



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 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Praeludium in D Major*

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 193 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

(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. Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*

Chant: Thomas Norris (1741-1790)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.
But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

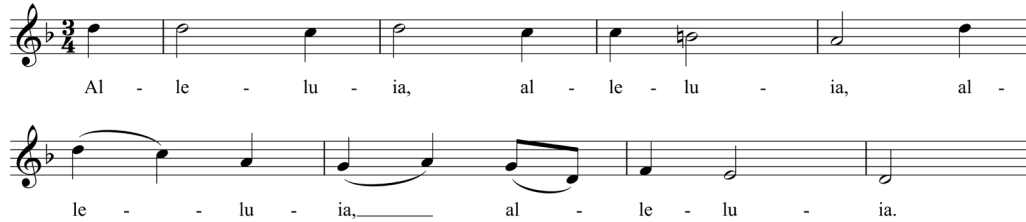
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being

more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Please stand as the Choir sings the Alleluia, which is then repeated by all.

Gradual Alleluia and Verse



The Choir sings the Verse, after which the Alleluia is repeated once by all.

Verse The Lord is risen from the dead, sing Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Thomas Word Peters

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. Give wisdom to the world's leaders. 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. For those we name now [*offer petitions aloud or in one's heart*]. That your healing grace may transform all suffering,

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.

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. 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

R. S. Thatcher (1888-1957)

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought forth Israel into joy from sadness;
'tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst His prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, (Alleluia!)
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold Thee as a mortal; (Alleluia!)
but today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing (Alleluia!)
that Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing. (Alleluia)

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn

Tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Great Thanksgiving

adaptation, (red) Book of Common Prayer 369

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves are for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The third and fourth staves are for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The fifth and sixth staves are for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The seventh and eighth staves are for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics: "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, singing

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.

Celebrant *People*
 A - men.

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.

Organ Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our pass-ov - er is
 sa - cri - ficed for us; There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le -
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain; but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

Communion Hymn 209 *We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight*

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.***

All sing

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

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary *Hallelujah Has Been Restored from Rubrics*

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 12, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR ELDER MINISTRY. Our Elder Ministry is focused on providing an avenue for our more senior members to be involved in the life of Christ Church as well as offering nurture and care to those who may need it most. Providing opportunities to volunteer and serve our community, coming together for fellowship and learning, and reaching out to our homebound members are just a few examples of the scope of this ministry. We value the experience of our senior members and recognize the contribution these parishioners bring to our parish. For more information, please contact [Jaqueline Whalen](#).

RSVP for 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. Please 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](#).

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*. Join us 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](#).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – APRIL 17

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.

CELEBRATE 20 YEARS OF CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL – APRIL 17

CCEP's 20th Anniversary Spring Gala takes place this Friday, April 17, at 6 PM at Greenville Country Club. Join us for this adults-only evening celebrating more than two decades of inspiring young learners and shaping bright futures at Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. Enjoy food and drinks, great silent auction items, and lively bidding on classroom items created by our children. As we mark 20+ years of impact, we gather in celebration of the children, teachers, and families who make CCEP so special—and invest in all that lies ahead. [Purchase](#) tickets online. All proceeds support our school programs.

EXTENDING EASTER'S JOY WITH BREAKFAST & A PETTING ZOO – APRIL 19

Celebrate the joy of Easter with a morning of food, fellowship, and fun! Join us next Sunday, April 19, from 9:30 to 10:15 AM for a festive gathering hosted by our Parish Fellowship Ministry. Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall and head outside to the circle drive for a delightful fluffy animal petting zoo. Come share in the fun and extend Easter's joy with your church family and friends.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – APRIL 19

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend our Grief Support Group next Sunday, April 19, at 12 PM in the Commons Room or by [Zoom](#).

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS – APRIL 19

Join us for Easter Lessons & Carols next Sunday, April 19, at 4 PM in the Church. This service features the Christ Church Choir, senior Choristers, organ, brass, and timpani and brings together many traditional elements of Christian worship in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Through scripture readings, choral music, and congregational hymns, we recall the prophecies and events surrounding Jesus' resurrection and look ahead to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – APRIL 19

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 for the end of the program year. The team meets monthly on third Sundays 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. Join the group next Sunday, April 19!

