



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *The Christ Church Mass*, Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary Selections from *Suite No. 1*

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault (1676-1749)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

God's Paschal Lamb

from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

Chant: George Elvey (1816-1893)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Please stand. The Alleluia is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all before and after the Verse.

Gradual Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -
le - - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse The Lord ascended up on high, sing Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

The Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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

Stacey Carpenter

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In mercy hear our prayer, gracious God, for the church and for the world.

Pray and praise God from whom all blessings flow. Bless the fruits of the earth, the trees of the forest, and all the animals of the field; let all creation give you praise. That we may see your glory in all the world,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that the whole church may proclaim Christ as the Lord of life. Pour upon us the grace to live in unity and love. Bless Michael, our presiding bishop; Kevin, our bishop; and our clergy; our preschool and parish. We lift up *N.*, and we give thanks for our outreach partner, *N.* That we may make Christ known in all we say and do,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray that nations and peoples may be brought together to live in freedom and peace. Guide us to share the resources of the earth. Guard all those in military service and all who defend and protect the welfare of others. That there may be justice and peace on earth,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for those who live with grief or pain, those suffering from any need or trouble and for those who minister to them. We remember *N.* and those we name now. That we may be agents of your healing grace,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray for all who have died and now rest in the hope of eternal life. We remember *N.* and those we name now. That we may entrust them to your never-failing love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Pray and praise God, from whom all blessings flow. We thank you for the forgiveness we have received in your mercy, for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the life we live in Christ Jesus, our Lord. That we may share our faith, our hope, and your love,

we pray to you, Lord God.

Please be seated for

The Rite-13 Celebration

Christ Church Youth assemble beneath the pulpit. The candidates come forward with their parents to stand before the Priest.

Youth Leaders Ruth, we present to you these young people, who this day move from being children to being young women and young men.

Celebrant Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to womanhood or manhood marks one of God's great gifts. Because we are made in God's image, human beings are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. We recognize that gift and the daily challenge to choose the wise use of our creative and life-giving power. In our baptismal covenant we commit ourselves to Christ in lives of loving service, resisting evil and respecting others; this covenant serves as our guide.

The Charge to the Candidates

Celebrant By the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood as you journey toward adulthood. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the challenge to use it wisely?

Candidates I am.

Celebrant Let us join with these young people in reciting a portion of Psalm 139.

Candidates O God, you have searched me out and know all about me; you are familiar with all my ways.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

Candidates For you created my inmost parts; you wove me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am awesomely created and marvelously made.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

Candidates Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts; see if there is any hurtful way in me and lead me on the eternal path.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

The Prayer for the Parents

Celebrant When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So these parents stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood.

Let us pray for them. O God, bless the parents of these young people. Rejoice with them as their sons and daughters become men and women. Strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain.

Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

The Charge to the Young People

Celebrant Dear Christ Church Youth, as these young men and women move beyond the circle of their families, they will need faithful companions. Will you walk with them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

ALL Youth We will.

The Charge to the Congregation

Celebrant We are the living Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. As a community of God which spans the generations, will you share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become men and women?

Congregation *We will.*

The Blessing

Celebrant Dear N., you have been equipped by Almighty God with the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of womanhood and manhood; we bless you as you journey forward, gaining the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

Each candidate is marked with the sign of the cross. Once blessed the youth leave their parents and join the youth community.

Celebrant May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God rest upon you this day and for evermore. *Amen.*

Please stand for

The Peace

Priest 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. Today and on the second Sunday of each month, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to Lutheran Community Services, our 175th anniversary outreach partner. 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

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Coelos ascendit hodie
Jesus Christus Rex gloriae:
Sedet ad Patris dexteram,
gubernat coelum et terram.
Iam finem habent omnia
Patris Davidis carmina.
Iam Dominus cum Domino
sedet in Dei solio:
In hoc triumpho maximo
benedicamus Domino.
Laudetur Sancta Trinitas,
deo dicamus gratias, Alleluia! Amen.*

Today into the heavens has ascended
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory.
He sits at the Father's right hand,
and rules heaven and earth.
Now have been fulfilled
all of Father David's songs.
Now God is with God,
He sits upon the royal throne of God,
in this his greatest triumph.
Let us bless the Lord:
Let the Holy Trinity be praised,
let us give thanks to the Lord, Alleluia! Amen.

