

last day. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 The  
3 Un- day.  
4 —  
5 Yes, (z)

*Final Ending*

*The people stand as able.*

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.**

The Blessing |

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



*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal |

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

Postlude | Dans la Gloires des Invalides, Verset X,

Marcel Dupre

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Kevin Osborn

**Ushers:** Nancy Winchester, Kayode Fatodu

**Chalicer:** Dione Mahoney

### 10:30 a.m. Service

**Lector/Reader:** Robin Bradley

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

**Acolytes & Crucifer:** Nevaeh Wilmott, Eva Kelso, Deepti Jackson

**Chalicer:** Ivy Amponsah

**Healing Ministry:** Rebecca Warlow

**Altar Guild:** Pam Foreman, Cheryl Lucente

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## PARISH CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 18

#### Sunday, November 12

|                     |                                                          |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 am             | Holy Eucharist – Old Brick                               |
| 8:30 – 9:00 am      | Breakfast – New Brick, lower level                       |
| 8:45 – 9:30 am      | Coffee Hour – Old Brick                                  |
| 9:00 – 9:30 am      | Family Service – New Brick, upper level                  |
| 9:30 – 10:15 am     | Sunday School – Parish Hall & New Brick, lower levels    |
| 9:30 – 10:30 am     | Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room               |
| 9:30 – 10:30 am     | Sunday Circle – Old Brick                                |
| 10:30 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                   |
| 1:15 – 5:30 pm      | Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level                |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm      | Confirmation Class – Zoom                                |
| 2:00 – 5:00 pm      | EFM – Parish Hall, conference room                       |
| 6:00 – 10:00 pm     | Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level |

#### Monday, November 13

|                 |                                               |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 am         | Morning Prayer Livestream                     |
| 12:45 – 1:00 pm | Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off                   |
| 3:15 – 3:30 pm  | Grassroots Drop-off                           |
| 7:00 – 8:00 pm  | Centering Prayer – Old Brick & Zoom           |
| 7:30 – 9:00 pm  | CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom                   |
| 7:30 – 10:00 pm | Columbia Conjurers – Parish Hall, lower level |

#### Tuesday, November 14

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| 7:00 am             | Morning Prayer Livestream                         |
| 9:00 am – 3:00 pm   | Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level |
| 11:00 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  
7:30 – 9:30 pm      Buildings and Grounds Meeting – Zoom

### **Wednesday, November 15**

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

### **Thursday, November 16**

8:00 am      Morning Prayer Livestream  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm      Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level  
12:00 pm      Healing Eucharist – Old Brick  
12:00 – 1:00 pm      Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom  
6:30 – 7:30 pm      Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom  
7:00 – 7:30 pm      Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level  
7:00 – 11:00 pm      Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level  
7:30 – 9:00 pm      Adult Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level  
7:30 – 9:00 pm      Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

### **Friday, November 17**

7:00 am      Morning Prayer Livestream  
7:00 – 12:00 am      Event Rental – New Brick, lower level  
7:00 pm      Evening Prayer Livestream  
7:30 – 9:00 pm      Christ Church Book Club – Zoom  
8:00 pm – 12:00 am      Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

### **Saturday, November 18**

9:30 – 11:30 am      MOCC Breakfast – Bob Evans, Columbia  
11:00 am – 7:00 pm      Event Rental – New Brick, lower level  
12:00 – 2:30 pm      Recital – New Brick, upper level  
2:00 – 3:00 pm      AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level  
7:00 – 11:00 pm      Ministerio Embajadores M.E.J. – Parish Hall, lower level  
8:00 – 9:00 pm      NA Meeting – Old Brick

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To submit announcements, email to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org) by Tuesday evening.  
For a digital copy of the complete service leaflet with working links, etc., visit the main page of our website,  
or visit [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/worship-archive](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/worship-archive)

### **Donation Envelopes**

Starting this weekend, please know that the donation envelopes are now located in the Narthex for those needing them. If you have any questions, [please email the church office](#).

### **Confirmation & Inquirer's Class - This Sunday**

Christ Church has a Confirmation and Adult Inquirer's Class for high school students considering confirming the promises their parents and godparents made on their behalf at Baptism and for adults interested in being received into the Episcopal Church. For more information, speak with or email [Fr. Manny](#) or [Kiona](#)

### **Centering Prayer - November 13**

Join us in Old Brick at 7:00 p.m. Monday evenings for Centering Prayer, a special evening prayer gathering that helps us be present and open to God. You can also take part virtually from wherever you are; [The Zoom link is here](#), the Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340**, and the Passcode is **Centering!**

### **Thursday Healing Eucharist - November 16**

On Thursdays at 12 noon, Christ Church offers midday worship in historic Old Brick, including readings, prayers, a litany for healing, and the Holy Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to join us for a prayerful time as we seek healing for ourselves and our loved ones, so come reflect, pray, and participate in a service in our beautiful chapel, the oldest building of worship still in regular use in Howard County.

