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Summer – 8:00 and 10:00 AM
Beginning 9/19 – 8, 9, and 11 AM

Weekday Services

Tuesdays

9:20 AM Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Thursdays

6:30 AM Holy Eucharist followed
by breakfast and Bible study

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From the Rector

For twelve days in July, I said the prayer attributed to St. Francis at least once each day. The Holy Pilgrimage to Italy was a great blessing for my soul—seeking God and following Francis with twelve companions from Christ Church. As I prayed through the rhythm of this familiar prayer, “Lord, make us instruments of your peace . . .” (*BCP p. 833*), I was caught up in wondering how we who follow Jesus Christ can turn hatred to love and discord to union or convert doubt to faith and despair to hope. In the United States, these days are full of discord and vocal elements foment to increase the tension between all kinds of “us” and “them.” I look to the scriptures to find direction for sowing seeds of union. What did Jesus suggest? “Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you and pray for those who mistreat you. Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Here is concrete behavior that we who follow Jesus can practice as we live into God’s peace and serve as instruments in expanding God’s realm in our midst.

On the pilgrimage we had an opportunity to engage in another practice that strengthens love, union, faith, and hope. We had conversations. The word comes from a Latin root meaning, “to live with, keep company with, have dealings with others.” Conversation is more than talking. In shared exchanges that unfold over time, each participant gives and receives, melding thoughts, stories, and feelings into an intimacy that binds them all together. As we converse we slow down reactive responses and melt defenses to allow for consideration and understanding. Those long conversations become the building blocks of memory and meaning and shape the future of the relationship. Think for a minute about the conversations among the disciples with Jesus. Though the gospel record is more one-sided, you can imagine how the disciples built connections across profession, social caste, and gender to become united in faith, hope, and love.

After my return, I chanced upon a book that I’m finding insightful and inspiring. From its pages I considered the merits of our pilgrimage conversations. In the preface of *It’s Not Too Late: a Field Guide to Hope*, Bob Sitze writes, “It’s never too late for you to hope. Never too late to speak of hope or to act hopefully. No matter the circumstances in which you find yourself. No matter who wants to tempt you to be afraid, angry, or desperate. These ideas fill this book. I wrote this book to thwart Despair, an ugly demon who wants to nest and rest in our souls. I want you to see in God the source of hope who will sustain your spirit into the years ahead.”

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Outdoor Worship

On **Sunday, September 5** at 10 AM, we will move outdoors for a more relaxed experience of worship. Please bring your lawn chairs and blankets with you and dress casually for the weather and the location of our service.

Join the St. Nicholas Choir

Those in 1st grade on up are invited to join the St. Nicholas Choir. The group meets on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 to 5:15 PM in the Chapel and sings in the Church on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions. Please contact Nadine DiLorenzo at nadine@dilorenzo.net or 575-1202 to register or for more information. Our first rehearsal will take place on **Thursday, September 9**.

September Potluck and Pool Party



September's Potluck Supper will be held at 6:30 PM on **Friday, September 10** at Snuff Mill Swim Club. Bring a picnic supper or salad dish to share (grills and microwave are available but no ovens). Ice cream for sundaes will be provided. Don't forget bathing suits and towels. Call

David Morrell, 658-6211, with questions. All parishioners are invited, and reservations are not necessary.

Annual Parish Picnic

Grab your lawn chairs and blankets...pull out those great family recipes for side dishes you know and love...and then come join your church friends and family at this year's Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 12** following the 10 AM service! The Parish Life Committee (with help from the Del Rose Cafe) will provide grilled burgers and dogs, along with Carolina BBQ. Please bring a side dish (i.e., pasta, cole slaw, baked beans, deviled eggs) if your last name begins with A – G; a finger dessert (i.e., brownies, cookies) if your last name begins with H – O; or a green, fruit, or veggie salad or side if your last name begins with P – Z. A parish softball game is in the works for kids and adults in addition to our usual picnic fun. With fall events like Luke Timothy Johnson as our Theologian in Residence in September and Andrew Lumsden as our Musician in Residence in November, our picnic is the perfect kickoff to an exciting year!



Acolytes Needed!

Acolytes assist in worship by leading the procession, receiving the offering, and assisting the priest in preparing the bread and wine for communion. This is a vital ministry at Christ Church, and new acolytes are needed! All youth in 9th through 12th grades are invited to participate. Please contact Jane Rubini at jrubini@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 if you would like to serve as an acolyte.

