

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MAY 17, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL. Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities here at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Serving others fulfills the promises of baptism and demonstrates that we follow Jesus Christ. During today's services, we will take a moment to pray for God's presence as we complete the 3-minute survey about our preferences. You will see your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful. Scan the QR code to begin or visit our [website](#) for details.



PARISH DAY CELEBRATION/ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Our parish day celebration/annual meeting takes place today in the Parish Halls following the 9 AM service. Join us as we 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 TODAY

Bring your children for Stay and Play during today'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 TODAY

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team today 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, along with our Saturday 5 PM service in the Chapel.

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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JUNE 3

Adults of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, June 3, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

SENIOR RECOGNITION – JUNE 7

On Sunday, June 7, we recognize graduating seniors at the 10:30 AM service and encourage all those in the Class of 2026 to participate. Contact [Mason Cruz](#) to let him know you will be in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

CELEBRATE WITH US AS WE DARE TO DECLARE – JUNE 14

Our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence this year. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, communities across the country will commemorate this historic milestone. On Flag Day, June 14, Christ Church will honor the tradition of Dare to Declare, during which members of our community will read the Declaration of Independence aloud—just as it was shared 250 years ago before the age of modern communication. Please join us after the 10:30 AM service on this day for this meaningful observance. A celebratory reception with birthday cake and refreshments will follow as we affirm the enduring principles of freedom, equality, and self-governance.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CHRIST CHURCH'S GOLF CLASSIC – AUGUST 31

Enjoy a day of golf at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, with all proceeds benefiting children's programs for our church and preschool. Your participation includes a round of golf, player gifts, a buffet lunch, use of the range and putting green, a cart, and "19th hole" drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Even if you don't golf, all are welcome to attend the evening's reception with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle drawings, the presentation of prizes, and the coveted Al Smith Cup. Several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Link your business identity to Christ Church and its preschool while enjoying the opportunity to network, entertain clients, and have fun. Visit our [website](#) for details and to register as a golfer, sponsor, or for the reception.

HOST LEMONADE ON THE LAWN THIS SUMMER

Help us provide hospitality and welcome this summer by hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. These informal gatherings each Sunday between the 9 and 10:30 AM services allow us to catch up with friends, greet new visitors, and nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to participate in the life of our parish. Sign up [online](#).

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
Robert S. Lovett II

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.



NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

LAY MINISTRY STAFF

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*
Cameron Kuzepski, *Assistant Director of Music/Director of Choristers*

ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, *Parish Administrator*
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VESTRY & OFFICERS

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*
Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*
Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; MJ O'Connor, *Youth Representative*
Chuck Arensberg, '26; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27
Shelley Kinsella, '28; Kendall Meldrum, '28; Thorpe Moeckel, '27; Scott Nickle, '26
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