





AT CHRIST CHURCH

CONCERTS • CHORAL EVENSONGS • SPECIAL CHORAL SERVICES



YOU BELONG!



Ruth L. Beresford Rector



Bruce J. Barber, II Director of Music

It is my joy to welcome your presence and participation in the ministry of music at Christ Church Christiana Hundred. When you participate, even just by listening to a live performance, you become part of something that wasn't there before the notes began. Through music, we are unified—drawn together in an art form that becomes praise and prayer. No longer performance, the lyrics and the swell and swirl of harmonies let us know that we belong—no longer isolated but embraced in the love of God, renewed in hope, and united in a shared expression of faith.

This year, we are pleased to offer a service of Lessons & Carols for each of the liturgical seasons. This simple pattern of worship helps us hear God's word and then embellishes that word in the beauty of songs and simple prayers for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. We hope this worship will draw those who do not know of Christ's love to come and experience it. There is a place for you here.

Christ Church Christiana Hundred is pleased to present to you the 2023-24 season of concerts, evensongs, and special musical celebrations! Performances by the Christ Church Choir, guest recitalists, and Piffaro (the Renaissance Band) will take place at Christ Church and bring glorious, world-class music to the greater Wilmington and Philadelphia areas. And YOU are invited!

Highlighting our musical season at Christ Church is the return of one of the greatest choral composers and conductors of our time, Mr. John Rutter. In collaboration with the Christ Church Choir and orchestra, Mr. Rutter will offer two identical concerts of Christmas favorites, including his large-scale setting of the Magnificat. Performances are scheduled for December 29 and 30, and details may be found in this brochure. Reserve your seats today!

The people of Christ Church Christiana Hundred invite you to experience the abundant beauty God has bestowed upon this parish through music, liturgy, and song, to learn more about the faith community that is Christ Church, and to open yourself in body, mind, and spirit to the very presence of God.

Christ Church's doors are open to you...and here, YOU BELONG!

M OCTOBER **N** 1@4PM **O** in the Church N

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Helvey Radcliffe Friedell Gardner Willcocks

3:50 Organ Prelude

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Martin MacDonald Responses Sumsion Moore

Phos hilaron Responses Evening Canticles in F Major Te lucis Lord, We Pray Thee

Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 Organ Prelude: David Hearn Retired Assistant Organist/Choirmaster Christ Church Christiana Hundred Wilmington, DE



Choral Evensong

with the Christ Church Choir and Investiture of Officers of the American Guild of Organists, Delaware Chapter

- Phos hilaron
- Evening Canticles in G Major
- My Spirit Longs for Thee
- Matthews Save Us, O Lord



American Guild of ORGANISTS

M OCTOBER **N** 15 @ 4 PM **o** in the Chapel N

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

M NOVEMBER **N** 5 @ 4 PM • in the Church N

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Lehman	Phos hilaron
Burk	Responses
Howells	Evening Canticles
	in A minor
	(Worcester Service
Lewis	The Souls of the R
Walker	Funeral Anthems

Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir

Remembrance of the Beloved Departed

3:30 Organ Prelude: Paul Fleckenstein

Organist/Director of Music Westminster Presbyterian Church Wilmington, DE

Guest Conductor: Jonathan Ryan







THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Smith R. V. Williams Neswick

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Progressive Organ Recital

by Douglas Cleveland

Director of Music and Liturgical Arts St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina, WA

Join us as we welcome the distinguished Seattle-based concert organist Douglas Cleveland for an organ recital, beginning in the Chapel on C. B. Fisk Opus 164 and then moving to the Church on John Brombaugh's landmark Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one single program.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: A freewill offering will be received. www.christchurchde.org/concerts

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NOVEMBER N 12 @ 4 PM O in the Chapel N and Church



in the Chapel

Choral Evensong with the Parish Choir & Christ Church Choristers

3:50 Organ Prelude



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Responses Evening Canticles in C Major Let the Peoples Praise Thee, O God **M** DECEMBER **N** 3 @ 5 PM In the Church