Training will take place on Sunday, September 12 from 12:15 to 1:45 PM, following the Parish Picnic.

**8, 9, and 11 AM Services Resume
Sunday, September 19**



Think Green! Go Blue!

Are these cheers for the Philadelphia Eagles and the University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens? Actually,



these are cheers for our environment and for "... this fragile earth, our island home." (*BCP p. 370*) Recycling is happening now at Christ Church! How did this happen? In mid-August, we contracted with Waste Management to be our waste hauler, making the conscious decision to choose a company that is known for its recycling ability (Waste Management recycles enough paper annually to save more than 41 million trees). Plus, we're saving money—this new arrangement is costing substantially less than before.

So, we're being good stewards by recycling and helping the environment and by watching our costs. Sounds like a win-win situation, a no-brainer. How can we help? By "pitching" the acceptable recyclables into the blue cans with the white recycle logo on them that are located in all buildings on the CCCH campus. Near each blue receptacle is a list of acceptable and unacceptable items. (The unacceptable items go in the regular trash cans.) We use single stream recycling, which means we can commingle recyclables in one bin, including recyclable glass, aluminum, cans, plastics, and papers. Single stream recycling is made possible through the use of various mechanized screens and optical sorting technologies. While it all sounds complicated, it makes it easy for us.

Join us as we do our part by thinking green and going blue!

Mike Sayer

September Outreach Collection

Connecting Generations recruits, trains, and supports mentors who make a difference in the lives of children who need help in schools throughout Delaware. All it takes is one hour per week and the desire to help a child become all he or she can be. During September, we will collect *educational games, puzzles, and books for mentors to use with young children*. Collection bins are located in the back of the Church and in the Parish Center near the circle drive. Tax receipts are available for your records. Also, we ask that parishioners consider becoming a mentor. Please visit www.creativementoring.org or call (877) 202-9050.

Study, Sup, and Serve

Looking for a meaningful, short-term opportunity to learn and serve with fellow parishioners? This fall, a new small group opportunity is available which will introduce you to the work of Epiphany House through the combination of learning, serving, and fellowship. A group of parishioners will gather for six weeks to read and discuss *The Prison Angel: Mother Antonia's Life of Service in a Mexican Jail* by Mary Jordan and Kevin Sullivan. The book details the journey of a Beverly Hills socialite who, after being divorced and raising seven children, gives up her belongings to serve prisoners in Tijuana. Written by Pulitzer Prize winners, this book is an engaging and accessible entry into ministry with the incarcerated. After the group completes the book, we will then go in small groups to serve and eat a meal with the women of Epiphany House who are transitioning out of prison.

The group will kick off the six-week series with an evening gathering on **Tuesday, September 21** from 7 to 8 PM in the Conference Room. That evening we will use our time to meet one another, introduce our book, and hear personal testimonies from Marcy Perkins, Director of the Women's Ministry at Friendship House, and a client of Epiphany House. In the following five weeks, the "Study, Sup, and Serve" group will gather for discussion and lunch on **Wednesdays, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, and 27** from 12 to 1 PM at PureBread in Greenville. Then, members will select an evening (five early-November dates are available) to serve a meal at Epiphany House.

Space will be limited, so please sign up early at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org. This is a unique opportunity which allows parishioners to get to know one another and to intentionally encounter those whom we serve. Questions? Please contact Jennifer.

Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly

Epiphany House—Good Works Continue

Epiphany House has been in full function since opening in June. It is currently housing four women who are in the first stage of recovery from incarceration through a program given by Bill and Marcy Perkins of Friendship House. Two more women will be arriving at the house soon. Four women have already completed their stay and have moved to stage two of the three-stage program.

Many thanks to Christ Church leaders and parishioners who have been extending their time and care to the residents of Epiphany House during these first months of operation. Their outreach has included providing meals and company, providing supplies, making welcome baskets, and mentoring residents to strengthen life skills. This fall, there are several ways to continue helping the women at Epiphany House.

Christ Church Outreach would like to organize regular dates when our parishioners will provide dinner. This work will involve taking a meal for about six people to Epiphany House by 5:30 PM and joining the group for dinner for about an hour. Two people to cook, serve, and share supper works well. For more information, please contact Joe Stoeckle at jkstoeckle@aol.com or 737-7401.

