



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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Voluntary in G*

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 518 *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

(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 God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 *In te, Domine, speravi*

Chant: Herbert Stanley Oakley (1830-1903)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al -
le - - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Verse I am the way, the truth, and the life;
No one comes to the Father, but by me.

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 14:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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 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

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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 Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The notation includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

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

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life! Such a Way as gives us breath,
such a Truth as ends all strife, such a Life as killeth Death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength! Such a Light as shows a feast,
such a Feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart! Such a Joy as none can move,
such a Love as none can part, such a Heart as joys in love.

Communion Hymn 464 *He is the Way*

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 535 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary *Toccata Settima*

Michelangelo Rossi (1602-1656)

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 joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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MAY 3, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS. Our Outreach ministry provides the framework for our community to live out its baptismal covenant as a Christian people. We are committed to bringing about God's kingdom through prayer, the giving of resources, education, and opportunities for involvement with our neighbors in need. Last month, the Outreach Committee completed its annual funding allocations process and pledged more than \$230,000 to 25 nonprofits in our area. For a complete list of the agencies we support, visit our [website](#) and consider how you might become involved with one of these partners in our community. For more information about the Outreach Committee, contact [Geri Krolin-Taylor](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

PICK UP A BALLOT TODAY OR VOTE ONLINE IN THIS YEAR'S VESTRY ELECTION

In this bulletin, you will find information on this year's vestry nominees. Pick up a ballot after services today and return it to the parish office or [vote online](#) by Thursday, May 14. The parish voting list is available online and in the parish office and contains those eligible to vote in the election according to our bylaws. Election results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, May 17.

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 this Mother's Day by bringing her to church to hear beautiful choral music. The Christ Church Choir and clergy offer Choral Evensong next 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – MAY 15

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.

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. 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. Children are invited to Stay and Play during the meeting (details below), and lunch will be served for all at 11:45 AM.

CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO STAY AND PLAY DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING – MAY 17

Bring your children for Stay and Play on Sunday, May 17, during Christ Church's annual meeting after the 9 AM service. Based on Let Grow Play Clubs, kids organize their own games and fun in unstructured, mixed-age, free play. Stay and Play allows children to choose what to play and who to play with, organize their games, and make their own decisions. While an adult will be present in case of an emergency, they will not be involved in the play that is taking place. This will allow children to work together and have fun without adult intervention. For more information, contact [Mason Cruz](#).

BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – MAY 23

Christ Church's Middle School Service Team will host a blood drive on Saturday, May 23, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in Parish Hall A. With an ongoing blood shortage in our area, this drive supports the Blood Bank of Delmarva, which supplies blood and blood products to more than 20,000 patients each year. The Delmarva region alone needs 350-380 donors every day to meet hospital demand. Although 62% of Americans are eligible to donate blood, only 3% do. Make this lifesaving gift by booking your appointment [online](#) or call (888) 8-BLOOD-8. As a thank-you, donors will receive a free packable picnic blanket while supplies last.

MAY OUTREACH COLLECTION

Our May collection benefits children and youth served by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware and those in the village of Jalonga in the Dominican Republic. We welcome donations of athletic equipment for children ages 4 and under, baseball gloves, bats, balls, and jump ropes for older children, and water bottles and individually packaged snacks such as granola bars, toaster pastries, and small boxes of cereal. Donations may be placed in the back of the Church or in the collection bin located in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

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 during the 3rd annual Faith & Family Night at the ballpark, with 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 with your Christ Church family.

A FEW ROOMS REMAIN AT MEMORIAL HOUSE THIS SUMMER – JULY 31-AUGUST 7

Spend a week of fun and fellowship with other members of Christ Church 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](#).

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 2026

Encounter Rome in sacred architecture and art on pilgrimage with the Revs. Ruth and David Beresford from October 24-31, 2026. In collaboration with Stillpoint Travels, they will lead you on a journey that takes in the origins of Christianity in the catacombs, the Art of the Renaissance, and visits to the great basilicas whose holiness and beauty have inspired generations of the faithful for centuries. For more information, contact [Fr. David Beresford](#).