Advent Lessons & Carols

with the Christ Church Choir

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Matin / Vesper Responsories Lehman O Verbum Patris Ferko Adam lay y'Bounden Ledger Nestor Rorate caeli Angelus ad Virginem Carter Bogoroditsye Dyevo E'en So. Lord Jesus O Thou, the Central Orb Wood



Christmas in Southern Germany with Piffaro, the Renaissance Band

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DECEMBER 10 @ 3 PM in the Church

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Soprano Clara Rottsolk returns to help Piffaro celebrate Christmas with joyful music from Southern Germany. Other guests include double-reed specialists Sian Ricketts and Stephanie Corwin and recorder virtuoso Héloïse Degrugillier.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

General Admission: \$20 using code "CCCH" Preferred: \$49 | Premium: \$54 www.piffaro.org

M DECEMBER **N 29** @ 7 PM • in the Church

DECEMBER M **30** @ 2 PM in the Church



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A Christ Church Christmas with the Christ Church Choir and Orchestra John Rutter, Conductor

Christmas celebrations continue with two performances of A Christ Church Christmas, under the direction of John Rutter, including favorite Christmas carols and Mr. Rutter's glorious setting of the Magnificat with soprano soloist Olivia Sue Greene, a former Christ Church Choir member.

SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

A freewill offering will be received. Reserve your seats (up to 5 per reservation) as soon as possible. www.christchurchde.org/concerts

LETTY DOWNS MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Letty Downs Musician in Residence program began in 1983 and brings a world-renowned musician to Christ Church each year. All have rehearsed and directed the Christ Church Choir; some have presented lectures, seminars, and organ recitals; and others have included a premiere or a commission. With great thanks to Letty Downs' vision, with the official endowment being established in 2011, and the generous support of the Letty Downs Musician in Residence Fund, we continue this tradition today.



Letty (Mrs. Robert N.) Downs

JANUARY N 21 @ 4 PM o in the Chapel

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Epiphany Lessons & Carols

with the Christ Church Choir

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

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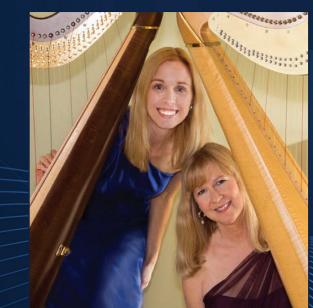
Near Tavener Lauridsen Thomas

Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning Nunc dimittis The Lamb O nata lux Mendelssohn How Lovely are the Messengers Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



A 4 @ 4 PM

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION: A freewill offering will be received. www.christchurchde.org/concerts

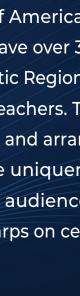
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Principally Harps! in Concert

JANUARY **N** 28 @ 4 PM in the Chapel

Blending the talents and expertise of two of America's finest harpists, Mindy Cutcher and Janet Witman have over 30 years of professional harp experience in the Mid-Atlantic Region as soloists, orchestral and chamber music players, and teachers. Their passion for harp duo repertoire has them discovering and arranging new works in varied genres and showcasing the uniqueness and expressive range of concert harps, offering audiences the opportunity to see and hear concert grand harps on center stage.



Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir Schola & Senior Choristers

3:30 PM Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber Director of Music Christ Church Christiana Hundred, Wilmington, DE

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

O Gracious Light Arnatt Smith Responses Evening Canticles in A Major Sumsion Helvey O lux beatissima



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Lent Lessons & Anthems with the Christ Church Choir

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Farrant Gibbons	Hide Not Thou Thy Face from Us Almighty and Everlasting God
Moore	My Song is Love Unknown
Kitson	Jesu, Grant Me This I Pray
Oldroyd	Song of the Passion
Proulx	We Adore You, O Christ

FEBRUARY N 18 @ 4 PM **o** in the Chapel N

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



The Christ Church Choir Sings Duruflé

Nathan Laube, Organist Associate Professor of Organ Eastman School of Music

The Christ Church Choir, with guest organist Nathan Laube and chamber ensemble, perform music by Maurice Duruflé: Carillon (organ solo), Quatre Motets, and Requiem Mass in a reflective concert during Lent. Soloists for the *Requiem Mass* are mezzo-soprano Sylvia Leith and bass-baritone Edmund Milley; both were soloists in our December 2022 Messiah performance.

