

# Christ Church Bulletin



*As followers of Christ, we share the beauty and power of God's transforming love through worship, community, and service in the world.*

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday:	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with the St. Cecilia Choir Nursery for infants and toddlers in Room 102 Godly Play for 3- through 8-year-olds in Rooms 210, 211, 213
	10:00 AM	Nursery and Children & Youth Enrichment Adult Enrichment and Coffee Hour Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Choral Matins with the Christ Church Choir Child care for infants through 5-year-olds in Room 102
	12:00 PM	"What's Next" luncheon and forum in Parish Hall B
	5:00 PM	Choral Evensong in the Church J2A Pilgrimage dinner in the Kitchen
	7:00 PM	J2A Pilgrimage meeting in Room 214
Monday:	5:00 PM	J2A Pilgrimage fund-raiser at the Charcoal Pit
	5:30 PM	Contemplative Prayer Group meeting in the Commons Room
Tuesday:	9:20 AM	Intercessory Prayer Service in the Chapel
	10:30 AM	Books, Brew, & Banter in the Commons Room
	11:00 AM	CCEP Worship Service in the Chapel
	5:30 PM	Outreach Committee Allocations meeting in Room 211/212
	6:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in Parish Halls A and B
	7:30 PM	Training session for Acolytes, EM's, & Ushers in the Church
	7:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting in Room 214
Wednesday:	6:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
	9:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
	11:00 AM	CCEP Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel
	4:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Children's Service in the Chapel
	6:30 PM	Parenting Class in the Conference Room
	7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Choral Eucharist in the Church
Thursday:	6:30 AM	Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
	7:00 AM	Breakfast/Bible Study in Room 211/212
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist at Methodist Country House
	4:15 PM	St. Nicholas Choir rehearsal in the Chapel
Saturday:	9:00 AM	Lenten Offerings in the Chapel and Parish Hall A

## BILL PERKINS TO PREACH AND PRESENT PROJECT TODAY

Bill Perkins, Director of Friendship House, will preach at our 8, 9, and 11 AM services this morning. During the Adult Enrichment Hour, Bill and his wife, Marcy, will present Friendship House's newest project—renovation of a house to expand their Women's Transitional Housing and Employment Program. Christ Church recently contributed a gift of \$100,000 toward the project with the intent of forming an ongoing partnership to help renovate the house as well as participate in the ongoing programs to mentor women transitioning from incarceration to a productive, independent life. Please join us to learn of the opportunities to participate in these efforts.

February 14, 2010

## CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY

Join us for the service of Evensong from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1662* for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany today at 5 PM in the Church, featuring music by Byrd and Wesley.

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## J2A PILGRIMAGE FUND-RAISER – FEBRUARY 15

The next Charcoal Pit Pilgrimage fund-raiser for our youth pilgrimage to Italy this summer is scheduled for Monday, February 15 from 5 to 9 PM at the Concord Pike location. Visit [www.christchurchde.org/christianed/youthgroup.asp](http://www.christchurchde.org/christianed/youthgroup.asp) for the flyer you'll need to present with your bill that evening.

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## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – FEBRUARY 16

Join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, sponsored by the Parish Life Committee and the J2A youth. We will serve in two seatings—from 6:00 to 6:30 PM and again from 6:45 to 7:15 PM on Tuesday, February 16 in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$3 for children and \$8 for youth and adults. This is a fund-raiser for the youth's Holy Pilgrimage this summer. A brief children's program will begin at 6:30 PM, and palms will be burned at 7:15. To ensure we arrange for adequate supplies, please reserve your tickets at [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org) or by calling 655-3379.

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## TRAINING SESSION FOR ACOLYTES, EM'S, & USHERS – FEBRUARY 16

Due to the changed shape of the liturgy during Lent, Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly will hold a brief training for all Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers at 7:30 PM on February 16 in the Church, after the second seating of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We plan to spend no longer than one hour reviewing the liturgical choreography of the Lenten season. Written instructions will be emailed to all three groups, but this training will be an opportunity to physically run through the liturgies planned for the Lenten season.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

Ash Wednesday opens the season of Lent. We will worship on February 17 in the Chapel at 6:30 AM for those who wish to come before the workday; at 9 AM for those who drive best in daylight; at 11 AM for the students at CCEP; and at 4 PM in a service shaped for children. The Christ Church Choir will sing at the 7:30 PM service in the Church for a solemn choral celebration of the Ash Wednesday liturgy. All services will include communion and the imposition of ashes made from the palms of the previous year.

