

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

ADULT FORMATION. Christ Church offers programs that help adults deepen their faith and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. From October through April, Adult Formation sessions meet on select Wednesday evenings for guest conversations, teaching, and small-group discussion. Inspired by Psalm 119:105, our 2026–27 series, “A Lamp Unto My Feet: Spiritual Guides for Modern Pilgrims,” explores how God’s word encourages, strengthens, and guides us on our path. Find details below on our opening sessions, “The Gospel Writers.” Additional groups meet regularly to study and discuss the Bible and other spiritual works. For more information, visit our [website](#) or contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#).

A Lamp Unto My Feet: The Gospel Writers – October 7, 14, 21, & 28

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 distinctive? 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. Please [RSVP](#) for the sessions you can attend.

TRAINING FOR CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE ACOLYTES – TODAY

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 today at 5 PM in the Church.

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – TODAY

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 at the end of the program year. The team meets on second and fourth Sundays beginning today, 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](#).

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

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

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

Join us for a service of Celtic Eucharist this Tuesday, September 29, at 7 PM in the Chapel to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels. We welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during the service.

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!

Volunteers are Needed! We need volunteers to welcome guests, lead tours of the church and school, direct visitors, donate snacks, and lend backyard games. [Sign up](#) online.

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 next 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 next 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 WITH BRUCE BARBER – 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.

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](#).

OUTREACH AGENCY NETWORKING BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 15

The Christ Church Outreach Committee will host a breakfast and discussion with keynote speaker Kim Eppehimer on Thursday, October 15, from 7:30 to 9 AM in the Parish Halls. As CEO of Friendship House and now Limen Wellness + Recovery, Kim has championed collaboration and positive change in the Wilmington community. Join us as she shares the story of how these two organizations came together to form One Big House, including how they united through a strategic partnership, how the process unfolded, the outcomes they hope to achieve, and how the transition was carried out with dignity and stability for all. If you are a volunteer worker, board member, or leader of a community organization that helps the underserved, join us for this morning of networking and learning. Please [RSVP](#).

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS: SPIRITUAL BREATHING & LABYRINTH WALK – OCTOBER 16 & 20

“Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10). Yet finding stillness can be difficult! All are welcome at our next offering of Spirituality Beyond Sundays, Spiritual Breathing, on Friday, October 16, at 10 AM in Parish Hall A. Drawing on her experience as a yoga instructor and her personal background in Christian spirituality, parishioner Libbie Fiechter will explore how mindful breathing can help us become still and deepen our connection with God through prayer. Please dress comfortably and bring a yoga mat if you'd like to sit on the floor. Questions? Contact [Kristin Peters](#).

Then join us at the Christ Church labyrinth on Tuesday, October 20, at 10 AM for a labyrinth walk to celebrate the Season of Creation. Come acknowledge God's presence in the change of the seasons and delight in the evidence of His hand in creation. Accommodations may be made for those unable to walk the labyrinth.

RECYCLE YOUR FLEXIBLE PLASTICS – OCTOBER 17

Christ Church's Creations Care Team will host our next flexible plastics collection event in the circle drive entrance of the Parish Center on Saturday, October 17, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Bring your **clean and dry plastic shopping bags, produce bags, ice bags, Ziploc/reclosable storage bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, cereal box liners, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, and plastic e-commerce mailers** to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. Help us help those in our community as we care for our planet by recycling flexible plastics.

GROW BLUEBERRIES—SUPPORT CHRIST CHURCH!

Bring home a mature blueberry bush and enjoy fresh berries for years—all while supporting Christ Church. These established plants are 10–15 years old, stand approximately 4–6 feet tall, and are ready to become a fruitful addition to your landscape. Choose from several varieties and select your bush in November or December from parishioner Dan McBride's home in Hockessin for a suggested \$50 donation (\$35 minimum). It will be dug for you, and you are then responsible for transporting the bare-root plant to your property. Fall and early spring are ideal for transplanting. [Email Dan](#) directly or call him at (302) 239-7502 to arrange a selection time. Donations may be made by check payable to Christ Church or [online](#), selecting the Miscellaneous Fund and noting “blueberries” in the Comments section. Every purchase benefits Christ Church's Buildings & Grounds budget, helping to fund improvements throughout our campus.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

This week, we conclude our collection for 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.

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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Errol Patrick and Virginia Lee Dixon
Thomas Theodore Phelps

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

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