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

- Staff 1:** *Celebrant* (The Lord be with you.) | *People* (And al - so with you.)
- Staff 2:** *Celebrant* (Lift up your hearts.) | *People* (We lift them to the Lord.)
- Staff 3:** *Celebrant* (Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.)
- Staff 4:** *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.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying
 Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, saying

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may
 worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant concludes

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom,
 with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to
 generation.

Celebrant *People*
 A - men.

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.

Organ Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our pass - ov - er is
 sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless;
I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn 603 *When Christ was Lifted from the Earth*

Hymnal 1982

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.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 477 *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

Voluntary *Grand Jeux from Suite No. 2*

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

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 joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 12, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. At Christ Church we are committed to building a sustainable and strategic ministry that will have a deep impact in the future. That's why we invited Ministry Architects, a church-focused consulting organization, to partner with us as we work to increase the health and vitality of our parish. Members served on the Strategic Planning Team and set key goals and benchmarks for the next five years. The plan was adopted by the Vestry and then presented to the parish at last year's annual meeting. Since then, the Renovation Team has been working with parish clergy and staff to implement various elements of the plan and have accomplished a number of benchmarks. Clergy and staff, the Strategic Planning Team, Renovation Team, and Vestry participated in strategy sessions with our consultants this past week as we focus on the long-term success of our parish. Come learn more at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 19. For complete details on the strategic planning process, click [here](#).

THIS MORNING AT CHRIST CHURCH

PICK UP A BALLOT OR VOTE ONLINE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTIONS

In this bulletin, you will find information on this year's candidates nominated for election to the work of leadership as your Vestry. Pick up a ballot after services today and return it to the parish office or click [here](#) to vote online by Thursday, May 16. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 19.

MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT

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 Today, May 12: 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 Friday, May 17: On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags and then distribute them to the cars of program participants at LCS headquarters. Click [here](#) to sign up.

RITE-13 CELEBRATION

This morning we present three 7th graders from our parish during our Rite-13 Celebration at the 10:30 AM service. The Rite-13 liturgy is a rite of passage from childhood into adolescence on the journey to adulthood. Next year, these youth will prepare for Confirmation. Participating in today's service are Walter Fiechter, Cameron Grundner, and Eliza Nichols. 6th and 7th grade youth leaders are Laurie Miles and Bobbin Tuleya.

THIS AFTERNOON AT CHRIST CHURCH
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Our Grief Support Group will meet today, May 12, at 12 PM via Zoom. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend. Contact [Stacey Carpenter](#) for the Zoom link.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong will be sung by the Christ Church Choir today at 4 PM in the Church with music by Howard Helvey, Bernard Rose, Herbert Brewer, and Gerald Finzi. Cameron Kuzepski, Principal Cathedral Organist at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore, Maryland, will play at organ prelude at 3:30 PM. Treat your mom to beautiful choral music this Mother's Day, and join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

LGBTQ+ GATHERING – MAY 18

All are welcome to join Christ Church's LGBTQ+ ministry for hors d'oeuvres and fellowship at Jordan Kinsey's home in Wilmington on Saturday, May 18, at 6 PM. For details and to RSVP, email [Jordan](#).

ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION WITH 8 & 9 AM SERVICES ONLY – MAY 19

Our Parish Day Annual Meeting Celebration will take place next Sunday, May 19, following the 9 AM service. (On this day, we will have only two services—8 AM in the Chapel and 9 AM in the Church.) The whole community is invited to gather in the Parish Halls for the 176th annual meeting of our parish and a celebration of our many blessings. Child care will be provided for young children, and lunch will be served for everyone at 11:45 AM. Please plan to join us for this important day in the life of our parish!