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SEATING RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

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MARCH **N** 3 @ 4 PM o in the Church \mathbf{N}

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Choral Evensong & the Great Litany in Procession

with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 PM Organ Prelude: David Schelat Director of Music First & Central Presbyterian Church Wilmington, DE



MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Schramm	Phos hilaron
Radcliffe	Responses
Purcell	Evening Canticles in G minor
Purcell	Save Me, O God

The French (Italian) Connection

with Piffaro, the Renaissance Band



GRAMMY award-winning tenor James Reese joins Piffaro to recreate the sounds of the French court at the end of the 15th century—home to a sparkling cast of stars whose works were immortalized in Italian printer Ottaviano Petrucci's history-making Harmonice Musices Odhecaton. Mark Rimple will join as lutenist, and Sian Ricketts and Héloïse Degrugillier return for this performance.



N 7 @ 4 PM • in the Chapel

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Easter Lessons & Carols with the Christ Church Choir & Senior Choristers along with Brass and Timpani



MARCH

17 @ 3 PM

in the Church

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Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 PM Organ Prelude: Parker Kitterman Director of Music and Organist Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Helvey MacDonald Aston

Phos hilaron Responses Evening Canticles in F Major





MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

An Easter Carillon Beck Haec est Dies Handl Surrexit pastor bonus Di Lassus O filii et filiae Moore Ach, bleib bei uns Rheinberger Greater Love Hath No Man Ireland Bairstow Sing Ye to the Lord

N 21 @ 4 PM • in the Church N

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY **N** 12 @ 4 PM o in the Church N

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

Choral Evensong

with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski Principal Cathedral Organist The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Baltimore, MD

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Helvey Burk Dyson Finzi

Phos hilaron Responses Evening Canticles in D Major God is Gone Up



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Choral Evensong with the Christ Church Choir

3:30 Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber Director of Music Christ Church Christiana Hundred Wilmington, DE

MUSIC WILL INCLUDE:

Phos hilaron Lehman Responses Rose Evening Canticles in G minor (Collegium Regale) Howells Finzi Lo, the Full, Final Sacrifice Save Us. O Lord Matthews

JUNE **N** 2 @ 4 PM in the Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1850s

Records date back to this time with Joanna Smith (Mrs. Alexis du Pont) playing the newly procured organ

1890-96

Rev. Hamilton M. Bartlett (Rector 1890-96) took an active interest in the choir and increased its volunteers from 5 to 21

1913

The Choir Fund was listed on Christ Church pledge cards

1919

The choir was enlarged to 10 paid singers

1980

The choir was enlarged to 18 paid singers

2014

Christ Church Choir begins singing monthly services of Choral Evensong

2018

Christ Church Choir makes its first pilgrimage / residencies to England singing at Bristol Cathedral and Westminster Abbey



ABOUT THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

1894

Regular entries in the church's ledger reflect a paid organ boy whose job it was to operate the bellows for the service. His annual salary was \$20

1899

There were about 20 people in the choir, including a paid quartet

1914

The Choir Fund was established (Henry Francis du Pont, Treasurer) and the Christ Church Choir became a fully professional ensemble

1943

The Vestry voted to enlarge the choir by three

2011

Created the Letty Downs Musician in Residence Fund to sustain program founded by her in 1983

2016

The Joe Thompson Choral Scholar position was created

> 2022 Christ Church Choir in residence at St. Paul's Cathedral, London

Throughout its 108-year history, the Christ Church Choir has been at the center of the worship life of Christ Church. Whether in liturgy, concert, small ensemble, or full choir, the work of these talented musicians has been widely recognized for its excellence and beauty.