### **Christ Church Choirs - November 16**

Thursdays are a busy night of music! Handbell Choir gathers from 7-7:30, and Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30-9 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, or if you have any questions, please speak with Larissa or email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **Advent Newsletter - November 18**

In preparation for the Advent season, we will publish a newsletter of all upcoming Christ Church events and services taking place through the rest of this year. If your group or ministry has something to share - or if you recently had an event and want to share a few words or pictures - please email your articles to Chris by Saturday, November 18th - [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **Volunteers Needed - November 20**

The office can use your help in preparing our Advent mailing, so if you can join us on Monday, November 20th at 10 a.m. we would appreciate it. Either call the office **or email them.** Thank you.

### **Theology on Tap - November 21**

ToT is a get-together where you can chat about interesting religious articles of the day, grab a beverage, and enjoy informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners. Join us at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st, at **Frisco and the Reckless Shepherd** at 8895 McGaw Road in Columbia. Questions? Speak with Mike Looney or email [seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:seminarian@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **Thanksgiving Day - November 23**

Come join us at 10 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in Old Brick. We welcome everyone to gather with us, but we will also livestream the service on **our website**, **YouTube**, and **Facebook** pages so you worship and give thanks from where you are.

### **Giving Tuesday - November 28th**

In the midst of the blessings of the Thanksgiving season, we are invited each year on Giving Tuesday to make a gift to our favorite charitable organizations. This year, Christ Church invites parishioners to support our own Music Ministry this Giving Tuesday. You can do so by visiting **our Online Giving Form**, selecting "Music Ministry" from the *Fund* dropdown menu, and writing "Giving Tuesday" in the *Memo* line. Christ Church's Music Ministry has grown this year - our Choir Camp and Handbell Choir are beautiful examples of this - and your gifts will help us deepen and strengthen this vital ministry even more. For this, we are very thankful.

### **First Wednesday Fellowship - December 6th**

Don't miss next month's FWF as we celebrate the holiday season with an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" contest and "Naughty Santa" gift exchange game. Wear your favorite ugly sweater to the gathering and bring a gift valued at around ten dollars if you want to play the gift exchange game. For dinner we will have a Christmas feast! Mark the date: Wednesday, December 6 (also St. Nicholas Day!) at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall... be there!

### **A Cemetery Mystery**

Recently, we received an email from the Cemeterian for Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton, MD, asking why a headstone shown on the Find-A-Grave website as being in the Christ Church Cemetery would be in the cemetery in Easton. **A photo of the headstone in question can be viewed here.** If anyone knows or has any information regarding Janis G. Costell, please contact John Hadley at either Cell: 443-812-8234 or email [jahadleyjr@comcast.net](mailto:jahadleyjr@comcast.net). Thank you for your help.

## WOCC News

On Sunday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m., we will gather for our annual Christmas Feast at **The King's Contrivance Restaurant**, and we hope you'll all come! The special price for the event is \$48. per person, and you can sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. Lots of other events are coming up, too - the WOCC calendar is posted in the Narthex in New Brick **and on our website** and contains all the fun events planned. Speak to any WOCC member or email **WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org** if you need more info. And be sure to read our Seafarers announcement in the Outreach section of this email - the deadline is this coming Monday to bring in donated items for their holiday season.

## MOCC News

Our next monthly MOCC Breakfast is Saturday, November 18th at 9:30 a.m. Join us at Bob Evans Columbia, 8325 Benson Drive. Plus, we'll have our Holiday Dinner on Saturday, December 16th at The Ale House in Columbia. Cost is \$50. per person, **and the menu can be found here**. Interested to learn more about the MOCC? Please email Duane Smith at **cduanesmith@verizon.net**

## Meals Ministry

The Stewardship season focuses on the giving of our time, talent, and treasure, and one way to do so is by lending a hand to those in need. Christ Church's Pastoral Care Commission is growing its Meals Ministry to ensure that there is always someone who can provide a home-cooked meal to those who might need one. If you would like to help, or if you know someone in need, please speak with Deacon Denise or email her at **deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org**

## Please Support the Rector's Discretionary Fund

The RDF typically helps fulfill the needs of those in our community. There are real people with real needs that we help support, so we appeal to you to consider supporting the RDF in order for us to help our neighbors. **Visit our main Online Giving Form** and select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" from the *FUND* dropdown menu if you'd like to help.