DINE WITH THE LADIES – MAY 20

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This month, the group will meet at Cromwell's Tavern on Monday, May 20, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – MAY 26, JULY 7, & SEPTEMBER 1

On three holiday weekends this summer, May 26, July 7, and September 1, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for these services of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages. On all other Sundays this summer, our two 9 AM congregations combine into one in the Chapel, and our 8 and 10:30 AM services continue as scheduled each week.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During May, our collection benefits children and youth in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and in the village of Jalonga, Dominican Republic. Donations of athletic equipment for those 4 and under, baseball gloves, bats, balls, and jump ropes for older children, water bottles, granola bars, pop tarts, and small boxes of cereal may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Robert S. Lovett II

GODLY PLAY SHOW AND TELL – JUNE 1

Join us on Saturday, June 1, to experience Godly Play with master storyteller, Laurel Mosteller. Laurel has led Godly Play for more than 30 years in Episcopal congregations in the Philadelphia area. Beginning at 10 AM in the Education Wing of the Parish Center, families with young children, aged 3 to 7, are invited to share a story, giving parents a greater understanding of our formation ministry. Those who lead Godly Play and those interested in supporting our Sunday children's ministry meet with Laurel at 11:15 for an hour-long discussion of this Montessori approach to children's spiritual formation, with lunch following for those who wish to stay. Click [here](#) to RSVP and join in as we help our children share this wonderful faith.

DAILY DEVOTIONS: A WRITING WORKSHOP – JUNE 1

We are thrilled to welcome the Rev. Scott Gunn, executive director of Forward Movement, to Christ Church on Saturday, June 1. Scott will lead a workshop from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Parish Hall on devotional writing as a spiritual practice. Come learn from him about the joy and pleasure of writing and reading daily devotionals, spiritual poetry, journaling, and hymn texts, among other creative expressions. Each participant will have the opportunity to workshop their own writing and, as desired, share with others. Later this year, attendees will be empowered to contribute to a parish-wide daily devotional for Advent 2024. The cost to attend is \$20, which includes lunch from Janssen's. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR SINGS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH, FIFTH AVENUE – JUNE 16

The Christ Church Choir will sing the morning Eucharist at 11 AM and Choral Evensong at 4 PM at St. Thomas Church, Fifth Avenue, in New York City on Sunday, June 16. If you will be in the area or want a reason to spend a day in New York while supporting our Choir, we would love to see you there! Long a flagship of excellence in worship, preaching, and music, St. Thomas Church is home to a boarding school for the boys who sing in the renowned Choir of Men and Boys. The connection between Christ Church and St. Thomas began decades ago with the close friendship of retired Christ Church Organist and Choir Director, William Owen, and St. Thomas Organist and Master of the Choristers, Gerre Hancock. Gerre visited Christ Church on several occasions, including an appearance on the inaugural series of the Brombaugh Organ in the Church. Join us for a day in NYC!

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS FOR CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS – JULY 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium this summer for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, July 26, versus the Hudson Valley Renegades. The game begins at 6:35 PM, and there will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$14 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click [here](#) to reserve your seats for a night of fun and fellowship with your Christ Church family.

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. You'll 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!

CHRIST CHURCH MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Show off your church spirit with Christ Church merchandise available for purchase. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, 175th anniversary polo shirts, and more. Click [here](#) to place your order.

OUR 2024 VESTRY NOMINEES



Cynthia L. Cozza – Although raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, maternal relatives shared the richness, depth, and beauty of their Anglican heritage with Cindi throughout her upbringing. After moving to Delaware in 1989, she embraced Protestant Christianity, joining a United Methodist Church where she actively served on leadership and ministry teams. In 2018, a desire for weekly celebration of the Eucharist led her to the Episcopal Church, and she was received as a member of Christ Church in 2022. With a deep commitment to children with learning differences, Cindi utilized her master's degrees in speech/language pathology and special education throughout her 30-year career. She attributes her strong personal relationship with