Join parishioners Key Murray and Carolyn Karney in one-on-one mentoring on decision making. This group meets once a week with the residents at Epiphany House (currently Mondays at 6:30 PM for 90 minutes). Key will train future volunteers who will be asked to sign on for a 7-week cycle. His expertise comes from 16 years of teaching decision making skills to prisoners. For more information, please contact Key Murray at 777-7171.

Assist Benita Allen, executive director of Pathways to Wholeness, in teaching employment skills to Epiphany House residents. Skills include resume writing, setting up email accounts, using a flash drive, navigating an internet job search, and interviewing for jobs. Volunteer training for this 6-week course will include three sessions with Benita as well as an orientation. This group meets on Thursdays at 6:30 PM for less than two hours. Benita also offers another 6-week course: Money Management and Credit Restoration. For more information about helping with these courses, please contact Barbara Cairns at (610) 925-0801 or beccairns@verizon.net or Tomoko Werbe at (610) 324-2326 or tswerbe@gmail.com.

Please consider if any of these life-giving and rewarding activities may be your calling! *Tomoko Werbe*

Learning Jesus

Premier New Testament Scholar, Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson, noted lecturer and author of more than 20 books, is coming to Christ Church.

Friday, September 24 lecture
7:00 PM

Learning the Human Jesus

Saturday, September 25 workshop
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Learning Jesus in the Life of the Church

The Saturday workshop cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Please make reservations at 655-3379 or rsvp@christchurchde.org.

If you are interested in preparing for the presentations, please read Dr. Johnson's book, *Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel*.

We hope that you will join us for this special opportunity to learn from one of the most prominent Bible scholars teaching in the world today.
Russ Bohner

St. Francis Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, October 3** at the 9 AM service for the Blessing of the Animals. We welcome all members to bring their beloved pets to worship with us, outdoors if the weather is fair, with a special lemonade hour to follow. Bring your pets, safely leashed or contained, along with lawn chairs or blankets.

That evening, the J2A pilgrims invite you to a special dinner at 6 PM. They will cook an Italian meal for you and share the experience of the pilgrimage with stories and images. Look for more information about the evening in the Sunday Bulletin and eNEWS. The pilgrims will also assist with the 9 AM service in honor of St. Francis.
Ruth Lamson Kirk

Ushers Needed

Families serve as ushers at the 9 AM service beginning in September, while men and women serve on usher teams at 11 AM on Sundays and on special occasions. Ushers greet parishioners, hand out bulletins, assist anyone who needs help, and collect and count the offering. Folks generally serve once every other month, so this is a great opportunity for those seeking a role with a low time commitment. Contact Jane Rubini at jrubini@christchurchde.org or 655-3379 to volunteer. A schedule and instructions are provided.

Andrew Lumsden – Musician in Residence

Andrew Lumsden, Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral, is this year's Musician in Residence. Mr. Lumsden trained at Winchester College, the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and St. John's College, Cambridge. He has held positions at Southwark Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and Lichfield Cathedral before being appointed as the Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral in 2002. Mark your calendars for the following events:

• **Friday, November 19**

7:30 PM Organ Recital in the Church

• **Saturday, November 20**

10 AM to 1 PM Open Rehearsal in the Church

2 to 3 PM Lecture in Parish Hall A

• **Sunday, November 21**

11 AM Choral Eucharist in the Church

5 PM Evensong in the Church

Help Us Plan Our Annual Meeting



September is here, and we need your help as we begin the process of planning our next Annual Meeting, to be held **Sunday, May 15, 2011**. As you may recall, last spring the Vestry unanimously approved the passage of two resolutions recommending a move from fall to spring for the Annual Meeting with voting for Vestry elections occurring prior to the day of the meeting.

With these changes in mind, we invite you to become part of our new Annual Meeting Planning Committee. We will welcome your ideas, talents, and creativity as we gather together members representing different areas of parish life to develop a format for our meeting that is manageable, meaningful, and enjoyable—one that will engage more parishioners and increase participation. And, as we discern how to craft our meeting for our parish, we can do so remembering our special gift for hospitality, one that, as Jennifer reminded us in a July sermon, was “created by the whole household” in Jesus' time and is central to our identity and discipleship.

