

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR ADORNMENT TEAM. The Adornment Team decorates our worship spaces for special holidays/seasons—Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Christ the King, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Team members plan designs throughout the year and then decorate and adorn the Church and Chapel, transforming our already beautiful spaces into something truly spectacular. We welcome all to join our crew, regardless of experience level. For more information or to volunteer to assist with this week's Holy Week and Easter adornment, please contact [Amy Johnson](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY

On this day, the church remembers when Jesus entered Jerusalem, cheered by those who hoped for the restoration of God's kingdom. We echo that joy in blessing palm branches and processing through the Church. Then the mood changes as we follow his journey to the cross. This whole story is called the Passion of our Lord, for its message is of his suffering, which offers us redemption from sin and death and gives new life in resurrection joy.

HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 27

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation with Christ Church Clergy
Click [here](#) to sign up.

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

ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – MARCH 24-30

Follow the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial through hands-on, multisensory stations available on the path to the labyrinth from Palm Sunday, March 24, through Holy Saturday, March 30. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to experience this powerful offering.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – MARCH 25

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 Cromwell's Tavern tomorrow, March 25, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY – MARCH 27

Lent is a season of penitence, forgiveness, and reconciliation. One way Episcopalians experience the assurance of God's mercy and grace is through participating in the sacramental rite of Reconciliation, commonly known as confession. All in search of healing and forgiveness are welcome to make a personal confession with one of the Christ Church clergy on the Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27. To sign up for a 20-minute time slot, click [here](#).

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH – MARCH 28 & 30

As Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane shortly before his arrest, he asked his disciples to keep vigil with him—to stay awake and support him in his hour of need. You are invited to keep watch in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday, March 28, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, March 30, we invite you to participate in an overnight vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center from 7:30 PM to 6 AM as we await Christ's victory over death with the lighting of the Paschal candle at the Easter Vigil. Click [here](#) to sign up for an hour or two on one or both dates.

EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center until 6 AM

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

EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY HELP NEEDED – APRIL 2

Following our Easter worship, we deliver flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 80 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Tuesday, April 2, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution. This simple act of pastoral ministry brings cheer to those who need it most. Contact [Jane Rubini](#) to volunteer.

CHORAL EVENSONG – APRIL 7

Choral Evensong will be offered on Sunday, April 7, at 4 PM in the Chapel with the Christ Church Choir and will include music by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, and Peter Aston. Parker Kitterman, Director of Music and Organist at Christ Church in Philadelphia, will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

LUNCH AND A PERFORMANCE BY CAMERA OSCURA – APRIL 10

Join us for lunch and a performance by period instrument ensemble, Camera Oscura, on Wednesday, April 10. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the performance. Musicians will offer commentary on the chamber music pieces, answer questions, and introduce us to their historic instruments. Just as the “camera obscura” reveals worlds through a pinhole, Camera Oscura will reveal the hidden worlds of 17th and 18th century chamber music. This event is sponsored by the Elder Ministry, but all ages are welcome. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, a light lunch, and this unique performance. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – APRIL 21-27

Christ Church has the pleasure of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the week of April 21-27. Family Promise uses a holistic approach with families experiencing homelessness to provide safe shelter and assist with permanent housing. Families stay overnight in the Family Promise Hospitality Center on Milltown Road, and volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver meals there each evening and to pick up items for families during the week. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

A SCREENING OF *THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN* – MAY 1

Christ Church Christiana Hundred and St. Barnabas’ Episcopal Church will co-sponsor a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Wednesday, May 1, at 6 PM in Christ Church’s Parish Hall. In an act of canonical disobedience, a group of women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests in 1974. The Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia welcomed them, but change was no small task. After the ordinations, the women experienced hostility as well as encouragement. This feature-length documentary tells the story of these women who succeeded in building a movement that transformed the Church. One of the Philadelphia Eleven, the Rev. Nancy Wittig, will be with us for discussion following the screening. Join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS

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. If you don’t have one, click [here](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to place an order. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
J. Simpson Dean Jr.
J. H. Tyler McConnell

LITERACY DELAWARE’S SCRABBLE™ ALONG THE BRANDYWINE

Tickets are on sale now for Literacy Delaware’s SCRABBLE™ Along the Brandywine fundraiser on Friday, April 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Christ Church’s Parish Hall. Purchase your tickets today and help advance literacy through training, tutoring, English language acquisition, and advocacy for all Delawareans. Click [here](#) for information.

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.



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PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*
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