Christ Church Christiana Hundred

October 25, 2026 — In the Season of Pentecost

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME. This week from October 24–31, Christ Church pilgrims journey to Rome for an enriching experience of faith, history, art, and community. They will explore Christianity's origins in the catacombs, visit Rome's great basilicas, and reflect on Renaissance art that has inspired generations of the faithful. Local experts will guide the group, and the Episcopal parish, St. Paul's Within the Walls, will host their worship. Pilgrimage leaders are the Revs. Ruth and David Beresford, who will offer spiritual, historical, and theological reflections. Christ Church regularly offers pilgrimages to help participants deepen their faith and build community with others seeking spiritual sustenance. For information about future pilgrimages, please contact the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

WE WELCOME THE REV. CANON BRAD HINTON AS OUR GUEST PREACHER – TODAY

The Rev. Canon Brad Hinton serves as the Canon to the Ordinary for The Episcopal Church in Delaware. In this role, he works with the bishop and clergy of our diocese to equip and build up the mission and ministries we share. Please help us welcome him to our pulpit today!

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – TODAY

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team today, October 25, from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A, followed by dinner with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held on second and fourth Sundays, and participants build leadership skills by planning and executing a year-end service project.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish. Join the group tomorrow, October 26, at 7 PM at Pizza by Elizabeths. Please RSVP today.

OCTOBER ADULT FORMATION: THE GOSPEL WRITERS – WEDNESDAY

Join us this Wednesday, October 28, for the final session of The Gospel Writers, when the Rev. Thom Peters will lead our discussion on Matthew. We'll share a meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

TEMPESTA DI MARE HARPSICHORD RECITAL WITH ADAM PEARL – FRIDAY

Join Tempesta di Mare, Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra at Christ Church for their first artist recital of their 2026-27 season. Harpsichordist Adam Pearl will play selections from noted Baroque composers including Bach, Froberger, and d'Anglebert this Friday, October 30, at 7 PM in the Chapel. Reserve your seats online.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT ALL SAINTS – NOVEMBER 1

Join us for worship next Sunday, November 1, as we remember loved ones on All Saints' Day. At the conclusion of the 10:30 AM service, we will gather in the Memorial Garden to remember those buried there. At Evensong at 4 PM, we'll light candles in memory of loved ones.

CHORAL EVENSONG: REMEMBRANCE OF THE BELOVED DEPARTED – NOVEMBER 1

Choral Evensong will be offered next Sunday, November 1, at 4 PM in the Church, led by the Christ Church Choir and clergy. During the service, we'll remember those in our parish who died in the past year and light candles in memory of loved ones. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Philip Moore, Herbert Howells, Robert Lehman, and Geraint Lewis. Christ Church's own Cameron Kuzepski plays an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM.

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR BEGINS – NOVEMBER 1

Have you wanted to read the entire Bible but struggled to find the time or simply never started? Have you tried reading it from start to finish, only to be confused when the narrative shifts in time? If you answered "yes" to either question, the new Bible in One Year group may be for you. Beginning on All Saints' Day, November 1, the group will read the entire 66-book Protestant Bible in one year. Daily readings take about 15 minutes and are arranged chronologically, making it easier to follow events. Those participating in the group will meet to discuss the readings on Mondays at 5:30 PM. For more information and to participate, please contact Christopher Scott or the Rev. Thom Peters.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH & MUSIC: THE STORY OF LADY JANE GREY – NOVEMBER 4

For generations, the story of Lady Jane Grey, England's Nine Days Queen, has been reimagined in paintings, documentaries, feature films, and other art forms. Christ Church Choir members Jonathan Fox Powers and Paige Cutrona now bring her story to life in a historically accurate, nine-movement song cycle for voice and piano—one movement for each day of her reign. The music explores the short but remarkable life of this little-known Tudor, who became England's first Queen Regnant. Join us on Wednesday, November 4, following the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel. We'll gather in the Parish Hall for a light buffet lunch and then enjoy the performance. Bring a friend and share an afternoon of worship, fellowship, and music. A suggested donation of $8 to help cover the cost of lunch is appreciated. Please RSVP.

NOVEMBER ADULT FORMATION: LETTERS FROM A FRIEND – NOVEMBER 4, 11, & 18

Remember the joy of receiving a letter in the mail from a trusted friend, mentor, or relative who lived far away? Join us for our next Adult Formation series as we explore three great letter writers of the early church: Paul, Peter, and James. We'll learn who they were, what experiences shaped their teaching, and how their letters served as a "lamp unto the feet" of early Christians living in a tumultuous world. We'll also consider how their letters addressed the distinct needs of different audiences. Sessions begin with light snacks at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by a presentation and discussion from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING – NOVEMBER 8

Current 8th-12th grade students and their families considering next summer's youth mission trip to the Dominican Republic from June 16-23 are invited to an interest meeting on Sunday, November 8, at 9:45 AM in Parish Hall A. Parents will get to hear student testimonials from past trips and receive information on dates, cost, airfare, etc. Questions? Contact Mason Cruz.

VETERANS' DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 11

All are welcome to attend this service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 11, at 12 PM in the Chapel as we remember those who served in our military, the living and the departed.

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS: THANKSGIVING LABYRINTH WALK – NOVEMBER 14

Please join parishioner Laurel Riegel at the Christ Church labyrinth on Saturday, November 14, at 3 PM for a labyrinth walk to celebrate the season of Thanksgiving (weather permitting). This event is suitable for both adults and older children and is inclusive for anyone with mobility concerns.

DONATE A TURKEY OR MEAL THIS THANKSGIVING – BY NOVEMBER 15

Each year we partner with our interfaith friends to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need, and your $20 contribution will provide a turkey for each bag of food we distribute. Please place your donation in the offering plate, give online, or mail a check to Christ Church. Also, we request one bag per household containing stuffing mix, instant potato flakes, canned green beans, peas, corn, yams, and cranberry sauce, packaged gravy, and dessert mix. Bags may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance. Then join us for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets Project and potluck on Sunday, November 15, from 3 to 5 PM at the Islamic Society of Delaware, 28 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713. For the supper, please bring a main or side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Out of respect for the dietary guidelines of our partners, dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, beef, or combine dairy products with meat.

THE GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 4 & 5

The 2026 Green Show takes place December 4 and 5, and there are many ways to get involved between now and then. Learn more on our website.

Volunteer: Green Show preparations have begun, and your help is needed! Join in on Saturday, November 7, to make buffalo chicken dip to be frozen and sold at the Green Show or help bake carrot cakes on Wednesday, November 18. Visit our website to sign up and find details on these and other volunteer opportunities.

Donate Green Show Auction Items: Donations of vacation homes and unique experiences are needed for Friday night's silent auction. In past years, generous parishioners have donated weeks or weekends at their second homes and outings such as garden tours, sporting events, performance tickets, and one-of-a-kind gatherings that cannot be purchased on Amazon. Complete our donation form online and find details on other donations needed to make the Green Show a success.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to those households who have returned their pledge for 2027 financial support! If you have not done so yet, we ask that you do in the coming weeks so the finance committee and vestry can set our 2027 ministry budget. You may complete a pledge form or pledge online. Christ Church is a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome, and your gift to God makes this place possible. Please join us in making your pledge as a promise to sustain the ministry of Christ Church, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Ainsley Elizabeth Clayton Flynn
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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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