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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Rod and Fran Waugh
and in loving memory of
Sam, Dot, and Bill Melcher
Edie, Bob, and Jimmy Patterson

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
David and Wilhelmina (Mina) Craven
Peter Shepard Strange

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED 2026 VESTRY NOMINEES



Jill Coghlan – Jill grew up in the Arden, Delaware area and developed an early interest in spiritual community through a Unitarian youth group in high school. She studied history at the University of California, Berkeley and completed graduate work at the College of William & Mary before beginning a career in research and librarianship. In the 1970s and 1980s, Jill spent several years living within the San Francisco Zen Center community, where she participated in its meditation life and served for two years as librarian for the center’s specialized Zen collection. She also spent time practicing at Tassajara Zen Mountain Center. She later built a career in research and information services, working as an R&D librarian in western Massachusetts and helping establish

a corporate library at Sun Microsystems, where she later served as a product manager. She also worked as a Census data researcher with the Connecticut State Data Center. Jill returned to the Arden area in 2014. From 2018 to 2024, she served as grounds lead for the Arden Club, organizing volunteers to maintain the community gardens. She joined Christ Church through the Parish Choir in 2023 and was baptized later that year. Jill attends Evening Prayer, participates in study groups, serves as a Eucharistic minister, and volunteers with the Flower Ministry. Her experience in research, organization, and volunteer leadership equips her to support the vestry in planning, decision-making, and nurturing Christ Church’s community life.

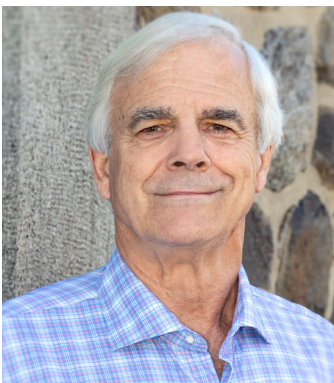


Brenda DePuy – Brenda was raised in a German Midwest community and a German Church (similar to Lutheran—a member of the United Church of Christ). She was baptized and confirmed in this lovely church. She later left the area and began a career with the federal government, which moved her from coast to coast and later to Europe where she trained naval civilian leaders throughout the Mediterranean and Middle East regions. Returning to Washington DC, she continued her career and later established her own company—training, coaching, and advising senior leaders on strategic initiatives and leadership policies across the government. During this time, she attended the American University Key Executive Leadership program. She

has been a guest lecturer at national conferences and universities such as Georgetown, American University, and others. It was Brenda’s move to the DC area in the early ’90s that began her journey in the Episcopal faith after attending services at the National Cathedral and discovering the *Book of Common Prayer*, which spoke to her as no other ever had. Brenda became a member of Grace Church in The Plains, Virginia, where she was confirmed and served as a member of the Altar Guild. She moved to Delaware eight years ago to slowly retire, and she and her daughter, Christina, joined Christ Church in 2018. Brenda has served as a member of the Altar Guild, Flower, and Celebration of Life ministries, while Christina has supported the Parish Fellowship ministry and cooked for the Green Show. Christ Church and the fellowship here have been a Godsend to these two world travelers, providing the community, love, and support they had sorely missed in their journeys. Brenda sees Christ Church as an anchor for those reared here, those returning, and those new—a welcoming faith-centered community with room for all. She would hope the lessons she has learned from many leaders could be of use in supporting the church.