If you would like to assist in the reshaping of our Annual Meeting as a special time for communication, conversation, hospitality, fellowship, and thanksgiving, please contact Betsy Field at 654-4199 or ewfield@verizon.net. Please look for updates on the progress of our plans and, beginning in January 2011, the required notifications concerning the Annual Meeting and Vestry elections as specified in the church's bylaws.
Betsy Field

Christ Church Episcopal Preschool



I would like to express my gratitude to all who have given me such a warm welcome since I arrived in July as the Interim Head of School at Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. With summer camp in full swing, I was able to observe teachers and students enjoying nature, water play, songs, games, arts and crafts, and many other fun activities. Now we turn our attention to the fall and the beginning of the preschool's fifth year. Teachers have been readying their rooms for new classes, ordering supplies, and collaborating with one another about how to make this year even better than those which have come before. I have met one-on-one with all of the preschool's teachers and have been impressed with the passion they bring to their work here. All spoke of their love for children, their commitment to the curriculum, and the strong relationships with parents. Teachers participated in CPR classes in August, and all are taking a new course in Early Learning Foundations. They continue to participate in professional development opportunities throughout the year in order to provide our children

with the best, safest learning environment and the most nurturing atmosphere possible. We strive for constant improvement as teachers because we know we have been entrusted with the most precious gift of all—the children of this parish and community.

Jo Harney



CCEP Summer Camp

Children and Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School a Great Success!

The children had a great time in their High Seas Adventure! Through great music, games, crafts, and storytelling, the children heard that God's word is true, comforting, life changing, surprising, and for everyone! Each day we heard a Bible story of Peter and Paul's adventures. A special thanks to all our volunteers! We couldn't have done it without you: Louise Barton, Nadine DiLorenzo, Becca Durgin, Kelsey Miller, Ranie Good, Josh Turner, Mariah Payne, Julian Turner, Claire and Jackson Parsells, Austin and Mike Wedo, Addison Giansiracusa, Liz Marcin, Rand Barton, Laurie Passarello, Beth Duncan, Thom Jensen, Meeghan Carter, Jane Rubini and all of the Christ Church staff, and Deryn Zakielarz. And a special thanks to the coordinators Lisa White and Kathy Seeman!

Teacher Commissioning

We will commission all Sunday School teachers on **Sunday, September 12** at the 10 AM service.

Rite-13 Lock-in

There will be an overnight lock-in for the incoming Rite-13 youth (rising 6th and 7th graders) on **Friday and Saturday, September 17 and 18** here at Christ

Church. This will be a time of fellowship and introduction to the Rite-13 class.

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday morning Children and Youth Enrichment Programs begin on **Sunday, September 19** at 9 AM for Godly Play and at 10 AM for 3rd-6th Grades, Journey to Adulthood youth classes, and Godly Play Enrichment.

J2A Orientation

All parents and youth involved in the Rite-13, J2A, and YAC programs are invited to a potluck dinner and meeting on **Sunday, September 19** at 5 PM in the Parish Hall. There will be an orientation to the Journey to Adulthood Program and then each group will break off for their own information sessions with teachers. Bring a dish to share!

Confirmation

Confirmation will be part of the J2A program for 8th and 9th graders this year. In addition to the Sunday morning program, there will be a required confirmation retreat in late winter or early spring. Confirmation will take place in late spring. Dates to follow!

Lynne Jensen

From the Rector *(continued from page 1)*

As I skim its pages, I'm discovering other ways to serve as an instrument of God's purpose. It is possible for us to sow hope where there is despair and pardon where there is injury. As I follow Jesus, it is within my capacity to sow seeds of love and light and joy. I trust you will join me. I encourage you to engage in conversations with others who also desire God's good life and savor times for prayer, which is conversation with God.

Ruth Lawson Kirk

From the Prayer Ministry

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us ever thankful for your loving influence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Editor's Note

Please address your suggestions and comments on the *Communicator* to: slawtonfasic@christchurchde.org; P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807; or 655-3379. **The deadline for articles for the *Christ Church Communicator* is the 18th of each month.**

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GREEN SHOW 2010

The Christ Church Green Show is celebrating its 57th year of bringing the church community together to raise money to benefit local charities.

