

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. To observe Lent, the announcements and greeting are placed at the conclusion of worship. Please maintain quiet for prayer. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Voluntary *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*, BWV 653

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please stand, as able, at the entrance of the cross and procession.

The Penitential Order

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People ***His mercy endures for ever.***

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Please kneel, as able, for

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.***

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Choir sings the Kyrie in either Greek or English.

Kyrie eleison

Setting: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

Chant: Plainsong, Mode 5

The Refrain is sung first by the Cantor, repeated by all, then together as appointed.

Fauxbourdon: Jonathan Ryan (b. 1982)



Refrain My help comes from the LORD, the mak - er of heav - ven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. *Refrain*

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. *Refrain*

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to

the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Gradual Verse and Tract

Please stand at the sound of the bells. The Verse is sung first by the Cantor, then repeated by all before and after the Tract.

Verse God so loved the world that he gave his on-ly Son; //
that all who believe in him might have / e-ter-nal life. – *John 3:16*

Tract Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.
Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord or show forth all his praise?
Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your saving help;
That I may see the prosperity of your elect, and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance. – *from Psalm 106*

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 3:1-17

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

Ruth Beresford

Please stand for

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us affirm the creed of baptism, saying

People ***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

In you, Gracious and Everlasting God, we find our wholeness and strength. Hear the prayers of your people, offered in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God, we pray for the Church throughout the world; for Christians who are persecuted or tempted to deny God in their life; for this congregation, that we have courage to serve Christ faithfully, inviting others to share our ministry and mission; for Sean, our presiding bishop, Kevin, our bishop, and for all your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, we pray for every nation, for peace and for the welfare of all people; we pray for wisdom among the world's leaders in government, health, and commerce, that they may be filled with your truth and serve your whole creation; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, we pray for those affected by disease, disaster, and war; defend the weary, guard the children, give refuge to the homeless, protect the powerless, and teach us your way of compassion; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, especially N., and those we name now; that they may know your power to heal; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died, especially N., and for the people who miss them; that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may trust the power of Christ to save; in your mercy, Lord,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have promised forgiveness and blessing to those who humble themselves and exalt your Son as Lord and Savior. We give you thanks for your loving kindness, given to us and offered for all people in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant 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. 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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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

Libby Larsen (b. 1950)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 313, vs. 1 & 4 *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

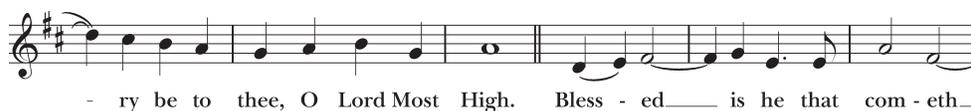
People *We lift them to the Lord.*

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.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection,

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

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

Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul?
And why art thou so disquieted within me?
O put thy trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks,
Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Communion Hymn 144 *Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness*

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.***

Announcements

All sing

Hymn in Procession 637 *How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

During this solemn season of Lent, there is no concluding organ 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 grace. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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MARCH 1, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR NOTES OF CARE MINISTRY. Our congregation is committed to following Jesus in service and living out the Great Commandment to love God and neighbor. One way we do this is through our Notes of Care ministry, where volunteers write personal notes to parishioners who are experiencing a significant life event. This simple yet heartfelt gesture, whether offered in times of need or to celebrate a joyful occasion, reminds them that they are loved and supported by their parish family. Over the past year, 12 volunteers wrote approximately 100 notes of care. In addition, more than 200 birthday cards were sent to parishioners aged 75 and older. If you know someone who would appreciate receiving a note of care or if you would like information about occasionally serving in this ministry, please contact [Marty Rushlow](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUTREACH – SIGN UP TODAY

The Outreach Committee is collecting Easter baskets for children and teens living at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center. Sign up after services today to prepare a basket for a specific child that contains \$20-\$25 worth of treats and toys. You will receive complete instructions along with a tag to attach to the basket once you sign up. Please return your basket to Christ Church by Sunday, March 22.

CLASSROOM VISITORS WELCOME AT SUNDAY FORMATION!

Are you interested in our children's formation offerings and want to learn more about our classrooms and what is being taught? Beginning today, March 1, the Children's Ministry invites you to visit our PreK through 7th Grade classrooms. Whether you want to simply sit in and observe or be a helping hand in the classroom, we would love for you to get to know our programs up close and personal. While visiting, you can experience the different lessons and activities, guide children to interact with their peers in safe, healthy, God-honoring ways, participate in class discussions, and pray for the children and families who attend the class you visit. We hope that after visiting you might even feel called to serve as a formation teacher next year! [Sign up](#) to visit a particular class. Questions? Contact [Mason Cruz](#).

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC – TODAY

Experience the message of Lent in a contemplative service this afternoon at 4 PM in the Church, patterned after the Anglican Service of Lessons & Carols with 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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 4

Adults of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 4, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

BENEDICT’S TOOLBOX: EVERYDAY BENEDICTINE PRACTICES – MARCH 4-25

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 for the remaining sessions on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, when we’ll gather for a simple supper at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall followed by the program at 7 PM. Please [RSVP](#).

ALL AGES LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 15

Our interactive Lenten prayer stations offer those of all ages a new approach to prayer. Come experience God through the senses this Lent during an expanded Coffee & Community on Sunday, March 15, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Spend some time in prayerful activities at prayer stations set up in the Parish Halls. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

FERRARA: SPLENDOR OF THE RENAISSANCE WITH PIFFARO – MARCH 15

Piffaro: The Renaissance Band invites you to step into Ferrara, a dazzling hub where art and music flourished. At the heart of the Italian Renaissance, the city attracted some of the era’s most celebrated intellectual and artistic minds. Piffaro’s wind players invite you to experience the rich soundscape of this extraordinary place on Sunday, March 15, at 3 PM in the Chapel. [Reserve](#) your seats today.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY – MARCH 17

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. Join us on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 PM in the Chapel as we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. We welcome Janet Witman to play the Celtic harp during the service.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER – BY MARCH 23

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute [online](#) or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, March 23. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

CALLING ALL GUEST READERS!

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes. Bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library. [Sign up](#) to read.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE – JULY 31-AUGUST 7

Join fellow members of Christ Church for a week of fun and fellowship at Memorial House, the Episcopal Church retreat center nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth—from Friday, July 31 to Friday, August 7. Enjoy homemade meals, nature, and meaningful connections, just two blocks from the beach. For more information or to make a reservation, visit their [website](#).

OUR MINISTRY OF CARING

Christ Church's Pastoral Care ministries provide Christian care and hospitality to people in need within and beyond our parish family. Everyone at Christ Church can participate in reaching out to those who could use help. One way is to share concerns or issues that you hear about in the lives of parishioners and friends with a member of the church staff by [email](#) or by calling (302) 655-3379. This small act will help ensure that when an issue arises, the church can wrap its arms of love and assistance around those who could really use it.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This is a fun way to contribute to the life of the parish while extending generous hospitality, and it's a great activity to do as a family or with a group of friends. [Sign up](#) online.

CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAGS & MERCHANDISE

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. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip. Then, show off your church spirit with Christ Church merchandise available for purchase. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, and more. Visit our [website](#) for details and to place an order for a name tag or church merch.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jerold and Margaret Smith
Hugh Collins

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

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