

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 27, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

**THE USE OF OUR LABYRINTH.** Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many “Walk as One at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This is a great opportunity to walk the Christ Church Labyrinth. Simple instructions for its use are found on the stone pillar to the right of the labyrinth entrance. World Labyrinth Day is an international annual event, held on May 3 this year. We invite you to join your fellow parishioners who have discovered how this stone treasure can deepen and illuminate our prayer life as one traces the circular pathway to the center and out again. For more information, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

## ORGAN RECITAL AT FIRST & CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – TOMORROW

Christ Church Organ Scholar Cameron Kuzepski will offer an organ recital at First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington tomorrow, April 28, at 7 PM. Cameron will be joined by two of his colleagues from The Peabody Institute for this program and will offer German music spanning over four centuries. The performance is a fundraiser that will assist Cameron and his colleagues with their studies in Germany this May and June.

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## ITTY BITTY YOGIS AT CCEP & CCCH – APRIL 30, MAY 7, 14, & 21

Join with other moms from Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool for mom and baby yoga classes. Focus on gentle postures that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being and breathing practices that help calm the mind and reduce stress while bonding with your infant. Itty Bitty Yogis classes will be held on Wednesdays, April 30, May 7, 14, and 21, from 10 to 10:45 AM in Parish Hall C. The cost is \$15 per session. Bring a yoga mat and a blanket for your baby, and [RSVP](#) for the sessions you will attend.

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## CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL GALA – MAY 2

You are invited to CCEP’s Spring Garden Soirée fundraiser this Friday, May 2, at 6 PM at Greenville Country Club. This adults-only event celebrates our amazing preschool with music by the Philly Keys, food and drinks, great silent auction items, and lively bidding on classroom items created by our children. All proceeds support our school programs. Purchase your [tickets](#) online.

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## JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY TEAM AT THE HIGHMARK WALK – MAY 3

Join the Christ Church Community team as we raise funds to support our outreach partner Friendship House at this year’s Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 3. The walk benefits other local nonprofits as well, including the Choir School of Delaware and other agencies supported by members of Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register.

### **LUNCH & CONVERSATION ON CELTIC CHRISTIANITY – MAY 7**

Join us for a light buffet lunch and conversation with Fr. David Beresford on Wednesday, May 7. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by conversation on the history, theology, and practice of Celtic Christianity and why it matters today. This spirituality, part of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition, took root in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Northumbria, and their coastal islands and combines an ethereal spirituality with a connection to the natural world. Please [RSVP](#).

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### **EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 7, 14, 21, & 28**

Adults interested in being confirmed on June 1 or baptized on June 8 are invited to attend our spring series, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Classes take place on Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, and 28. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation on the award-winning book, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*, from 7 to 8 PM. Together, we will explore life rooted in the Episcopal tradition through a discussion of church history, holy scripture, worship, and doctrine. Please [RSVP](#) for the series.

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### **FLEXIBLE PLASTICS RECYCLING EVENT – MAY 10**

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host our next flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, May 10, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bring your clean and dry **plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers** to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics.

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### **EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS – MAY 11**

Treat your mom this Mother's Day by bringing her to Easter Lessons & Carols on Sunday, May 11, at 4 PM in the Church with the Christ Church Choir, senior Choristers, organ, brass, and timpani. This service brings together many traditional elements of Christian worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Through readings, carols, and congregational hymns, we recall the prophecies and events leading up to and following Jesus' resurrection and conclude by looking forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

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### **VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION – BY MAY 15**

Voting for this year's vestry election is available online and by paper ballot. [Vote](#) online using your email address on file in our parish database. To vote by paper ballot, request one from the parish office or pick up a ballot after weekend services on May 3-4 or May 10-11, and return it to the office by Thursday, May 15. The parish [voting list](#) is available online and in the office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. This year's [candidates](#) nominated for election to the work of leadership as your vestry are: Shelley Kinsella, Kendall Meldrum, Robin Moody, John Olsen, Susan Scott, Wil Stith, and Lynette Turner. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.

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### **8 & 9 AM SERVICES AND ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION – MAY 18**

On Sunday, May 18, we gather for two morning services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church, followed by the 177th annual meeting of our parish. Join us for worship and then in the Parish Halls where we'll review the past year, look at the year ahead, and celebrate our many blessings. Children are invited to Stay and Play during the meeting (details on next page), and lunch will be served for all at 11:45 AM.

## **STAY AND PLAY—A NEW PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 18**

Bring your children for Stay and Play on Sunday, May 18, during Christ Church's annual meeting. Based on Let Grow Play Clubs, kids organize their own games and fun in unstructured, mixed-age, free play. Play is an essential part of children's development, and when adults get involved, these opportunities are often lost. Stay and Play allows children to choose what to play and who to play with, organize their games, and make their own decisions. While an adult will be present in case of an emergency, they will not be involved in the play that is taking place. This will allow children to work together and have fun without adult intervention. For more information, contact [Mason Cruz](#).

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who served in worship during Holy Week and Easter. The time and dedication of so many—choristers and choir members, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, greeters, lectors, ushers, altar guild members, adornment teams and volunteers, flower delivery drivers, and our staff—thanks be to God for you!

### **APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION**

This month's outreach collection benefits Wilmington Senior Center participants. Donations of shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, shaving cream, and deodorant for men and women, canned goods, and disinfecting wipes may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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### **ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS EXPAND**

A recent update to our online giving system now allows Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, and Venmo in addition to credit/debit cards and ACH transactions. Visit our [website](#) to make an offering. Thank you for supporting our ministry with contributions and pledges for annual giving!

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### **HAVE YOU TRIED OUR MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL?**

Explore service opportunities here at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need with Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool. Complete a 3-minute [survey](#) about your preferences and receive your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. Discover how you can engage in ministry at Christ Church!

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### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
Walter (Bud) Hutchison Lee Jr.  
Robert Wier III, Virginia Walker Wier  
and in loving memory of  
Ann Mayfield Porter

*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. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*  
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

#### **LAY MINISTRY STAFF**

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*  
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*  
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*  
Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*  
Cameron Kuzepski, *Organ Scholar*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*  
Terri Carpe, *Finance Manager*  
Jennifer Fordham, *School Administrator*  
Deb Piper, *Philanthropy/Stewardship Associate*  
Jane Rubini, *Administrative Associate*  
Nigel Sanderson, *Livestream Technician*  
Michael Sayer, *Facilities Manager*  
Deborah Webb, *Communications Associate/Graphic Designer*  
Leroy Folks, Andy Marine, Charles Parfitt-Simpson, *Sextons*

#### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*  
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*  
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Alexander Maynard, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Audrey Bruce, '25; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27  
Ted Ledden, '25; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; Scott Nickle, '26; Eliza Phillips, '25  
Jamie Poston, '27; Bart Reese, '25; Jaqueline Whalen, '26

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