This amazing group of people comes together, away from their "day jobs" as music teachers, voice coaches, choral/ instrumental conductors, piano teachers, bankers, medical professionals, etc., to create this marvelous instrument known as the Christ Church Choir.

The Choir offers some of the finest music in the Anglican tradition, both in liturgy and in concert, and it continues to serve as one of Christ Church's most important and dynamic evangelistic and outreach tools. Through the work of this choir, Christ Church reaches out to the wider Wilmington community and even across the Atlantic to the great homeland of our faith tradition, England.

Known Organists and Choirmasters of Christ Church Christiana Hundred

George Powick	1890 - 1902	Firmin Swinnen	1925 – 1956
Leslie Cook	1902 – 1905	Clarence Snyder	1956 - 1983
Horace Harrison	1906 - 1924	William Owen, III	1983 – 2014
Choirmaster		Bruce Barber, II	2015 -
Elizabeth Wilson Organist	1906 – 1924		



SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

OCTOBER

- Organ Prelude: David Hearn 3:30 PM **Choral Evensong** 4:00 PM
- **Choral Evensong &** 15 4:00 PM AGO Investiture of Officers

NOVEMBER

- 5 3:30 PM Organ Prelude: Paul Fleckenstein 4:00 PM Choral Evensong
- 12 4:00 PM A Progressive Organ Recital by Douglas Cleveland
- 19 4:00 PM **Choral Evensong**
- 23 10:00 AM THANKSGIVING DAY Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER

- 5:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols
- 10 3:00 PM **Piffaro, the Renaissance Band:** Christmas in Southern Germany
- CHRISTMAS EVE 24
 - 2:00 PM Children's Christmas Pageant
 - Holy Eucharist (Church) 4:00 PM
 - Candlelight, Communion, 4:00 PM & Carols (Chapel)
 - 6:00 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols (non-communion liturgy)

10:00 PM Choral Eucharist

25	10:00 AM	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Eucharist
29	7:00 PM	A Christ Church Christmas Concert; John Rutter, conductor
30	2:00 PM	A Christ Church Christmas Concert; John Rutter, conductor
JANUARY		
21	4:00 PM	Epiphany Lessons & Carols
28	4:00 PM	Principally Harps! in Concert
FEBRUARY		
4	3:30 PM	Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber
	4:00 PM	Choral Evensong
14	7:00 PM	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes
18	4:00 PM	Lent Lessons & Anthems
25	4:00 PM	The Christ Church Choir Sings Duruflé; Nathan Laube, organist

MARCH

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- Organ Prelude: David Schelat 3:30 PM Choral Evensong 4:00 PM
- 17 3:00 PM **Piffaro, the Renaissance Band:** The French (Italian) Connection
 - PALM SUNDAY Holy Eucharist (8, 9, & 10:30 AM)
- 28 7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Eucharist
- 29 7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY Tenebrae Service
 - EASTER DAY Holy Eucharist (6, 8, 9, & 11 AM)

APRIL

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- Organ Prelude: Parker Kitterman 3:30 PM **Choral Evensong** 4:00 PM
- 21 4:00 PM Easter Lessons & Carols

MAY

Organ Prelude: Cameron Kuzepski 12 3:30 PM **Choral Evensong** 4:00 PM

JUNE

Organ Prelude: Bruce Barber 2 3:30 PM 4:00 PM Choral Evensong

SUNDAYS

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church: "SANCTUARY" - a 40-minute service engaging people of all ages

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

(beginning September 16)

SATURDAYS

5:00 PM Contemporary Holy Eucharist in the Chapel - a "come as you are" service led by our worship band

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church - a brief spoken liturgy using traditional language

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel: "The ARK" – a formative 30-minute liturgy supporting families with young children

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church – the principal parish liturgy with choral leadership by our choirs and livestreamed to our website

4:00 PM Choral Evensong in either the Church or Chapel, as scheduled – a service of prayer, scripture, and song in the Anglican choral tradition

WEDNESDAYS 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with prayers for Healing in the Chapel

THURSDAYS 6:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

SUNDAYS - FRIDAYS 5:00 PM Evening Prayer in the Chapel

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT www.christchurchde.org/services.



