

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



APRIL 26, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE USE OF OUR LABYRINTH. Every year on the first Saturday in May, thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. Many “Walk as One at 1” local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. This is a great opportunity to walk the Christ Church Labyrinth. Simple instructions for its use are found on the stone pillar to the right of the labyrinth entrance. World Labyrinth Day is an international annual event, held on May 2 this year. We invite you to discover how this stone treasure can deepen and illuminate your prayer life as you trace the circular pathway to the center and out again. For more information, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

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

LUNCH AND CONVERSATION ON SAVING NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS – WEDNESDAY

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 this 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. Please [RSVP](#) today.

EASTER 2026: RESONATING WITH GOD IN CREATION – WEDNESDAY

Join us for the final session of our Easter Adult Formation series this Wednesday, April 29, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall 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*. Light refreshments will be provided. 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](#) for the series.

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.

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON ASCENSION DAY – MAY 14

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 Thursday, May 14, at 7 PM in the Chapel as we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate Ascension Day.

THE MOST FAVOURITE MUSIC WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – MAY 15

European-trained musicians, American political elites, theater performers, and denizens of the French colonies all performed shoulder to shoulder in an 18th century Philadelphia that saw a lively and burgeoning music scene after the relaxation of cultural restrictions enforced during the Revolutionary War. From familiar Scottish Airs to dance numbers and chamber music, this recreation of a city concert on Friday, May 15, at 7 PM in Christ Church's Chapel offers an immersive experience of living history featuring music from Philadelphia's stages and ballrooms popular at the time. It's part of "Soundtrack of Independence," a collaborative celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. [Reserve](#) your seats today.

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.

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.

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? 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God

in loving memory of

Walter (Bud) Hutchison Lee Jr.

Robert Wier III, Virginia Walker Wier

and in loving memory of

Ann Mayfield Porter

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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