Martha Henley – As a young girl, Martha’s earliest faith experiences occurred outdoors in the mountains of upstate New York. After moving to Wilmington in 2002, Martha and her husband, John, were invited to Lemonade on the Lawn at Christ Church. It didn’t take long for them to realize they had found their new church home. Their two sons, Danny and Connor, have grown up here. They have hosted Lemonade on the Lawn, participated in the Christmas pageant and youth service projects, sang in the St. Nicholas Choir, and served as acolytes. Danny is currently a sophomore at University of Delaware, and Connor is a senior at Salesianum. Martha is passionate about the faith building and fellowship that regularly occur at Christ Church and looks forward to the Friday Women’s Bible Study, where she is spiritually fed, supported, and encouraged, and gets to do the same for her many friends in Christ. Martha has been heavily involved in the church’s Children & Youth Ministries, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years and serving on the search committee to select a new youth minister. She is the go-to person for youth activities at the parish picnic, coordinating children’s activities for the Green Show, and collaborating with Winterthur on Santa’s fire truck arrival. She is a longtime member of the Parish Fellowship ministry and involved in the Green Show, often in the kitchen preparing food for the next celebration. While Martha spends much of her free time supporting others and the many initiatives at Christ Church, she works as a registered dietitian at Wilmington Hospital, counseling people to improve their health. She coaches track and cross country for Immaculate Heart of Mary School, using the skills she acquired as a collegiate athlete at Penn State to mentor young athletes in all areas of life. She was a panelist at a post-pandemic Health & Wellness Summit at Christ Church, and this past winter, she and John prepared food for Code Purple days. Martha is honored to be nominated for the vestry and looks forward to working together to build upon the love and community that is Christ Church.



Jonathan Payne – Jon began his spiritual journey at Norfield Congregational Church in Weston, Connecticut, where he was baptized; then, after moving to Delaware in 1960, at Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, where he was confirmed and served many teenage years as an acolyte. Jon subsequently became a member of the Christ Church community, and along with his partner, Jo Ellen Cockley, welcomed their daughter, Katie, who was baptized and confirmed here. Katie also attended Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, sang in the St. Nicholas Choir, and participated in the Christmas pageant for many years. The caring and nurturing environment experienced at CCEP strengthened the family’s bond with the Church, with many happy summers spent at Memorial House in Rehoboth Beach. Jon received his bachelor’s degree from

Lehigh University and pursued a long career in construction management and engineering, recently retiring as a chief engineer for Bristol-Myers Squibb. In the past, Jon served on the board of the Friends Neighborhood Guild in Philadelphia and currently supports several charitable organizations in Delaware. At Christ Church, the family participates annually in the Interfaith Thanksgiving Project, and Jon’s recent involvement in the Leak Remediation Project and Master Planning Committee has strengthened his commitment to supporting the future health of our cherished facility. Jon has extensive experience with master planning, having served on several planning boards for regional healthcare entities, including Capital Health of New Jersey, Central Maine Medical, and St. Elizabeth’s Healthcare of Ohio. The nascent Christ Church Master Plan promises to offer many opportunities to advance growth and outreach for the church and preschool and establish new community partnerships, while simultaneously creating consistent maintenance and stewardship of the physical facility. Jon believes his professional background aligns well with this initiative, which will establish a broad road map for the future of the Christ Church community. Jon is grateful for the opportunity and trust Christ Church placed in his control with the recent facility improvements and desires to continue this service through a potential vestry membership.



Eric Romano – Eric and his wife, Jane, joined Christ Church after relocating to Wilmington in 1998. With their young daughters, Lindsay and Emily, they became involved in young family parish activities such as potlucks, Christmas caroling, and trips to Memorial House, which they found supported the development of a parish community for their family. They also became involved in youth ministry and continued to serve in this role for many years, most recently helping lead Confirmation Class for more than 10 years. Eric served a previous term on the vestry and enjoyed that role; one of the major efforts at that time was discerning a path forward to develop Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. Eric is also involved with outreach ministries, such as

supporting Friendship House and their ministry to the homeless population in Delaware. He has served as a Eucharistic minister, lector, and usher at Christ Church. For their own faith journey, Eric and Jane participated in Christ Church's Camino pilgrimage with a group led by Stacey Carpenter and now participate in a church small group, which is currently exploring "Practicing the Way" as an outgrowth of that pilgrimage journey. Both of their daughters are now married, and their grandson was recently baptized at Christ Church. Eric holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Delaware and an MBA from the University of Michigan. He spent most of his career at DuPont leading teams to understand changing market trends and that interface to innovation and growth. Eric believes that Christ Church plays an important role in the lives of our parishioners, the development of their spiritual journey, and in the community. He looks forward to the opportunity to help shape and deliver on these impacts.



