

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 13, 2025

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.

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## ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – TODAY THROUGH APRIL 19

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 today through Saturday, April 19.

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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – TODAY

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend today's Grief Support Group meeting at 12 PM in the Commons Room or online by [Zoom](#).

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## HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross along the path to the labyrinth  
available Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19

### Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation with Christ Church Clergy

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

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

### Good Friday, April 18

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

5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel

7:00 PM Service of Tenebrae in the Church

### **RITE OF RECONCILIATION WITH CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY – APRIL 16**

Participate in the sacramental Rite of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, and experience God's mercy and grace. All in search of healing and forgiveness are welcome to make a personal confession with one of the Christ Church clergy on the Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16. [Sign up](#) for a 20-minute time slot.

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### **TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH – APRIL 17 & 19**

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, April 17, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, April 19, 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. [Sign up](#) for an hour or two on one or both dates.

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### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – APRIL 18**

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

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### **EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH**

#### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

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

#### **Easter Day, April 20**

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

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### **EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY HELP NEEDED – APRIL 22**

We deliver Easter flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Tuesday, April 22, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution (anyone with a vehicle, driver's license, and a little time to spare). This simple act of pastoral care brings cheer to those who need it most. Contact [Jane Rubini](#) to volunteer.

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### **OUR STRATEGIC PLAN: PLEASE COMPLETE OUR PARISH SURVEY – BY APRIL 22**

One goal of our strategic plan is to grow deeper relationships with God and with others, following Jesus Christ. Please help us measure our parish progress toward that goal in understanding parishioner contentment, engagement, and sentiment about the parish and our mission by taking our [parish survey](#). Parish leaders will review the feedback and report on the results at Christ Church's annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.



### **JOIN OUR MEN'S SMALL GROUP – APRIL 24**

Christ Church's Men's Ministry is looking for a few good men. Join in on the last Thursday of each month for fellowship, conversation, and dinner. Currently, the group is discussing the book, *The Boy Crisis* by Warren Farrell and John Gray. You are welcome to participate in the gathering and conversation without reading the book. This month, the group meets on Thursday, April 24, at 7 PM in the Commons Room.

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### **APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION**

April's outreach collection benefits program participants at Wilmington Senior Center. 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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### **CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL GALA – MAY 2**

CCEP's Spring Garden Soirée fundraiser takes place on Friday, May 2, at 6 PM at Greenville Country Club, and all are invited to attend. 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. Purchase your [tickets](#) online. All proceeds support our school programs.

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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 parish office by Thursday, May 15. The parish [voting list](#) is available both online and in the parish 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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### **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, [order](#) yours online or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and we welcome donations to help offset the \$8 cost to the church.

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### **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

*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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