



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Psalm Prelude*, Opus 32, No. 3

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 208, vs. 1-2, 4-5 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! The Strife is O'er*

(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!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

Chant: C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me, against them that trouble me,
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will

hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 708 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal 1982

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 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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

David Beresford

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 Sean, 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 diplomatic and 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, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and the village of Jalonga, Dominican Republic. 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

Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

*Surrexit pastor bonus,
qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis,
et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.*

The Good Shepherd has arisen,
who laid down his life for his sheep,
and deigned to die for his flock, alleluia.

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn 193, vs. 1-4 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.



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.



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

David Thorne (b. 1950)

Christ is our Cornerstone, on him alone we build.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 188 *Love's Redeeming Work is Done*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

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.

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MAY 11, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

CHRIST CHURCH'S STRATEGIC PLAN. At Christ Church we are committed to building a sustainable and strategic ministry that will have a deep impact in the future. In 2022, members served on the Strategic Planning Team and set key goals and benchmarks for the next five years, as we work to increase the health and vitality of our parish. Other members served on the Renovation Team and worked with parish clergy, staff, and ministry leaders to implement the various elements of the plan and accomplish a number of the first-year benchmarks. Now, work continues with members of our Vestry as we focus on the second-year benchmarks and the long-term success of our parish. Come learn more at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 18. For details on Christ Church's Strategic Plan, please visit our [website](#).

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

In this bulletin, you will find information on this year's vestry nominees. Pick up a ballot after services today and return it to the parish office or [vote online](#) by this Thursday, May 15. The parish voting list is available online and in the parish office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 18.

RITE-13 CELEBRATION TODAY

This morning we present five 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 Phoebe Burke, Elizabeth "Libby" Carr, Carla de Cos, Blaze DeCostanza, and William Hearn. 6th and 7th grade youth leaders are Shelley Kinsella and Bobbin Tuleya.

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 by [Zoom](#).

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS TODAY

Treat your mom this Mother's Day by bringing her to Easter Lessons & Carols today 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.

ITTY BITTY YOGIS AT CCEP & CCCH – MAY 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, May 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.

EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 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. Remaining classes take place on Wednesdays, May 14, 21, and 28. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – MAY 16

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.

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

Next 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 below), 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](#).

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – MAY 25, JULY 6, & AUGUST 31

On three holiday weekends this summer, May 25, July 6, and August 31, 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.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ASCENSION DAY – MAY 29

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. This spirituality, part of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition, took root in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Northumbria, and their coastal islands. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday, May 29, at 7 PM as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Join us as we welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during this service in the Chapel.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

During May, our outreach 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.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

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. 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 donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

HAVE YOU TRIED CHRIST CHURCH'S 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. Visit our [website](#) to 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. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jack and Janet Foster, Sally Evans
Charlie Pfleegor, David Foster, Susan Peyton

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED 2025 VESTRY NOMINEES



Shelley Angela Kinsella – Shelley and her husband, Rafael Zahralddin, have been members of Christ Church for over 22 years and cherish the community in which they have raised their two children, Mikel (college senior) and Annabel (10th grade). Their family also includes two dogs and three rescue cats, reflecting Shelley's love of all living creatures. Christ Church is an integral part of Shelley's life. She serves weekly as a Rite-13 youth group leader, has been a parent volunteer for many years for the Christmas pageant, participates in two small church book groups, and helps with the St. Michael's Book Nook. In addition, Shelley has served in multiple church ministries, including the Flower Ministry and Emmanuel Dining Room, as a member

of the Chapel Organ Committee, the Children & Youth Ministry Advisory Team, the Adult Formation ministry, and has assisted with the Green Show, the planning of the Dominican Republic mission trip, and the formation of the Creations Care ministry. In addition to working as an attorney for the Delaware Department of Justice, Shelley has volunteered with Literacy Volunteers, Alternative Court for Teens, the Delaware pro bono Child Advocates program, and served on the Wilmington Ballet and Delaware Symphony Orchestra boards of directors. It is her intention to continue strengthening Christ Church's connection to the community, and she believes that her legal and volunteer experience can benefit the vestry. She is grateful for this nomination and considers it a blessing to be able to serve others. Shelley remains committed to ensuring the well-being of the church and all of its members.