God as the crucial bedrock in her leadership roles as a school administrator at The Pilot School in Wilmington. Given increasing family caretaking responsibilities, she transitioned from professional life in 2022. Over the years, Cindi has felt called to ordained ministry and looks to discern that call within our faith community. Insights gained through our Choral and Holy Land pilgrimages and participation in Thursday morning Bible study, small group study, various Adult Formation series, and the Education for Ministry (EfM) program have inspired, fortified, and deepened her faith. Soon she begins classes at the Stevenson School for Ministry for continued spiritual growth and possible vocational preparation. Cindi serves on the Renovation Team, is an Evening Prayer leader, lector, Eucharistic minister, and enjoys Green Show wreath-making. She is a member of Diocesan Council, a delegate to Annual Convention, and has been the volunteer coordinator and an advisor to the bishop for the diocesan Pain & Prayer Project. Alongside her adult daughter, Caitlin, her soul is filled by prayer, reading, journaling, outdoor recreation, and traveling. Cindi was privileged to hold a vestry position at Grace Episcopal Church, equipping her with beneficial experience. She hopes to bring her devotion to Christ's vision and mission for Christ Church and her heart for collaborative, Spirit-led service in the Wilmington community to the vestry.



Barbara S. King – Barbara was led to faith in Jesus Christ as a child by her parents, the late Rev. Dr. James M. Singer and Phyllis Singer. She grew up in the Lutheran tradition in churches her father served. She was born in Alexandria, Virginia and raised in the mid-Atlantic states. Barbara earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Delaware. As Barbara moved about as an adult, she attended churches of different denominations (Episcopal, Methodist, and Presbyterian) and found God's joy in each of them. She followed her husband, Dale King, into membership at Christ Church in January 2022 and enjoys meeting new friends and serving God and our congregation as a Eucharistic minister and lector. Barbara and Dale have two adult

children (both married), two granddaughters, and two noisy but sweet dogs. Happily for Barbara, all of them live close by (especially the dogs). She is also blessed spending time with her elderly mother. In 2017, Barbara retired from a career in managing risk in payment systems. She is thankful for the knowledge and skills she developed in her work life, and she is pleased applying those skills to work in God's kingdom. While a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Hockessin, she served as vice president of council (Lutheran version of the vestry), leader of the mutual ministry team, and in various other lay leadership capacities. She is currently the president of the board of trustees for Lutheran Community Services (LCS), one of the organizations Christ Church supports through our outreach ministry. Barbara will transition to president emeritus at LCS in May 2024. Barbara is eager to listen to the needs of Christ Church members and help discern how those needs can continue to be met. She is also eager to help members connect to ministries that will allow them to live out their individual callings.



Richard Thorpe Moeckel – Thorpe was born and raised in Wilmington. His family attended the Cathedral Church of St. John where Thorpe was baptized and confirmed and where he and his wife Peggy were married. The Moeckels joined Christ Church when their children were young and began attending Sunday school. Their children are now grown and live outside of the area, and two of three grandchildren were baptized at Christ Church. Recently retired from a long career in design and construction, Thorpe maintains a part-time position as senior director of development for Wohlsen Construction, one of the mid-Atlantic's leading construction services companies. Thorpe is a weekly attendee at the Thursday morning Eucharist and Bible study. He

served on the Chapel Restoration and Chapel Organ Committees and is currently a member of the Property Committee. Thorpe has been very active in past service to our community serving as a 15-year trustee of the Tatnall School (5 years as board chair), 10-year trustee of the Delaware College of Art & Design (5 years as board chair), trustee of the Choir School of Delaware, board member of the University of Delaware Alumni Association (3 years as president), and board member of the Delaware Theatre Company. Currently, Thorpe is on the board of directors of the Wilmington Rotary Club and is a trustee, member of the Executive Committee, and chair of the Buildings & Grounds Committee of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art. Thorpe is honored to be considered for membership on the vestry. He is excited for the opportunity to share his experience in community service along with his work in design and construction, with a particular interest in the stewardship of Christ Church's historic buildings and property.