The Green Show kicks off with a Preview Party and Silent Auction on **Friday, December 3**. Pantry Shelf, Soups, Gourmet Meals to Go, Wine Corner, and Plants are just a few of the shops open during the Preview Party. The centerpiece of the evening is a fabulous Silent Auction filled with special vacations, tickets to sporting and cultural events, artwork, and other fun donations from parishioners. On **Saturday, December 4** the Green Show is open to the entire community for shopping and a delicious lunch, with a special opportunity for young children to have a photo taken with Santa.

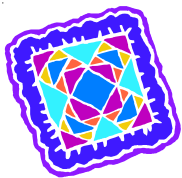
The purpose of the Green Show is to bring parishioners together while working toward a common goal to raise money for those in need. There is no better way to get to know other church members than by working together.

Come find out how you can get involved on **Tuesday, October 12** at 7 PM in Parish Hall A. Hear what the various Green Show departments are planning for this year. There are many ways you can help out, even if you only have an hour to spare. Please join us!

Allison Brokaw, Green Show Chair

Vice Chairs: Elizabeth Brodt (Volunteers), Robby Chabalko, (Sales), Mary Ingham (Saturday Activities), Nan Jackson (Preview Party), Lee Kallos (Food), Xannie Morris (Detail), Barbara Petroll (Plants)

Hand-Quilting Our Green Show Quilt



Many hands make light work! Hand-quilting of the Green Show Quilt of Many Colors is under way in Parish Hall A. We welcome all to come watch and participate once you've learned to hand-quilt on a sample we'll provide. Workshops will be held on **Wednesday, September 1** from 2 to 4 PM and from 7 to 9 PM. Please check the Bulletin and eNEWS for more workshop dates later this month. Bring a thimble if you have one and eyeglasses if you need them. Everything else will be provided. Questions? Please contact Marion Godfrey at 658-5151 or mariongodfrey@yahoo.com or Amy Lawrence at 438-2648 or clouddancer_53@yahoo.com. Once you've learned to hand-quilt, you'll be welcome to quilt any time you'd like beginning September 5.

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Green Show Silent Auction

If you read our Silent Auction article in the last *Communicator*, you could see that “the times, they are changing” for the Silent Auction at the Green Show. Firstly, we divided the auction into nine categories and recruited coordinators in each category to solicit donors. Our objective as a committee is to make participation “easy and fun.” Secondly, we are limiting the number of offerings to a manageable amount, both for the committee and the buyers. We’re going for the top 100 donations. Lastly, and most importantly, our goal for the auction is to extend the Green Show Silent Auction experience throughout the year.

Besides raising money for Outreach, the Green Show is a place for fellowship and forging new friendships. Over the past few years, the Silent Auction has received more and more donations that were not “things” but contributions of time and talent. These experiences bring members of our parish together during the year. Whether attending a party with other parishioners, tubing down the Brandywine, going out to dinner, cheering on a sports team, or getting a massage, the Green Show is brought back to mind long after the event is over, often in the company of other Christ Church members.

So instead of looking around your attic for a donation, think of your special talent or something that you can

do for someone else. Some ideas from past Green Shows include silver polishing, a garden tour, special birthday cupcakes, a sailing trip, and music lessons. Think also of ideas that bring parishioners together such as a getaway place, a dinner party, a craft project for a group of children, an evening out, a sports event, or an adventure to a museum. Don’t be shy to ask your favorite salon, restaurant, lunch place, masseuse, or person who cuts your grass or trims your trees for a donation. Often they are happy to honor your relationship with a gift to the Green Show, with the added benefit they might get a new customer.

Our category coordinators can’t wait to hear from you with your offering to the Silent Auction. Their contact information is below. Or you can fill out your own form online and submit it directly to us. Go to www.christchurchde.org. Click on Parish Life and then click on Green Show and scroll down to Silent Auction 2010 and click on the link to the online form. We will send you a tax form.

If you have questions, want some donation ideas, or would like to volunteer for our fabulous committee, contact co-chairs Susan Casscells at 753-3434 or swcasscells@gmail.com or Kay Keenan at 654-5155 or kay.keenan@gmail.com.