Karen Attix Sinton – Karen is both humbled and honored to be nominated for the vestry of Christ Church—the church where her religious roots were born and are still firmly planted. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at Christ Church, and both of her parents were involved in many areas of the inner workings of the institution. After high school and college graduation, Karen married and began a 45-year career in education and athletics. Working with student athletes at the Tatnall School, Upland Country Day, and currently at Tower Hill School has been both rewarding and fulfilling and a lifelong passion. With her five sons and a daughter now living on their own, she has welcomed the opportunity to give back to the church. Karen has

so enjoyed being a part of many groups and committees at Christ Church. She has served in numerous capacities with the Green Show, has helped organize the annual Christ Church Golf Classic, and serves on the Stewardship Committee. In addition, Karen is a member of the Parish Life, Celebration of Life, and Wedding ministries, participates in our Friendship House ministry, providing meals to residents there, and has organized our Easter/Christmas flower delivery the past few years. Not only do these groups provide the opportunity to help in many areas of our parish life, but they also allow her to interact with other parishioners and enjoy the camaraderie of old and new friends. Serving in these varied ways has given Karen the knowledge, experience, and understanding to be better prepared to serve in a leadership role on the vestry. As she continues her spiritual journey, it would be a privilege to serve as a member of the vestry of Christ Church.



James Storey – Jim and his wife, Robin, have been members of Christ Church since moving here in 2019 following their retirement from New York State. They have three children (in Maryland, California, and Connecticut) and expect the arrival of their sixth grandchild this spring. They live in Hockessin with their Shetland Sheepdog, Heather, and enjoy travel, photography, music, and spending time with family. Jim grew up in an active Methodist family, singing in both the junior and senior choirs, serving as an acolyte, and engaging with the youth fellowship group. He later married Robin, a cradle Episcopalian, and together they have made the Episcopal Church their spiritual home, with a period spent in the Lutheran tradition where Jim served

as an Elder and Eucharistic minister. Jim completed his undergraduate studies at Bucknell University and pursued medical training at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, followed by postgraduate work at the Uniformed Services University (Bethesda) and UCSF. He served for nine years as a naval medical officer, after which he established a career in neurology in Albany, New York. During his tenure, he was the managing partner of a large practice—overseeing operations and financial matters—and held the position of chief of neurology at St. Peter’s Hospital. Additionally, he contributed as a professor at Albany Medical College later in his career. At Christ Church, Jim is an active member of the Parish Choir and participates in special concerts, including performances of *Messiah* and collaborations with John Rutter. He volunteers with the Green Show kitchen team, takes part in a small group Bible study, has served on a discernment committee, and is currently involved in establishing the new Men’s Fellowship. Jim remains committed to supporting the music ministry, fostering fellowship, and building intergenerational connections within the Christ Church community.



Michael Vild – Mike and his wife, Donna, joined Christ Church in 2019 after returning to the area following six years living in Saratoga Springs, New York. The music at Christ Church, coupled with the warm welcome that they received from both congregation and clergy, confirmed that they had found a church home. After completing the Ministry Match survey, Mike auditioned for and was welcomed into the Christ Church Choir. He considers singing with this outstanding group of musicians as one of the greatest blessings of life. The Ministry Match survey also resulted in Mike being asked to join the Christ Church Outreach Committee, on which he serves. Prior to their relocation to upstate New York, Mike and Donna were

actively involved for many years in the parish life of St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church in Oxford, Pennsylvania, where their daughters, Ellen and Grace, were baptized and confirmed. At St. Christopher’s, Mike was the music director and served at various times on the vestry, as rector’s warden, and on the Stewardship and Discernment Committees. Mike has a Bachelor of Music from Ohio State University and a law degree from Notre Dame Law School. He is in private law practice in Wilmington. If selected to serve on the vestry, Mike will work to see that Christ Church strives to meet the goals laid out in its strategic plan: to grow our faith community, to grow deeper relationships with God through Jesus Christ, and to steward our many gifts in support of our ministries in and beyond Christ Church.

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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