James L. Poston – Jamie has been a member of the Christ Church community since 2012, and both of his daughters, Adrienne and Alexis, were baptized here and are active in the children's ministry and chorister program. A native Delawarean, Jamie was initially introduced to Christ Church by close friends who were members and felt an immediate connection and draw to the church community. At Christ Church, Jamie has served as a Eucharistic minister and usher, in the Parish Fellowship ministry coordinating Lemonade on the Lawn, as a chorister parent, a member of the Children & Youth Ministry Team, and is a teacher in the Godly Play 4th-5th grade classroom. He has also enjoyed participating and volunteering with the men's small group and at the Green Show. Jamie is a graduate of the University of Delaware for both his undergraduate and master's degree in physical therapy and the University of Montana for his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. He has enjoyed a 25-year career as an orthopedic physical therapist for nonprofit health systems in both Wilmington and Philadelphia and has contributed as a clinical manager overseeing the Wilmington Hospital outpatient therapy department. In addition, Jamie served as a primary faculty mentor for MossRehab's orthopedic physical therapy residency program and as a founding governance board member for the Einstein Spine Institute, both in Philadelphia. Personally and professionally, Jamie believes in a life that is based on service to others and is grateful to see his daughters grow up in the church and, together with their church family, learn those same principles of service, faith, love, charity, humility, and grace. He is honored to be nominated for the vestry and is excited to help promote the growth, tradition, and outreach of Christ Church Christiana Hundred.



Christopher D. Scott – Following his divorce, Chris joined Christ Church with his daughter, Amelia, where she was baptized in September 2022 and he was confirmed in October 2023. Having been baptized Methodist and raised Quaker, Chris appreciates the richness of the Episcopal tradition all the more for having found it later in life after much searching. He regards his Confirmation as one of the best days of his life. He regularly attends the 8 AM service, often joined by his parents and daughter as a multigenerational family, and he frequently serves as an acolyte at this service. This year, he had the privilege of serving on the Outreach Committee, where he drew on his work experience to review grant applications and allocate funds to local nonprofits.

In his free time, he enjoys distance running, reading, and hiking. Chris earned his MBA while working full-time and is currently employed as a quality associate within the compliance department of a large bank. He has prior experience in loan underwriting, government programs, and fraud investigations, as well as a decade in sales management. He hopes to bring his business acumen and eye for detail to the vestry. If elected, Chris will focus on two areas that he believes are especially important: finding ways to integrate more young families into the parish and increasing parishioner involvement with local charities. Chris is honored to have been nominated and looks forward to this opportunity to serve.



B. Lynette Turner – Lynette was born and raised in Virginia and confirmed at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Orange Park, Florida in 1982. In 1997, she became a member of Christ Church, where she sang in the St. Cecilia Choir and participated in small groups. Currently, she serves on the Outreach Committee and the Elder and Parish Fellowship ministry teams. She is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, co-facilitator of our Women's Bible Study on first and third Fridays of the month, and is a member of Books, Brew, & Banter. In her community, she has served as secretary and president of the board of her condominium association. In 2011, Lynette retired after 39 years with Amtrak, having worked in various departments of the corporation. She has

gained vital experience in collaborating with many diverse groups, which enhanced her development of leadership skills professionally and in volunteerism. She received formal training from Hospice of Northeast Florida and served as a Hospice volunteer. Also, she has received formal training for The Stephen Ministry at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, Pennsylvania. She believes that both organizations helped foster her sense of empathy and compassion. At an early age, Lynette began developing her faith. She considers it a key responsibility to continue to grow our faith in Jesus Christ, both in the Church and in our community. She is very grateful for our clergy's leadership, our church office staff, and our director of music's ability to enrich our music ministry. Having been engaged in various ministries and committees at Christ Church over the years, Lynette appreciates the hard work and support of our parishioners. She strongly believes in everyone using their gifts and talents for the Lord and continuing to nurture our growth for now and generations to come.

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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