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## TWO OFFERINGS ON A LENTEN SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 20

Take time apart on the first Saturday of Lent to join your companions in prayer and reflection. We begin at 9:00 AM with Morning Prayer in the Chapel of the Christ Child. At 9:30 you have two alternatives:

*Discerning God's Presence in my Life* – We gather in the chapel for meditation, scriptural reflection, prayer, and silence, led by Ruth Kirk and designed by members of the Worship Committee.

*Traces of the Trade* – We gather in Parish Hall A for a viewing of the documentary that explores one family's history in the slave trade and engage in a discussion led by Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly. Diocesan Convention encouraged each congregation to view this film before the 2010 Convention.

Both groups will close the day in the Chapel at 12:00 for Noonday Prayers. To sign up, please contact the Church Office at 655-3379 or [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org).

## WORSHIP IN THE SEASON OF LENT

Each season in the Church year has a different emphasis. From ancient times, Lent was a time of repentance, humbling oneself before God, seeking forgiveness and return. Think of the prodigal son. To note this emphasis, worship will be muted to make a greater contrast to the joy of Easter. The confession comes at the beginning of worship. The gospel will not be processed. Our silver chalices will be replaced with glass cups. We will use the high altar in the upper sanctuary in both Church and Chapel. In this way, all the people, including the priest, face the cross as we remember the sacrifice of Christ's death and the power for us of his resurrection each time we celebrate the Eucharist. We experience different emotions as the practice of worship changes. Pay attention to the thoughts and feelings that emerge as you experience worship in Lent. Take note of the contrast when Easter comes. How does worship shape our experience of the Holy or challenge our image of God? How does that experience shape the nature of Christian community?

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### YAC HELPS HAITI – FEBRUARY 21

Back by popular demand! The Christ Church YAC youth group will bake delicious homemade macaroni and cheese to raise money for our neighbors in Haiti! Casseroles will be sold next Sunday, February 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen. You may preorder at [che1968@mac.com](mailto:che1968@mac.com). All proceeds will go to Episcopal Relief and Development for Haiti. (9" x 13" casserole – \$15; 8" x 8" casserole – \$10)

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### ENGLAND 2011 MEETING – FEBRUARY 21

We are putting together another trip to England to hear Evensong services in cathedrals and collegiate churches from February 3-12, 2011. Are you interested in hearing about it? Please join us at a planning meeting next Sunday, February 21 at 3 PM in Room 211/212. Bring your friends! Questions? Contact Anne Gross ([atgross@udel.edu](mailto:atgross@udel.edu), 425-0331) or Bill Owen ([wowen@christchurchde.org](mailto:wowen@christchurchde.org), 655-3379).

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### LENTEN SERIES – FEBRUARY 24, MARCH 3, 10, 17, & 24

#### 6:15-7:00 PM Soup Supper (optional)

Join us in the Parish Hall for a delicious supper of hot soup and fresh bread with special foods for children. No need to bring anything; just come as you are and bring your family and friends. Please RSVP at 655-3379 or [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org).

#### 7:00-8:00 PM Program for Adults

*Those Who Sing Pray Twice: Music in Lent* – Join Ruth Kirk and Bill Owen in Parish Hall A for a discussion of the hymns, anthems, and Psalms of the season, with special emphasis on Psalm singing.

*Christian Reconciliation: Promise of New Life* – Join Russ Bohner and Jennifer Andrews-Weckerly in Parish Hall B for an in-depth exploration of the meaning and practice of Christian reconciliation. Referencing the Bible and Christian Tradition, Russ and Jennifer will lead a discussion of sin, salvation, and the love of God, with special emphasis on the practical elements of confession, apology, forgiveness, and absolution.

#### 7:00-8:00 PM Program for Youth

*Christian Spiritual Practice for Youth* – Join Lynne Jensen and John Crossan in the Parish Hall for supper and then in the Annex for a conversation about and experience of different Christian spiritual practices.

