

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE. The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. Learn more [here](#). In 2025, Christ Church marked Peace Day with the installation of a peace pole, now located in the garden near our chapel. The four-sided pole is etched with “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in English, Spanish, Japanese, and French. Parishioners Kent and Connie Matsumoto gifted the peace pole in honor of Kent’s parents, who suffered the worst of the Japanese American experience during World War II.

Our Observance of Peace Day – Today & Tomorrow

To mark the 2026 International Day of Peace, all are invited to gather at the Christ Church peace pole today, September 20, at 10:15 AM for a short vigil of prayer for peace in the world and in our hearts. Then tomorrow, September 21, join us at the Christ Church labyrinth at 12 PM for a midday labyrinth walk to mark the day.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER/LECTOR TRAINING SESSION

Eucharistic ministers assist in administering the sacraments during worship, and those 12 and older are invited to serve. Lectors read the scriptures and lead the prayers of the people in worship, and those 8 and older are encouraged to participate. Current and prospective Eucharistic ministers and lectors are invited to a training session today, September 20, after the 10:30 AM service in the Church. Come learn more about this ministry!

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend today’s Grief Support Group meeting at 12 PM in the Commons Room.

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

TRAINING FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE ACOLYTES

Serving as an acolyte offers a meaningful way to participate in worship. Current and prospective acolytes in 8th grade and above, including adults, are invited to attend a hands-on training session next Sunday, September 27, at 5 PM in the Church. Please RSVP to [Jane Rubini](#).

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team—an opportunity to nurture leadership skills and plan and execute a service project for the end of the program year. The team meets on second and fourth Sundays beginning next Sunday, September 27, from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A and is then invited to share a meal with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM. Questions? Contact [Mason Cruz](#).

JOIN OUR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP – SEPTEMBER 24

Christ Church's Men's Fellowship Group gathers on the fourth Thursday of most months for a time of fellowship and sharing. No preparation is needed. Join the group this Thursday, September 24, at 7 PM in the Commons Room. A light snack is provided. Please [RSVP](#).

DINE WITH THE LADIES – SEPTEMBER 28

All women in the parish are invited to Dine with the Ladies on Monday, September 28, at 7 PM at BBC Tavern & Grill. Please [RSVP](#).

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS – SEPTEMBER 29

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. We offer this tradition at Christ Church on Tuesday, September 29, at 7 PM in the Chapel to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels and welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during the service.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

September is back to school month, and our collection benefits those served by the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Donations of pants, shirts, blouses, sweaters, and light jackets for both children and adults may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

FAMILY FUN FEST – OCTOBER 3

Come spend a joyful morning at Family Fun Fest, a welcoming community celebration hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool and Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Families and children of all ages are invited to gather for fun, connection, and a chance to enjoy our beautiful campus together on Saturday, October 3, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children can explore our three playgrounds and enjoy games, arts and crafts, a bouncy house, scooters, pony rides, and plenty of time to play. Meet other families, connect with members of our church and preschool community, and learn more about what makes Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool such a warm and welcoming place. Tours and program information will be available throughout the event, with snacks and refreshments provided. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members along to enjoy a day of family fun!

OUTDOOR SERVICE OF THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – OCTOBER 4

Christ Church's annual Blessing of the Animals will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM on Sunday, October 4, at the conclusion of a service of Holy Eucharist. This service will take the place of our two 9 AM services in the Church and Chapel on this day in honor of St. Francis, who is known as the patron saint of animals. Please bring your safely restrained pet or a picture of your pet for a blessing from the clergy, along with lawn chairs or blankets and a donation of pet food to be given to Faithful Friends Animal Society of Wilmington.

CHORAL EVENSONG – OCTOBER 4

Choral Evensong will be offered on Sunday, October 4, at 4 PM in the Church. Led by the Christ Church Choir and clergy, music will include the *Phos hilaron*, Lehman; *Responses*, Burk; *Evening Service in B minor*, Noble; and *Te lucis ante terminum*, Kennedy. Paula Maust from Peabody Institute 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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – OCTOBER 7

Adults of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 7, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation. Bruce Barber will join us to share an overview of Christ Church's upcoming season of music. Catch up with friends, meet new people, hear about this year's musical offerings, and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

ADULT FORMATION: A LAMP UNTO MY FEET THE GOSPEL WRITERS – OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, & 28

In our first adult formation series of the year, we invite you to join four priests on four evenings to explore the four Gospels. Together, we'll consider Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—the writers who provide our most direct accounts of Jesus and his ministry. Who were they? What shaped their perspectives? What makes each Gospel unique? The series begins with the Rev. David Beresford and a look at John, followed by the Rev. Ruth Beresford on Luke, the Rev. Canon Brad Hinton on Mark, and the Rev. Thom Peters concluding the series with Matthew. Meet these first "Spiritual Guides for Modern Pilgrims" on Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Each evening begins with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM. Each session is independent of the others, so [RSVP](#) for the evenings you can attend.

NEWCOMERS: BELONG – OCTOBER 7, 14, & 21

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join a 3-part series called Belong on Wednesdays, October 7, 14, and 21. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class from 7 to 8 PM in the Commons Room. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. Please [RSVP](#) for the series.

BE A CHORISTER FOR A MORNING – OCTOBER 10

Children ages 6-16 who love to sing are invited to experience what it is like to be a Christ Church Chorister on Saturday, October 10, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Current and prospective choristers will spend the morning singing, playing games, and exploring vocal technique, sight-singing, music theory, and the skills of ensemble singing. No previous choir experience is necessary. The morning is designed to give children and families a welcoming introduction to the musical, social, and worship opportunities offered through the Chorister Program. Please [RSVP](#).

HOST COFFEE & COMMUNITY THIS FALL

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community on Sundays this fall from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Individuals and families volunteer to host by bringing treats and setting up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to provide hospitality and welcome as we nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. [Sign up](#) online.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
James H. Gardner and Virginia B. D. Gardner
and in loving memory of
Carl Frederick Hinz and Joan Hinz

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.



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