LEARN ABOUT CHRIST CHURCH'S FACILITY MASTER PLAN – APRIL 25

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. In January, parishioners, staff, and preschool faculty shared their ideas and opinions about our campus and its facilities, and our consultant architects summarized and presented those findings at a parish meeting in February. Now, plans have been refined further, and all are invited to learn more on Saturday, April 25, 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.

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.

EPISCOPAL BELIEFS & PRACTICES – MAY 6, 13, 20, & 27

Adults interested in becoming an Episcopalian and being confirmed or received on June 7 are invited to attend Episcopal Beliefs & Practices on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by sessions hosted by our rector from 7 to 8 PM. Together, we will explore life rooted in Episcopal identity through a discussion of holy scripture, church history, worship, and doctrine. Please [RSVP](#).

VOTE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION – BY MAY 14

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 or request a paper ballot from the parish office or pick one up after weekend services on May 2-3 or May 9-10, and return it to the office by Thursday, May 14. The parish voting list is available online and in the 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: Jill Coghlan, Brenda DePuy, Martha Henley, Jon Payne, Eric Romano, Karen Sinton, Jim Storey, and Mike Vild. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 17.

8 AND 9 AM SERVICES & PARISH DAY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 17

On Sunday, May 17, we gather for two morning services at 8 and 9 AM in the Church, followed by the 178th annual meeting of our parish and a program for children. 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, with lunch served for all at 11:45 AM.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Ron Ingham
and in loving memory of
John Mark and Janet Craigie Attix

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who served in worship during Holy Week and Easter. The time and dedication of so many—choristers and choir members, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, lectors, ushers, altar guild members, adornment team and volunteers, flower delivery drivers, vestry, and our staff—thanks be to God for you!

SUPPORT OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS
APRIL OUTREACH COLLECTION

This month's outreach collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery). 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 Parish Center circle drive entrance.

LITERACY DELAWARE'S SCRABBLE™ ALONG THE BRANDYWINE – APRIL 24

Purchase your tickets for Literacy Delaware's SCRABBLE™ Along the Brandywine fundraiser on Friday, April 24, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Christ Church's Parish Hall. This is no ordinary game of SCRABBLE™! Teams of up to six players receive the same set of SCRABBLE™ tiles, and teammates work collaboratively to build the highest scoring board for each of three rounds. The top three highest scoring teams will be recognized. Join in the fun to help advance literacy through training, tutoring, English language acquisition, and advocacy for all Delawareans. Visit their [website](#) for information.

JOIN THE CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY TEAM AT THE HIGHMARK WALK – MAY 2

Join the Christ Church Community team as we raise funds to support our outreach partner Friendship House at this year's Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, May 2, at Tubman Garrett Riverfront Park (80 Rosa Parks Drive, Wilmington, DE 19801). Friendship House has an anonymous matching donor this year, and the first 20 teams to reach the goal of 20 walkers and \$2,000 raised will receive an additional \$1,000. The walk benefits other local nonprofits as well, including the Amanecer Counseling & Resource Center, Choir School of Delaware, Latin American Community Center, Read Aloud Delaware, and other agencies supported by members of Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register.

URBANPROMISE POWERUP WORKDAY – MAY 2

Those 12 and older are invited to join our Dominican Republic youth missionaries for a day of service on Saturday, May 2. We will meet at 9 AM at UrbanPromise Wilmington (1000 East 28th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802) to serve at their PowerUP Workday, tackling various projects such as weeding the garden, stuffing envelopes, or working on a particular job at one of the UPW staff houses, school/office, or one of their other sites. We will end our work around 12 PM and have the opportunity to hear from a panel of UrbanPromise Teen StreetLeaders about their experience and how they are shaping their neighborhood. Questions? Please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTS NEEDED – MAY 24-26

Several times a year, Christ Church hosts families from the Family Promise Network, when members of our congregation provide meals and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to eight families (approximately 35 people—mostly children) during the week. We'll serve just three nights next month from May 24-26. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Learn more and sign up [online](#).

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*
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