Kendall Drew Meldrum – After moving to the area full time in 2023, Christ Church quickly became a central part of Kendall's family life. Originally from Albany, New York, she and her husband, Sam, have a blended family of five children, and two have been baptized at Christ Church. Sam, a native Delawarean, was also baptized at Christ Church. Their daughter, Genevieve, is currently a student at Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, and their youngest, Fitz, will be joining in the fall. They are regular attendees of the 9 AM ARK service in the Chapel, and their kids are actively involved in Sunday formation. Christ Church has been very welcoming and has made Kendall feel at home. Her involvement in parish activities has been both fulfilling

and impactful. She has been involved in the community through CCEP, including the CCEP Parents' Association. This experience has not only strengthened her connection with other parents but also deepened her commitment to supporting the church community. Professionally, Kendall leads a sales organization at Microsoft, where she has been working since 2017. In her role, she collaborates with U.S. manufacturers to drive their digital transformation initiatives. Kendall holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Economics from Northwestern University and an MBA from Cornell Tech at Cornell University. Additionally, she previously served on the board of the Cornell Johnson College of Business NYC Alumni Club, which provided her with valuable experience in governance and community engagement. Kendall is dedicated to supporting the needs of young families and understands the importance of a strong foundation for young children. Through vestry service, she aims to contribute to the growth and vitality of Christ Church by using her professional skills and personal experiences to improve the parish's outreach and engagement efforts. Kendall is committed to the mission of Christ Church and values the power of community. She is ready to serve and lead and looks forward to collaborating with fellow vestry members to achieve their collective goals for the future.



Robin Penn Moody – Robin is a third-generation member of Christ Church where she was both baptized and confirmed. She and her husband, Jay Downing, were married at Christ Church in 2023. Her sons, George and Henry, were baptized at Christ Church. George was confirmed in 2023, and Henry is presently attending Confirmation class. Robin serves on the Stewardship Committee. She is an attorney and practiced in Delaware for many years in the areas of personal injury, general litigation, and commercial litigation. Robin is also admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and has handled matters in Chester County, Delaware County, and Montgomery County. She is an active member of the Holly Ball Committee and volunteers at Faithful Friends

Animal Shelter. She is also a member of the Colonial Dames where she previously served as a committee member. In the past, Robin held volunteer positions at Rodney Street Tennis and Tutoring Association. Robin received her B.A. in political science from Denison University. Prior to attending law school, she worked on Capitol Hill in the U.S. Senate. In her free time, Robin enjoys tennis, running, and spending time with her family, including her yellow Labrador and two rescue cats. If elected, she hopes to continue and enhance the important work and influence of Christ Church, strengthening its commitment to the work of the Lord. Robin is honored to be nominated for the vestry and looks forward to serving the Christ Church community.



John L. Olsen – John and his wife, Elaine, joined Christ Church in 1985 after relocating to Wilmington. They quickly became involved with the church's young adult group, which met socially and engaged in philanthropic work. John and Elaine taught Sunday school and organized food/refreshments for the Green Show Preview Party. John also served as an acolyte advisor and usher. John and Elaine's three children were baptized at Christ Church. (Bill Lane officiated at their daughter's baptism and marriage—moments John will forever cherish). The family focused on church activities that enabled their children to grow in a loving, faith-based environment, including trips to the Delaware Children's Theatre and Blue Rocks

