



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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

Voluntary *Communion (Les oiseaux et les sources)* from *Messe de la Pentecôte* Olivier Messiaen (1902-1992)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 398 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

(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!
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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

The Choir sings

Psalm 66:7-18 *Jubilate Deo*

Chant: Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows,
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.
I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

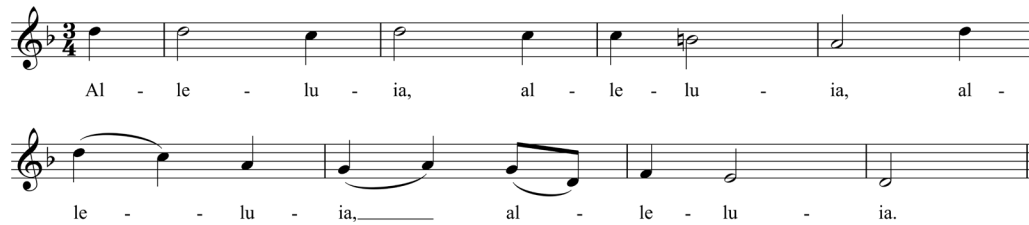
Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify

Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 Abide in me as I in you, says the Lord;
I am the vine and you are the branches.

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 14:15-21

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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.

Please be seated for

The Rite-13 Celebration

Christ Church Youth assemble beneath the pulpit. The candidates come forward with their parents to stand before the Priest.

Youth Leaders Ruth, we present to you these young people, who this day move from being children to being young women and young men.

Celebrant Dear People of God: The transformation from childhood to womanhood or manhood marks one of God's great gifts. Because we are made in God's image, human beings are the only creatures on earth who can choose how to use their creative power—not only to create new life, but also to shape the world according to God's purpose. We recognize that gift and the daily challenge to choose the wise use of our creative and life-giving power. In our baptismal covenant we commit ourselves to Christ in lives of loving service, resisting evil and respecting others; this covenant serves as our guide.

The Charge to the Candidates

Celebrant By the grace of God you have lived through the pains and joys of childhood as you journey toward adulthood. Are you aware of God's gift to you and the challenge to use it wisely?

Candidates I am.

Celebrant Let us join with these young people in reciting a portion of Psalm 139.

Candidates O God, you have searched me out and know all about me; you are familiar with all my ways.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

Candidates For you created my inmost parts; you wove me in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am awesomely created and marvelously made.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

Candidates Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts; see if there is any hurtful way in me and lead me on the eternal path.

Congregation ***Your works are wonderful, and I know it well.***

The Prayer for the Parents

Celebrant When Mary and Joseph searched for Jesus and found him in the temple, talking with the elders, they realized that he was a child no longer. So these parents stand watching their sons and daughters grow beyond childhood.

Let us pray for them. O God, bless the parents of these young people. Rejoice with them as their sons and daughters become men and women. Strengthen them that they may support their sons and daughters as they begin the journey toward adulthood. Uphold them by your Spirit, that they may comfort them although they can neither walk their road for them nor shield them from pain.

Carry them all safely through this journey, so that one day they may stand together as adults and friends, a joy and a comfort to each other all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

The Charge to the Young People

Celebrant Dear Christ Church Youth, as these young men and women move beyond the circle of their families, they will need faithful companions. Will you walk with them, knowing that there may be times when your support means more than any other?

ALL Youth We will.

The Charge to the Congregation

Celebrant We are the living Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work in the world. As a community of God which spans the generations, will you share your knowledge and experience with these young people as they become men and women?

Congregation ***We will.***

The Blessing

Celebrant Dear N., you have been equipped by Almighty God with the imagination of childhood and the strength and creative power of womanhood and manhood; we bless you as you journey forward, gaining the skills you will need to assume full responsibility as an adult.

Each candidate is marked with the sign of the cross. Once blessed the youth leave their parents and join the youth community.

Celebrant May Almighty God fill you with courage, wisdom, and joy. May Jesus Christ, your strong companion and never-failing friend, make you strong in faith and defend you on every side. May the Holy Spirit guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God rest upon you this day and for evermore. *Amen.*

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

Joel Phillips (b. 1959)

Job 12:7-10, adapted

Who has made this world and all things in it?

Ask the animals and they will teach you.