## Help Us Plan Christ Church's 300th Birthday

We are gathering and planning for Christ Church's 300th year - such an important milestone for our church - and we want participation and ideas from as many of us 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 or email **300@christchurchcolumbia.org**

## Communion to You

In an effort 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 the Church Office. 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, speak with or email Rebecca Warlow at **rwarlow131@gmail.com**

## Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one, you can find the details and sign-up sheet at **https://tinyurl.com/CECaltarflowers**. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our **Realm Online Giving Form**; just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. **Email the Church Office** with any questions.

## Inviting You to Remotely Join Us on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Monthly Outreach Meeting

Learn many ways to help others by joining us remotely for the Outreach Commission meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Our mission has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is here**, the Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968** and the Passcode is **Outreach!**

### **Share your Bounty to Brighten Our Neighbors' Thanksgiving Holiday**

Please pitch in as Christ Church collects non-perishable groceries in our annual Thanksgiving Drive, which runs through Thursday, Nov. 16. Place goods on the harvest-decorated table in the Narthex. Or put them in the yellow bin marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive" near the door to Old Brick on the breezeway.

The Howard County Food Bank, operated by the **Community Action Council of Howard County** (CAC), expects to feed more than 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 around Christmas by distributing "Holiday Meal Kits." Christ Church supports this effort, both monetarily and with our **non-perishable** food items.

Please donate the usual sides: boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and cans of fruit and vegetables (low-sodium preferred). What's more, please add items such as soups, tuna, pasta and sauce, rice, and peanut butter to help replenish families' bare cupboards this time of year.

The need is great for struggling households. Food insecurity is the topic of **HoCo Community Chat October 2023**, a podcast of the Howard County Department of Community Resources and Services (DCRS). It features Food Bank Director Carrie Ross and Kim Eisenreich, DCRS administrator of the Local Children's Board. "The holidays can be a really stressful time for a lot of families and not the joyous celebration that many of us have the privilege to experience. And so, just by taking the food worries away can help a family breathe a little bit...and enjoy what the holidays are really meant to be," says Eisenreich.

### **Christ Church Extends Extra Help to the Homeless at Grassroots' DRC in Jessup, Where You Can Help Prepare or Serve a Meal on Monday, Nov. 13**

Our homeless friends depend on the Day Resource Center (DRC) for more than its tasty meals. Once more, staff members called on Christ Church to help replenish resources at the DRC, which is operated by the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**.

Responding to the latest need, Outreach member Dione Mahoney ordered 120 pairs of men's crew socks to be sent with free shipping to the Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center. She bought 45 pairs of women's underwear and 50 pairs of men's underwear, which were gratefully received by DRC's Melinda Becker. The items cost \$239. Funds came from parishioners who donate through the church and mark their contributions to "General Outreach" or specifically to the center. Thank you!

Next up is our turn to provide DRC's hot midday meal on the second Monday of each month. To join us on Monday, Nov. 13, please sign up by Sunday, Nov. 12. If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the midday meal, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. We most recently took part on Oct. 9.

The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers are gathering at that time to carpool to Jessup. Later, parishioners cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of Grassroots' Live-In Facility on Freetown Rd. arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form**.

Grassroots staff serves the evening meal. It's efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you! Grassroots has wider needs for its pantries, now located at three sites. It welcomes in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Monday. Look for its list on church bulletin boards or see "Related Files" on each signup form.

### **Seafarers Center Holiday Drive - Deadline is Next Monday**

WOCC representatives will deliver donations to the International Seafarers Center in Baltimore in mid-November. The Seafarers Center helps seamen and women whose ships come into the Baltimore Harbor. The Center appreciates receiving any of the following items for the Seafarers: calendars for 2024; warm hats, gloves, and scarves; stationery; magazines (e.g., current affairs and sports magazines, National Geographic, Smithsonian, etc.). Donations should be placed in the designated bin in the Tower Room by this Monday, November 13th. This will be our last trip to the Center before Christmas. Let's try to brighten the holidays for those who are so far from home. If you have any questions, please speak with Carolann Sawyer or Cindy Read.

### **Columbia Community Care Seeks Baby Care Items, More Volunteers**

Please continue supporting **Columbia Community Care** (CCC) by giving essentials and with your time and talent. One task is sorting at the pantry building, 10750 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia. Go to the **"I Can Help" portion of its website** or check the **CCC Facebook Group** for updates. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers. Put any of these in the yellow bin, marked "CCC," inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bins and delivers their contents.

### **Please Donate All Kinds of Grocery Non-Perishables and Toiletries to FISH**

**FISH of Howard County** needs non-perishable foods and toiletries. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. Please put donations in the basket at the altar or in the marked yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. 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](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

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### **Thank YOU.**

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.

#### **Text Giving**

You can give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text **CECGIVING** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

#### **Online Giving**

**You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online.** It's a safe and secure method of contributing 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](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

**You can read the latest Vestry-approved monthly report [here](#).**



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