CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary O Mensch bewein dein Sünde groß

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand at the entrance of the cross and procession.

The Exhortation

(red) Book of Common Prayer 316, adapted

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.

Kyrie eleison

Fauxbourdons by Janet Hall (b. 1923)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:

Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Chant: Plainsong

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Psalm 25:3-8 Ad te, Domine, levavi

The Refrain is sung first by the Choir, repeated by all, then together as appointed.



Refrain

Lead me in your truth, O LORD, and teach me.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Refrain

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. Refrain

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. Refrain

The Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the

body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Gradual Verse and Tract

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Verse is sung first by the Cantor, then repeated by all before and after the Tract.

Verse Man shall not live by bread alone, //

but by every word that proceeds from / the mouth of God. - Matthew 4:4

Tract He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find refuge under his wings;

his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. - from Psalm 91

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:9-15

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily Michael Kurth

Please stand for

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm the creed of baptism, saying

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

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.

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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

In you, Gracious and Everlasting God, we find our wholeness and strength. Hear the prayers of your people, offered in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God, we pray for the Church throughout the world; for Christians who are persecuted or tempted to deny God in their life; for this congregation, that we have courage to serve Christ faithfully, inviting others to share our ministry and mission; for Michael, our presiding bishop, Kevin, our bishop, and for all your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for every nation, for peace and for the welfare of all people; we pray for wisdom among the world's leaders in government, health, and commerce, that they may be filled with your truth and serve your whole creation; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, we pray for those affected by disease, disaster, and war; defend the weary, guard the children, give refuge to the homeless, protect the powerless, and teach us your way of compassion; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially N., and those we name now; that they may know your power to heal; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died, especially *N*., and for the people who miss them; that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may trust the power of Christ to save; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have promised forgiveness and blessing to those who humble themselves and exalt your Son as Lord and Savior.

Please kneel or humble your body, placing hands on your heart in silent prayer before

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor. Celebrant

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, People

word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Amen.

Celebrant

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem David Halls (b. 1963)

Wash me throughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin. For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 144, v. 1 Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

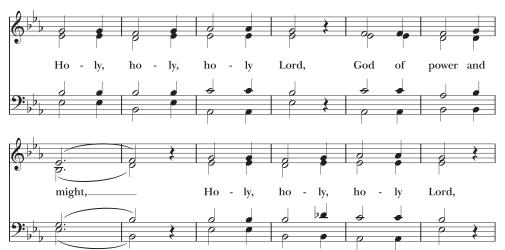
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection,

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 for ever. *Amen*.

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



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All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Robert Lucas Pearsall (1795-1856)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatue in cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine:

Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail true Son born of the Virgin Mary, On the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn, From thy pierced side flowed thy precious blood:

Feed us with thy body broken, now and at our death.

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members

of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

Please be seated for

Announcements

Please stand and sing

Hymn in Procession 149 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with grace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR PRACTICE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES. Each year in preparation for Easter, the Church calls us to a season of special intention and discipline—to renew the faithful following of Jesus. Lent is forty days for a kind of spring training as we exercise our faith. This Lent we encourage you to attend worship each week and participate in our Lenten program, "Where is God in All the Suffering?," on Wednesdays through March 20. If you need guidance in making a Lenten discipline, please speak to one of our clergy.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & PARISH-WIDE MURAL PROJECT

Join us today from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls for an expanded Coffee & Community. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a collaborative mural project. Folks of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in creating part of the mural that will be displayed in the Parish Center Education Wing. This is a great activity to do with your family and friends, and it's a way to make connections across the generations. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Our Grief Support Group meets today at 12 PM in the Commons Room and online. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend. Contact <u>Stacey Carpenter</u> for the Zoom link.

THE LENTEN JOURNEY: A SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC

Come experience the message of Lent in the simple beauty of our Chapel today at 4 PM as we explore the journey from the wilderness of our separation to our homecoming in the heart of God. Our worship includes music offered by the Christ Church Choir and readings selected from scripture and our spiritual ancestors.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? - FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 20

"Suffering affects us all. We live in a world filled with injustice, natural disasters, poverty, and pandemics. We experience grief, pain, and unfairness. We all want an explanation for these realities, and for many, they present a major barrier to belief in a loving God. How does the Christian faith speak to the human experience of suffering, and, wonderfully, offer real hope for us all?" – from *Where is God in All the Suffering?* by Amy Orr-Ewing. Please join us on the five Wednesdays in Lent beginning this Wednesday, February 21, as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth will lead our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall C and conclude at 8 PM. Copies of the book are available for purchase, though you may participate without reading the book. Click here to RSVP.

JOIN OUR NEW MEN'S SMALL GROUP - FEBRUARY 22

A new small group is forming to gather men of Christ Church for fellowship and faith exploration. Join in an exploratory meeting at BBC Tavern & Grill in Greenville this Thursday, February 22, at 7 PM. We will discuss how to focus our time together, our meeting frequency, and where to hold future gatherings. Food will be provided for this first meeting, and men of all ages are invited to participate. Please RSVP to <u>Fr. Michael</u>.

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SINGS THE MUSIC OF MAURICE DURUFLÉ - FEBRUARY 25

The Christ Church Choir with guest organist Nathan Laube, guest cellist Gloria dePasquale, and chamber ensemble will sing music of Maurice Duruflé next Sunday, February 25, at 4 PM in the Church. Works will include *Suite for Organ*, Op. 5, two *Quatre Motets*, and the *Requiem Mass* in a reflective concert this Lent. Soloists for the *Requiem Mass* are mezzo-soprano Sylvia Leith and bass-baritone Edmund Milly, both soloists from our December 2022 *Messiah* performance. Mr. Laube is Associate Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and Ms. dePasquale is a recently retired, longtime member of the Philadelphia Orchestra cello section. This concert is open to all free of charge, and a freewill offering will be received. Click here-to-reserve-your-seats.

DINE WITH THE LADIES - FEBRUARY 26

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. The group will meet at Pizza by Elizabeths on Monday, February 26, at 7 PM. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

SUBMIT A VESTRY NOMINATION BY MARCH 1

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for next year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please contact any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: Louise Barton, Sherri Howell, Mike Rushlow, or Suzanne Smith.

CHORAL EVENSONG - MARCH 3

Choral Evensong will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 4 PM in the Church and will include the Great Litany in Procession and music by Victor Judson Schramm, Philip Radcliffe, and Henry Purcell. David Schelat, Director of Music at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - MARCH 6

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Bring a friend along for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

LGBTQ+ GATHERING - MARCH 8

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Roi Barnard's home in Hockessin on Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, please contact <u>Jordan Kinsey</u>.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE - AUGUST 2-9

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 2 through Friday, August 9. The Rev. Stacey Carpenter will be our host for the week. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click here.

CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click here to complete a short survey about your preferences and see your results immediately. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip and may be ordered by clicking here or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Robert Morris Silliman
Mary Elliott and John Legaré O'Hear

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.

NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*The Rev. Stacey Carpenter, *Priest Associate*The Very Rev. William Lane, The Rev. Calhoun Wick, *Pastoral Associates*

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