

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 15, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR PRACTICE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES. Each year in preparation for Easter, the Church calls us to a season of special intention and discipline—to renew the faithful following of Jesus. Lent is 40 days for a kind of spring training as we exercise our faith. This Lent we encourage you to attend worship each week, participate in our Wednesday evening Lenten program from February 25-March 25, attend a contemplative Service of Readings & Music on March 1, experience our interactive prayer stations on March 15, and join in the fun of Lent Madness. Find details on all offerings on our [website](#). If you need guidance in making a Lenten discipline, please speak to one of our clergy.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH BAPTIZED AT THE 9 AM SERVICE

Naomi Pia Beck, daughter of Ryan and Elise Beck
Hunter Gray Kaiser, son of Patrick and Nicole Kaiser
Liam Matthew Kirk, son of Matthew and Nataly Kirk
Sienna Elizabeth Morris, daughter of Julian Veloz and Heather Morris

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFTING

Join in an expanded Coffee & Community today from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and crafting, where those of all ages and skill levels are invited to decorate sand dollars, symbolizing rebirth, renewal, and transformation.

WE WELCOME THE REV. CANON BRAD HINTON AS OUR GUEST PREACHER AT 10:30 AM

The Rev. Canon Brad Hinton serves as the Canon to the Ordinary for The Episcopal Church in Delaware. In this role, he works with the bishop and clergy of our diocese to equip and build up the mission and ministries we share. Please help us welcome him to our pulpit today at 10:30 AM!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

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

CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong will be held today at 4 PM in the Chapel with music led by the Parish Choir and senior Choristers. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:45 PM.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team—an opportunity to nurture leadership skills and plan and execute a service project at the end of the program year. The team meets tonight from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A and is then invited to share a meal with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM.

SHROVE TUESDAY MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER FOR DR MISSION TRIP – FEBRUARY 17

Join us for a festive Mardi Gras celebration at Christ Church on Shrove Tuesday, February 17, with tasty breakfast foods served by our youth from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Parish Halls. We will prepare for Lent by putting away the Alleluias, cheer on the Christ Church Choristers in their pancake race, and end the evening with the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$5 for children and \$15 for youth/adults, and the event is a fundraiser for this summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Please [RSVP](#).

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 18

Worship with us on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Holy Eucharist takes place in the Chapel at 6:30 AM and 12 PM without music and at 5 PM for all ages with the Christ Church Choristers leading our music. At 7 PM, join us for Choral Eucharist in the Church with the Christ Church Choir and the Sylvan Consort of Viols. All services include the Imposition of Ashes and an invitation to a Holy Lent.

JOIN IN THE FUN OF LENT MADNESS – FEBRUARY 19

For some, the upcoming NCAA basketball tournaments, popularly referred to as March Madness, is a time set aside for cheering for our favorite college basketball teams to make it to the Sweet Sixteen, the Final Four, and then finally the Championship. What if we substituted saints for basketball teams? Well, we'd have Lent Madness! Coordinated by Forward Movement, a publishing ministry of the Episcopal Church, Lent Madness enables you to join fellow faithful Christians in rooting for your favorite saint. Some saints you will have heard of, and some you won't know but will be glad to learn about. Short bios are presented, and you vote for your favorite in each round. Some will make it to the Saintry Sixteen, some to the Faithful Four—but only one will get to wear "The Golden Halo." Follow along and learn about some saints whose lives you might want to emulate—or not! Find them [online](#), and on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 20

Following our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services in 2024, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods to be distributed to program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

FIRST PRESENTATION ON OUR FACILITY MASTER PLAN – FEBRUARY 21

The next step in Christ Church's Strategic Plan is the creation of a Facility Master Plan to identify needed maintenance/improvements to our campus and envision the potential for our buildings and grounds to serve our goals for growth and to share our property with community partners—bringing more people to discover our parish and preschool. Last month, parishioners had the opportunity to share their ideas and opinions about our campus and its facilities. 197 surveys were received, reviewed, and summarized by our consultant architects. All are welcome to attend the presentation of their findings on Saturday, February 21, at 9 AM in Parish Hall A. Please join us for this hour-long session as we work to ensure that generations to come are able to worship, gather, and serve at Christ Church.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – FEBRUARY 23

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies on Monday, February 23, at 7 PM at Pizza by Elizabeths. Please [RSVP](#) today.

BENEDICT'S TOOLBOX: EVERYDAY BENEDICTINE PRACTICES – FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 25

The season of Lent is a time when many Christians consider either old, bad practices to break or new, helpful practices to take up. This year's Adult Formation Lenten Series will examine portions of St. Benedict's Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living. For over 1500 years, the concepts that Benedict used to shape the life of his monastic brothers have been applied by many Christians to better their own spiritual lives. Join us on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, when we'll gather for a simple supper at 6:30 PM followed by the program at 7 PM. Please [RSVP](#) for the evenings you can attend.

LE DONNE MUSICALI WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – FEBRUARY 27

Tempesta di Mare: Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra presents this concert at Christ Church on Friday, February 27, at 7 PM in the Chapel. *Le Donne Musicali (The Musical Women)* includes vocal and instrumental works by female composers Agata Cantora della Pietà and Anna Bon, plus music by Vivaldi, Gasparini, and Porpora for named women of the Venetian Ospedal—the network of baroque-era orphanages that churned out top-tier female musicians on an unprecedented scale. Reserve your seats [online](#).

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT WITH CCCH & CCEP – FEBRUARY 28

Join with families from Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool for movie night on Saturday, February 28. The fun begins at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall, where you can watch either *Inside Out* or *Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie*. Pizza, popcorn, and drinks will be provided. Wear your pajamas, bring your sleeping bag or blanket, and enjoy a fun evening together with your church and preschool family. Please [RSVP](#).

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC – MARCH 1

Experience the message of Lent in this contemplative service on Sunday, March 1, at 4 PM in the Church. Patterned after the Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols, worship includes readings from scripture and from the spiritual writings of Henri Nouwen and music offered by the Christ Church Choir. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM by Gabriel Benton, director of music at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington.

FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the circle drive entrance to the Parish Center.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Robert Morris Silliman
Mary Elliott and John Legaré O'Hear

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Mike and David Rubini

and in honor of the anniversary of the baptism of
James Kiernan-Amin

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.

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The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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