Ask the birds in the sky and they will tell you,

Speak to the earth and it will teach you,

Let the fish in the sea inform you.

In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all people.

in memory of David Lockart; commissioned by Christ Church, 2023

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And al- so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People** We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People 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

Robert J. Powell (1932-2025)

For Christ is risen and all the earth's at play.
Flash forth, thou Sun, the rain is over and gone, its work is done.
Winter is past, sweet Spring is come at last, is come at last.
Bud, Fig and Vine, Bud, Olive, fat with fruit and oil and wine.
Break forth this morn in roses, thou but yesterday a Thorn.
Uplift thy head, O pure white Lily through the Winter dead.
Beside your dams leap and rejoice, you merry-making Lambs.
All Herds and Flocks rejoice, all Beasts of thickets and of rocks.
Sing, Creatures, sing, Angels and Men and Birds and everything.
All notes of Doves fill all our world: this is the time of loves.

Communion Hymn 516 *Come Down, O Love Divine*

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 292 *O Jesus, Crowned with all Renown*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary *Prelude and Fugue in E minor (The Cathedral)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 10, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

CHRIST CHURCH'S STRATEGIC PLAN. At Christ Church we are committed to building a sustainable and strategic ministry that will have a deep impact in the future. In 2022, members served on the Strategic Planning Team and set key goals and benchmarks for the next five years as we seek to grow in faith, deepen community, and faithfully steward the life and resources of our parish. Other members served on the Renovation Team and worked with parish clergy, staff, and ministry leaders to implement the various elements of the plan. In 2024, work transitioned to our Vestry as we continue to focus on the long-term success of our parish. Come learn more at our annual meeting next Sunday, May 17, when we'll highlight the creation of our Facility Master Plan to identify needed maintenance and improvements to our campus to ensure that generations to come are able to worship, gather, and serve at Christ Church. For details on Christ Church's Strategic Plan, please visit our [website](#).

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

PICK UP A BALLOT 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 this 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 next Sunday, May 17.

RITE-13 CELEBRATION

This morning we present five 7th graders from our parish during our Rite-13 Celebration at the 10:30 AM service. The Rite-13 liturgy is a rite of passage from childhood into adolescence on the journey to adulthood. Next year, these youth will prepare for Confirmation. Participating in today's service are Brycen Harris, Andrew Meyer, Adrienne Poston, Ren Smith, and Amelia Sullivan. 6th and 7th grade youth leaders are Shelley Kinsella and Bobbin Tuleya.

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Christ Church Choir and clergy offer Choral Evensong today at 4 PM in the Church with music by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, Charles Villiers Stanford, and William Mathias. 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 this 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

Next 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 celebrate our many blessings and highlight the 20th anniversary of Christ Church Episcopal Preschool, the 25th anniversary of our ministry in the Dominican Republic, and the creation of our Facility Master Plan as we focus on the long-term success of our parish. 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 next 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. Afterward, kids will join their parents for lunch in the Parish Halls at 11:45 AM.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – MAY 17

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team next Sunday, May 17, from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A as they make final plans for the blood drive they'll host at Christ Church on May 23. Following their meeting, they will share a meal with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM.

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.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – MAY 24, JULY 5, & SEPTEMBER 6

On three holiday weekends this summer, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for these services of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages. On all other Sundays this summer, our two 9 AM congregations combine into one in the Chapel, and our 8 and 10:30 AM services continue as scheduled each week.

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.

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 and to register, please visit our [website](#).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Jack and Janet Foster
Sally Evans, Charlie Pfleegor
David Foster, Susan Peyton

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.

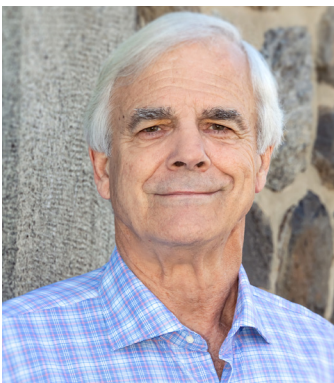


Brenda DePuy – Brenda was raised in a German Midwest community and a German Church (similar to Lutheran—a member of the United Church of Christ). She was baptized and confirmed in this lovely church. She later left the area and began a career with the federal government, which moved her from coast to 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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