Child care for infants and children through elementary school will be available in the Commons Room. If you would like to use the child care, please RSVP to 655-3379 or [rsvp@christchurchde.org](mailto:rsvp@christchurchde.org).

### 30-HOUR FAMINE – FEBRUARY 26 & 27

30-Hour Famine is a worldwide movement of students who are serious about serving God and fighting hunger. The students begin fasting after lunch and gather in the Parish Center on Friday, February 26 at 7 PM for games, fellowship, and worship. On Saturday, February 27 they will go out into the community and participate in service projects in Wilmington. The fast will end with Eucharist and a simple supper at 5:30 PM on Saturday. Parents are invited to join us for the Eucharist and supper. Pickup will be at 6:30 PM. Arrangements can be made for those who cannot fast. 30-Hour Famine counts toward school service hours too. All money raised will go directly to Haiti to help feed those affected by the recent earthquake. Contact Lynne Jensen to register ([ljensen@christchurchde.org](mailto:ljensen@christchurchde.org), text 373-5625, or message her on Facebook).

### FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During the month of February, we will collect personal care products for AIDS Delaware for clients in their program. Needed are: *toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, and tissues*. Collection bins are located in the back of the Church and in the Parish Center near the circle drive.

**PEOPLE SERVING TODAY: Acolytes:** 8 AM Preston Boyden. 9 AM Hannah Spanfelner, Catherine Curran, John Edinger, Meredith Erskine, Ruben Mascitti, Emily Simonton; Hal Erskine, Advisor. 11 AM Katy Anthony, Sam Greenberg, Charlie Chesser, Sammy Kimball, Sabine Sellers; Dana Robertson, Advisor. **Altar Guild:** Fran Bayard, Jamie Jones, Carolyn Karney, Gail Keller, Barbara Morgan, Nan Naeve, Pat Stull. **Coffee Hour:** Leslie Kelly. **Eucharistic Ministers:** 8 AM Tucker Giddens, Dutch Miller. 9 AM Lauren Patterson, Mark Patterson, Marty Rushlow, Mike Rushlow. **Greeters:** 9 AM Doug, Susan, Mason, and Philip Nickel. 11 AM Thym Smith. **Lectors:** 11 AM Wes Jones, Kay Keenan. **Ushers:** 9 AM Steve, Linda, Preston, Reed, Spencer, and Blaine Boyden. 11 AM Sam Bayard, Hal Schneikert.

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
W. Glasgow Reynolds  
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**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2010**

**8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I**

Opening Acclamation	BCP 323
Gloria in Excelsis	
Collect of the Day	165
The First Reading	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>
Psalm 99	BCP 728
The Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
The Homily	Bill Perkins
The Nicene Creed	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	328
Confession and Absolution	330
The Peace	332
The Holy Communion	
Offertory	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer	336
The Breaking of the Bread	337
Communion of the Faithful	
<i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	339
The Blessing	
Announcements and Dismissal	
<i>People: Thanks be to God.</i>	

## 9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude <i>Basse et Dessus de Trompette</i>	Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
Hymn 390	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>
Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
Collect for Purity	
* <i>The Gloria</i>	356
Collect of the Day	217
The First Reading <i>(please be seated)</i>	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>
Gradual Hymn <i>The Lord is My Light (as able, please stand)</i>	printed on back page
The Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
Gradual Hymn <i>The Lord is My Light</i>	printed on back page
The Homily <i>(please be seated)</i>	Bill Perkins
The Nicene Creed <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	BCP 358
Prayers of the People and Confession	printed on insert
The Peace	BCP 360
The Offertory	
Anthem <i>(please be seated)</i>	St. Cecilia Choir
<i>All People That on Earth do Dwell</i>	Thomas Tallis
All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice. The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, without our aid he did us make; we are his flock, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth hath always firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure. Amen.	
Presentation Hymn 348	<i>Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	BCP 367
* <i>Holy, Holy, Holy Lord</i>	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	
* <i>Fraction Anthem</i>	
Communion of the Faithful <i>(gluten-free wafers available upon request)</i>	
Communion Anthem	
<i>Hear My Prayer, O God</i>	Jacob Arcadelt
Hear my prayer, O God, turn not from me; hearken unto the voice of my supplication. I will call on God, He alone will be my salvation. He endureth for all generations. O Lord almighty, turn not Thyself from me, I pray Thee, O Lord God! O hear my prayer, Lord, hear my prayer! Amen.	
Communion Hymns 123	<i>Alleluia, Song of Gladness</i>
341	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
The Blessing	
Hymn 618	<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>
Announcements and Dismissal	
<i>People: Thanks be to God.</i>	

