

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**THE WORK OF OUR ADORNMENT TEAM.** The Adornment Team decorates our worship spaces for special holidays/seasons at Christ Church. 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. Join Sam Greenberg on Saturday, April 4, to bring Easter's joy to our worship spaces beginning at 9 AM or come when you can throughout the day. We welcome all to join our crew, regardless of experience level. For information, please contact [Sam](#) 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.

## Welcome Bishop Brown!

This morning, we welcome the Rt. Rev. Kevin Brown as our preacher at 8, 9 (SANCTUARY), and 11 AM. Bishop Brown was elected the 11th Bishop of Delaware in 2017. Please help us welcome him to our pulpit!

## ALL AGES INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – TODAY-APRIL 4

Follow the story of Jesus' death and resurrection from his condemnation by Pilate to his crucifixion and burial through self-led, multisensory stations available on the path to the labyrinth through Holy Saturday, April 4. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to experience this powerful offering.

## PALM SUNDAY CONCERT BY BASSO CELESTIA –TODAY

Basso Celestia, alongside Christ Church's Cameron Kuzepski, presents François Couperin's *Leçons de Ténèbres* (*Lessons for Tenebrae*), a breathtaking work for two sopranos and continuo, today at 4 PM in the Church. Written for the Wednesday night Tenebrae liturgy of Holy Week, the piece sets the heart wrenching texts of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, pairing ornate melismatic settings of the Hebrew letters with deeply expressive, recitative-like verses. A free will offering will be received.

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 2

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

## **TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO KEEP WATCH – APRIL 2 & 4**

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 2, from 8 PM to midnight, following the 7 PM service in the Church. Then on Holy Saturday, April 4, 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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### **GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3**

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

5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel

7:00 PM Tenebrae in the Church

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### **JOIN US FOR EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH**

#### **Holy Saturday, April 4**

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

#### **Easter Day, April 5**

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 7**

Following our Easter worship, we deliver flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Tuesday, April 7, between 10:30 and 11 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 [Connie Matsumoto](#) to volunteer.

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### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – APRIL 8**

Adults of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, April 8, 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.

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### **NEWCOMERS: BELONG ZOOM SESSIONS – APRIL 8, 15, & 22**

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join in a 3-part series called Belong on Wednesdays, April 8, 15, and 22, at 7 PM by Zoom. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. Please [RSVP](#) for the series and receive the Zoom link prior to the first session.

## **EASTER 2026: RESONATING WITH GOD IN CREATION – APRIL 15, 22, & 29**

The Easter season marks the Lord's resurrection and aligns with spring—a season of resurrection in Creation. Join us for our Easter Adult Formation series as we explore the many ways God reveals His love for us through Creation. Grounded in Scripture, each week will highlight how the natural world draws us closer to God and helps sustain our souls. Using resources from The Episcopal Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Calvin Institute, and the Center for Spirituality in Nature, we'll reflect on meditations from the Rev. Bob Flanagan's book, *Growing a Sustainable Soul*. Flanagan's introduction reminds us: "How we treat the world, its environment, and resources connects us to God. In fact, we are three interdependent partners: Humans, Creation, and God. The partnership functions best when it *resonates*." Come discover what that means on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided each evening. Please [RSVP](#).

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## **RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS – APRIL 25**

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, April 25, 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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## **LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ON SAVING NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS – APRIL 29**

On April 15, 2019, Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris suffered a devastating fire that brought the cathedral within minutes of destruction. Join us for lunch and an exploration of the battle to save Notre-Dame de Paris through the eyes and reflections of those who fought the fire. Parishioner Bill Jones first visited Notre-Dame in 1960 and has returned countless times since then. After the fire, Bill began combing through French newspapers, documentaries, and archives, and before he knew it, he had crafted a detailed chronology of the fire, told through the perspectives of those who lived it. It is this chronology that he will share with us. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall after the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the presentation. Bring a friend for worship, conversation, and a light buffet lunch. A suggested donation of \$8 to help defray the cost of lunch is appreciated. This event is sponsored by our Elder Ministry, but all ages are welcome to participate. Please [RSVP](#).

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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. Thomas Word Peters, *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*  
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*  
Cameron Kuzepski, *Assistant Director of Music/Director of Choristers*

#### **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*; MJ O'Connor, *Youth Representative*  
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27  
Shelley Kinsella, '28; Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; Scott Nickle, '26  
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