games, Friday evening church potlucks, and the Christmas pageant. In 2000, the Olsens joined Church of the Advent in Kennett Square, where their children engaged in activities with friends from the Unionville schools they attended. One ministry John found highly rewarding was driving senior members to and from Kendal-Crosslands on the Advent bus. After raising their children, the Olsens returned to Christ Church and essentially "picked up where they left off." John joined the Outreach Committee, which he led in 2023-24, and participates in the Celebration of Life ministry. He is involved with several nonprofit agencies the church supports. In addition, for nearly 20 years the Olsen family prepared and served Christmas Eve dinner for patients and families at the Wilmington Ronald McDonald House. John earned his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced law for 39 years, retiring in 2022 as WSFS Bank General Counsel. John was recognized by the Delaware Superior Court for his critical role in shaping a mortgage foreclosure mediation program that promoted alternatives to sheriff's sales for struggling homeowners. He served on several nonprofit boards and remains on the board of the WSFS Cares Foundation. John possesses strong Christian values, which guide him in his daily life. Joining the vestry would give John the opportunity to use his skills, experience, and compassion to help grow the parish, support the church's many ministries, and assist those in need.



Susan Hess Scott – A strong foundation in the Episcopal faith, planted during her youth at Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield, New Jersey, underpins Susan's commitment to service. Following significant life changes after college, she embarked on a journey that broadened her spiritual understanding, exploring traditions such as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Methodist Church, and the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Ultimately, her son's encouragement and her own reflective process led her back to her Episcopal roots, and she joined Christ Church in 2022. This homecoming held deep personal significance. Education has been the cornerstone of Susan's professional life, equipping her with a diverse skill set valuable

to the vestry. Possessing a B.A. in Child Development, a Masters in School Counseling, and specialized training in Reading, she currently provides crucial support to students with reading disabilities in private practice. Her leadership and collaborative abilities are evident in her extensive committee work and leadership roles within educational settings. Notably, she led the Lower School Language Arts Committee and developed and presented monthly child development programs for parents at Wilmington Friends School. These experiences underscore her capacity to nurture individuals, facilitate group dynamics, and contribute strategically. Christ Church witnesses Susan's active engagement in its community. She regularly attends worship and various music, formation, and parish life events with her husband, David, son, Chris, and granddaughter, Amelia. Beyond attendance, she actively participates in the Friday Women's Bible Study, assists with the Green Show, and contributes to the Flower Ministry. Susan enjoys spending time cooking, traveling, and sewing/craft projects. Her focus for the vestry centers on building stronger connections between families with young children and the wider parish and enhancing community outreach through meaningful, hands-on interactions. For Susan, vestry service represents a chance to listen attentively and contribute to the flourishing of the Christ Church community. Her lifelong connection to the Episcopal Church, coupled with her professional expertise and dedicated involvement, fuels her enthusiasm for this opportunity.



Wilmer C. Stith III – Wil was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where his family was able to walk to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, an Episcopal church in Baltimore City. While there, Wil was baptized, attended Sunday school, was confirmed, and served as an acolyte for 12 years. His mother was Ukrainian, and he spent many Saturdays at "Ukrainian school" and was involved in youth group with the Ukrainian church, where he made his closest friends. Wil attended Gilman School in Baltimore City and thoroughly enjoyed his experience at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He has worked for M&T Bank or its predecessor banks since college graduation. He received both an MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore and a

a chartered financial analyst (CFA) designation while working. He is an institutional fixed income portfolio manager at Wilmington Trust. After M&T purchased Wilmington Trust, he and his wife, Wendy, were asked to relocate to Wilmington, Delaware. They attended various churches in their first year after relocating and joined Christ Church in 2015. Wil has two adult children, Curtis and Christopher, and an eight-year-old daughter, Grace, who was baptized at Christ Church in 2017. Wil has been a member of the Confirmation class teaching team for three years and enjoys volunteering for the Green Show and other community outreach events and programs the church sponsors. Some of Wil's favorite times at Christ Church have been in the Christ Church kitchen during the Green Show Preview Party, Family Promise dinners, and the youth group's pancake breakfast.



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 from 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 now and for generations to come.

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