\*from *Mass for Christ Church Christiana Hundred* (1997) by David Willcocks, located in the pew rack

## 11:00 AM CHORAL MATINS

Prelude <i>Basse et Dessus de Trompette</i>	Louis-Nicolas Clerambault
Hymn 390	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>
Opening Sentences	BCP 38
Confession and Absolution	41
Invitatory (S 1) <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	42
Antiphon	43
Venite	44
Psalm 99 <i>(sung by choir) (remain standing)</i>	728
The First Reading <i>(please be seated)</i>	<i>Exodus 34:29-35</i>
<i>Te Deum</i>	John Rutter
<p>We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the Powers therein; to thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee. The noble army of Martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee; the Father, of an infinite Majesty; thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy Saints, in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage. Govern them, and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy Name: ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord; to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.</p>	
The Second Reading	<i>Luke 9:28-36</i>
<i>Jubilate Deo</i>	John Rutter
<p>O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth from generation to generation.</p>	
The Apostles' Creed <i>(as able, please stand)</i>	BCP 53
The Lord's Prayer <i>(kneel, as able)</i>	54
Suffrages A (S 22)	55
Collect of the Day and Prayers	
The General Thanksgiving	58
Prayer of St. Chrysostom	59
Announcements	
Hymn 137	<i>O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair</i>
The Sermon	Bill Perkins
The Offertory	
Anthem	Christ Church Choir
<i>And Then Shall Your Light Break Forth</i>	Felix Mendelssohn
<p>And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations! Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory. Amen!</p>	
Doxology	Hymn 380, v. 3
The Blessing	
Hymn 618	<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>
Postlude	

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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## THE FIRST READING: EXODUS 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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## THE SECOND READING/HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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## 9:00 AM GRADUAL HYMN

from *Songs and Prayers from Taizé*

Calmly (♩ = 66)

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The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Sing once through in unison, then two times through as a round between women and men, women starting.

## 9:00 AM PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, who created all things, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in your son Jesus Christ. May your wisdom in its rich variety be known through all faithful people and give your holy church grace to bear the gifts of truth and love to all your children on earth. We pray for our clergy and bishops. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *N.*; in the Diocesan cycle we pray for *N.* We pray for all who proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth and for all who seek the truth.

*Show us your light O Lord, and hear our prayer.*

Give your justice to the nations of the world and their leaders, and give your mercy to all whose decisions affect the peace and well-being of the world. We pray for our President, Barack. Open our ears to the cries of the weak, the poor, and the needy, and open our hearts to answer their call.

*Show us your light O Lord, and hear our prayer.*

Bless our parish community and the City of Wilmington, and especially the people and work of *N.*, that in your light we may each become servants, one to the other.

*Show us your light O Lord, and hear our prayer.*

Have mercy on those among us who journey in sickness, fear, or any kind of trouble, especially *N.*, and those who we remember now (*pause*). Send your grace upon them and deliver them from their distress.

*Show us your light O Lord, and hear our prayer.*

We pray for those who have died, especially *N.*, and those we remember now (*pause*), and we pray that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain, but life eternal.

*Show us your light O Lord, and hear our prayer.*

We thank you for all the blessings of this life, remembering them now (*pause*), and for your Son Jesus, who is the light on the road that we travel, our companion along the way, and our journey's end.

*Celebrant:* O God, who sent the light of Jesus among us, hear the prayers of your people, and show us the true light of the glory of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Together let us say:*

*There have been times when we have forgotten to live as children of God. We have been selfish or cruel—hurtful to others and harmful to ourselves. We are sorry for what we have done and for what we have left undone. Please forgive us, and let your mercy bring us new light to begin again.*

*Celebrant:* In the assurance of eternal life given in baptism, know that your sins are forgiven, be strengthened for God's service, and let the light of Christ shine in your hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*