Susan Casscells and Kay Keenan

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Green Show Gourmet to Go

Our Gourmet to Go Freezer workshops will begin on **Wednesday, September 15** from 9 AM to 12 PM and continue on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center Kitchen through November. We prep, cook, and assemble homemade dishes that will be frozen and sold at this year’s Green Show. We have an awesome crew of regulars and love to have people drop in. You need not be a cook, nor do you have to stay for the entire three hours. If you can chop, dry dishes, or laugh along with others, you are more than qualified! Please join us! Questions? Contact Beth Faulkner at 764-6494 or sixfaulks@mac.com. *Beth Faulkner*

Green Show Pantry Shelf



The Pantry Shelf canners have put up over 200 jars of goodies so far! We will have two sessions this month—marinara on **Thursday, September 16** and applesauce on **Thursday, September 23**. Please join us from 6 to 9 PM for dinner and sauce making! No experience required, and folks of all ages are invited to help. Please let Maryann Younger (234-8229, mady@youngers.org) or Chuck Durgin (652-4033, chuckdurgin@gmail.com) know if you plan to join in the fun. Coming on October 21: pepper jam! *Maryann Younger*

GODLY PLAY SPOKEN HERE

Godly Play is a Christian Formation Curriculum developed by theologian, author, and educator, The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman. It began with the proposition that children have a natural sense of God and that what they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened. The Godly Play approach teaches classical Christian language in a way that does not block or distort the child's authentic experience of God but enhances it so it can contribute to the creative life of the child and the world.

Godly Play teaches children the art of using this Christian language—parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action—helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. This approach is quite different from the traditional model in which the teacher tells the children what they need to know. It is not about memorizing scripture or keeping children entertained. It is about locating each lesson in the whole system of Christian language and involving the creative process to discover the depths of meaning in them. It's about understanding how each of the stories of God's people connects with the child's own experience and relationship with God.

The goal of Godly Play is to show how to be open to the Holy Spirit, the Creator, and the Redeemer all at once and all the time in every place. To achieve this goal is to help children become deeply rooted as Christians and yet at the same time use this powerful language and community to be open and creative. Congregations where Godly Play is spoken are changed as the children and teachers enter into the presence of God regularly. This enriches and enlivens the whole congregation with the Holy Spirit!

What are the underlying educational and theological foundations of Godly Play? Many education models teach biblical facts as if they will magically make people believe in God. This misses what is most exciting about religious education. God's self is in the midst of the words playing hide and seek within us. God invites us into—and pursues us in the midst of—scripture. The Godly Play method has been created to help children learn how to listen well, to hear what God is saying to them, and then to make an authentic and creative response.

What is the scope and sequence of Godly Play? Godly Play follows the circle of the Church Year. It moves from the preparation for the Mystery of Christmas during Advent to the Mystery itself. It then moves on through Lent and the Mystery of Easter. Next, the season of Easter prepares the way for the Mystery of

Pentecost. The rhythm of the Church Year moves from preparation, into mystery, and then to recollection about these three great mysteries, which parallel an experience of the three persons of the Holy Trinity. The Godly Play curriculum “turns around” this circle by following the liturgical seasons celebrated by the Church. One can spend a lifetime moving around this circle, discovering something new each time, as one grows older and wiser, if one has the imagination and creative support of a community to help continue this quest. It is part of Godly Play's task to prepare the way for this journey.

What does a Godly Play classroom look like? Godly Play lessons and room design exemplify how the child experiences the Christian language. This connection between architecture, language, and community is generally present in Christian churches, but in a Godly Play classroom it is much clearer. When the classroom and lessons are internalized, children have available to them a working model of the language system to think with and use in discussions with others about what is most important in life and death. Teachers or mentors guide the children toward this discovery by patiently and playfully naming and using the lessons and parts of the room in a consistent and respectful way.

The circle of class participating begins when the children enter the sacred space of the room that is filled with stories and objects representing our Christian language. As they cross this threshold into the classroom, all time and space become God's rather than their own. This dynamic circle then moves through the activities of listening to and wondering about the lesson, developing additional insights by exploration with expressive art or the story feast, and then reflectively leaving the classroom, anticipation to enter it once again the next time the class meets. The movement follows the deep structure of Christian worship and is an indirect preparation for the children to be involved directly in the worship of their part of the Christian tradition.

Godly Play helps to bring out the wonder, sacredness, and play of children's spiritual lives. This not only blesses them but their families and their community of faith.

Godly Play is spoken here on Sunday mornings at 9 AM for ages 3 through 2nd grade during the school year and on Sunday mornings during the summer. Godly Play is also spoken on Wednesday and Friday mornings at CCEP.

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