

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 19, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTER PROGRAM. Christ Church Choristers comprise a group of seven eager singers, ages 9-15. Working within the Royal School of Church Music training scheme, choristers are learning individual and group musicianship, leadership, and an understanding of their role within the choir and the broader worshiping community. Choristers' levels of achievement are denoted by the ribbon colors they wear with their St. Nicholas medals. A new chorister must first earn the white surplice and then may earn medals with white, light blue, dark blue, and red ribbons. The Choristers will join in singing Easter Lessons & Carols with the Christ Church Choir this afternoon at 4 PM in the Church. The chorister program is part of Christ Church's embrace of music as an integral component of worship and faith formation. For more information, contact our Director of Choristers, [Cameron Kuzepski](#).

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

EXTENDING EASTER'S JOY WITH BREAKFAST & A PETTING ZOO

Celebrate the joy of Easter this morning from 9:30 to 10:15 AM with 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

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](#).

EASTER LESSONS & CAROLS

Join us for Easter Lessons & Carols today at 4 PM in the Church. This service features the Christ Church Choir and 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

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team tonight—an opportunity to nurture leadership skills and plan and execute a service project at 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.

EASTER 2026: RESONATING WITH GOD IN CREATION – APRIL 22 & 29

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, we'll 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 for the remaining sessions on Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Please [RSVP](#).

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.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – APRIL 27

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies on Monday, April 27, at 7 PM at BBC Tavern. Please [RSVP](#) today.

LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ON SAVING NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS – APRIL 29

In 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 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 on Wednesday, April 29. 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](#).

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](#).

CHORAL EVENSONG – MAY 10

Treat your mom on Mother's Day by bringing her to church to hear beautiful choral music. The Christ Church Choir and clergy offer Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 10, at 4 PM in the Church. Dr. Paula Maust from Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins University will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

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.

RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR CHRIST CHURCH NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS – JUNE 26

Join us at Frawley Stadium for a Wilmington Blue Rocks game on Friday, June 26, at 6:35 PM versus the Frederick Keys. Our seats are located behind home plate, and there will be fireworks following the game. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Reserve](#) your seats for a night of fun and fellowship with your Christ Church family.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Bryant P. and Virginia M. Lindley
and in loving memory of
Earl Rogers, Richard and Kay King
Pat and Lillian Reilly, Dennis Reilly, Sam and Bell King
Harry and Hazel Williams, Francis (Nick) du Pont

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 today for Literacy Delaware's SCRABBLE™ Along the Brandywine fundraiser this 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 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](#).

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES' ROOM AT THE TABLE BREAKFAST – MAY 6

Lutheran Community Services hosts their annual breakfast on Wednesday, May 6, from 9 to 10 AM at Riverfront Events, Hyatt Place in Wilmington. The morning features testimonials from their clients and supporters about how they are making a real difference in the community. Come hear their stories of moving people from emergency to empowerment and learn how you can help with their mission. Visit their [website](#) for details and to register.

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.



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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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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*

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