Our Mission

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Dur Core Values

BELONGING: There is a place for you here.

CARE: We support each other and those in need.

COMMUNITY: We nurture relationships and connections where all of God's children can experience love, hope, and peace.

EPISCOPAL FAITH: The Episcopal tradition guides our worship, spiritual development, and church life.

CROWTH: We celebrate and encourage lifelong spiritual development of children, youth, and adults.

SACRED EXPERIENCES: We appreciate the beauty and holiness of our shared life, liturgy, music, and grounds.

SERVICE: Following Jesus' example, we love and serve our neighbors by sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT BELONG VERB: to be a member or part of, to fit in a specified place or environment

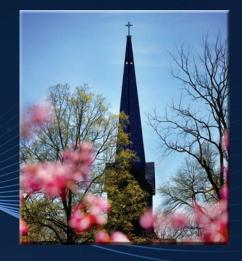
At Christ Church, you belong! This wonderful beloved community we know as Christ Church Christiana Hundred has been a place of belonging and community since its founding 175 years ago along the storied banks of the Brandywine River. Her rich musical heritage, continuing to this day, is marked by glorious singing of congregation and choirs, offerings by various instruments in liturgy, and by presentation of magnificent concerts throughout the year. In worship and in concert, our music-making is rooted in the Anglican tradition and continues to grow and expand as a gift to our surrounding community and region. Christ Church is a place where a real sense of the beloved community pervades everything we do, and YOU are invited to find your place of belonging here!

We are grateful for the support for this living musical tradition. Touching those who have gone before us whose gifts help sustain it and those who currently engage in this ministry, the great musical tradition of Christ Church Christiana Hundred gladdens the hearts of the people of Christ Church as well as invites visitors and friends to be nourished by God's own bounty. For this support, we give thanks.

You are invited to be a Friend of Music at Christ Church by supporting the 2023-24 Christ Church Concert season. To make a direct contribution, visit www.christchurchde.org/ music-contributions or send a check in the envelope included with this brochure. Unless otherwise indicated, contributions will be listed in appropriate concert programs. Thank you to our parishioners for their pledges and contributions to the parish, which support our programs as well.

We want you to know that you are welcome here for all of the events and services listed in this brochure. Bring your friends, neighbors, and families. Celebrate and rejoice with us in the beauty of God's gift of music and find your place of belonging at Christ Church.

If you have questions regarding support of the Concert Series through the Friends of Music, please contact Bruce Barber, Director of Music, at **302-655-3379** or bbarber@christchurchde.org.



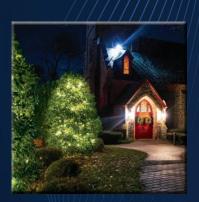




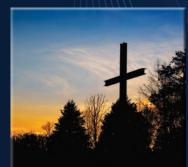


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Christ Church Christiana Hundred is an Episcopal Parish with members attending from all three counties in Delaware and across the Eastern border of Pennsylvania into the Kennett Square, Avon Grove, and Glen Mills areas. We have a beautiful 22-acre wooded campus near the Brandywine in Greenville, Delaware, located just down Buck Road next to Hagley Museum.

The Parish was founded in 1848, and the present Church building was completed in 1856. It has long been a center of religious life for thousands of communicants, many of whom have been dedicated contributors to the life of our Christ Church community and the needs of our local community. Sacred music has historically been of special importance in the worship of the parish, and that tradition continues today. Please join us for any and all of these beautiful celebrations – our doors are open to all!

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.

– Plato