

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 3, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NOTES OF CARE MINISTRY. Our congregation is committed to following Jesus in service and to fulfilling the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One of the ways we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry. Volunteers write personal notes to parishioners experiencing a major life event. This small act of kindness to those in need or who are celebrating a joyful occasion reminds them that they are loved and cared for by their parish family. This past year, more than 100 notes were written by 14 volunteers. In addition, approximately 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate a Note of Care or for more information about serving as a volunteer who can occasionally assist with this ministry, please contact [Marty Rushlow](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

CHORAL EVENSONG – TODAY

Choral Evensong will be held today at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir and will include the Great Litany 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. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 6

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this Wednesday, March 6, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room, sponsored by Christ Church's Elder Ministry. 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.

WHERE IS GOD IN ALL THE SUFFERING? – MARCH 6, 13, & 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. Join us on the remaining Wednesdays in Lent as we discuss this book's themes and teachings. Ruth leads our conversation alongside parish clergy and other community partners. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in Parish Hall A 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.

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 this Friday, March 8, at 6 PM. Contact [Jordan Kinsey](#) for details and to RSVP.

MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT – MARCH 10 & 15

Our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services continues this year as we address food insecurity in Wilmington with two opportunities to participate each month.

Donations Needed on March 10: On second Sundays, we collect items to donate to Lutheran Community Services: toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Please place donations in the baskets at the back of the Church and Chapel. Items will be presented during worship and taken to Lutheran Community Services to be distributed during Christ Church's monthly volunteer opportunity.

Volunteer on March 15: On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and then distribute them to the cars of program participants at LCS headquarters in Wilmington. All ages are welcome, but younger children must be under parental supervision. Click [here](#) to sign up.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 11

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, click [here](#) to submit your names and contribute online or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, March 11. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

THE FRENCH (ITALIAN) CONNECTION WITH PIFFARO – MARCH 17

Piffaro, The Renaissance Band delights audiences with highly polished recreations of the rustic music of the peasantry and the elegant sounds of the official wind bands of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods. On Sunday, March 17, at 3 PM in the Church, they will present The French (Italian) Connection with GRAMMY award-winning tenor James Reese and guest instrumentalists Mark Rimple, Sian Ricketts, and Héloïse Degrugillier to recreate the sounds of the French court at the end of the 15th century. Tickets are \$20 (using code CCCH) to \$54 and may be purchased [here](#).

LET'S WALK & TALK TOGETHER – MARCH 23

Join in a new way to mark the close of the season of Lent at Christ Church. All ages can participate in a leisurely 5K walk through the grounds of Hagley Museum and Library on Saturday, March 23, starting from the Church at 9 AM and returning there at the end of the walk. With our walking partners, we will share how we've engaged and participated in our understanding of the promises of the Baptismal Covenant with conversation starters offered by the Rev. Stacey Carpenter. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – MARCH 31 & MAY 19

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, March 31, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, May 19, at 9 AM. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. To participate in either service, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church

9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel

9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross along the path to the labyrinth
available Palm Sunday, March 24, through Holy Saturday, March 30

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church

followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations in the Church
and livestreamed to our website

5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel

7:00 PM Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the Fire outside the Parish Center

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Easter Day, March 31

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel

8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery

9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church

11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of

Jerold and Margaret Smith

Hugh Collins

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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