Christ Church Christiana Hundred

November 29, 2026 — In the Season of Advent

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT. Each fall, members of religious communities in Delaware join forces to help those in need at Thanksgiving. This year, the Islamic Society of Delaware hosted the gathering, which included Thanksgiving meal packing and a potluck dinner. Members of each congregation contribute whole bag meals for distribution by area nonprofits along with $20 grocery store gifts cards for the purchase of turkeys. We are delighted to announce that 240 meals were assembled. Over the event's 28 years, we have distributed 4,813 meals and $69,475 in grocery store cards. Thank you to all who contributed! This gathering of interfaith partners in ministry is a special time of giving and sharing. Each major religion teaches that service and sharing from our bounty are tangible signs that the divine is at work in us. This event highlights the beauty of our diversity and the respect and commitment to one another that form the foundation of a strong community.

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS: ADVENT LABYRINTH WALKS – DECEMBER 2-5

Take a break from this week's joyous but hectic Green Show setup and other holiday preparations from Wednesday, December 2 through Saturday, December 5, to enjoy a peaceful, contemplative labyrinth walk. This self-guided experience focuses on the traditional four pillars of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The Christ Church labyrinth is available each day for self-guided walks, complete with instructions, reflective prompts, and scripture. This event is suitable for adults and children 12 years and older.

THE GREEN SHOW IS FRIDAY & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 & 5

Find the perfect gifts for those on your Christmas list, decorate your home for the holidays with our beautiful greens, and enjoy fun and fellowship—with all proceeds supporting local social service agencies.

The Green Show takes place this Friday, December 4, from 6 to 9 PM and Saturday, December 5, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Purchase **your tickets to Friday's Preview Party by 10 PM on Thursday, December 3**, to take advantage of our advance registration pricing. Then bring your family on Saturday for a day of fun that includes a visit with Santa, children's activities, lunch, and more. If the Green Show isn't already a Christmas tradition for you and your family, this is the year to make it one!

Behind every successful Green Show are the many hands that make it happen, and this week offers plenty of volunteer opportunities as we prepare. From creating greens and setting up displays to preparing food and readying the space, there is a role for everyone—whether you can give an hour or an entire day. We welcome all to join us and experience the joy of the Green Show! It's a wonderful way to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and help support our local social service agencies. Visit our website for all you need to know about how to participate in the Green Show and this week's preparations leading up to the event.

RETURN ADVENT DOVE GIFTS – BY DECEMBER 6

Each year, Christ Church's Outreach Committee organizes the Advent Dove project to provide Christmas gifts for families served by local outreach agencies. If you selected an Advent Dove, please return your wrapped gifts to Christ Church by next Sunday, December 6, so that recipients can enjoy a blessed Christmas. Thank you to all who contributed!

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS – DECEMBER 6

Join us for Advent Lessons & Carols next Sunday, December 6, at 5 PM in the Church. Patterned after the great service in Salisbury, England, the evening features lessons read by guests from our outreach agency partners and members of the parish, with singing led by the Christ Church Choir. Let the light, scripture, prayer, and music open your heart to Christ's coming this Advent and lead you toward the true joy of Christmas.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS CHRISTMAS – SUBMIT NAMES BY DECEMBER 7

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Christmas, please submit your names and contribute online, place your donation and memorial names in the offering plate, or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, December 7. All memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – REHEARSALS DECEMBER 13 & 23

Each year, our children and youth tell the story of our Savior's birth at the Christmas pageant on December 24 at 2 PM. Christ Church has a long-standing tradition of high school students in the leading roles, and there are speaking and non-speaking parts for children and youth 3 and up. Parents are needed to help with costuming and stage directions too. Those with speaking roles rehearse on Sunday, December 13, from 2 to 4:30 PM, and the full cast rehearses on Wednesday, December 23, from 2 to 5 PM. Please register your child's participation.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP HOLIDAY DINNER – DECEMBER 15

Christ Church's Men's Fellowship Group is combining its November and December meetings into one festive holiday dinner, and we would love to have you celebrate with us! Join us on Tuesday, December 15, at 6:30 PM in the Commons Room for a delicious meal of grilled salmon, generously provided by Jeff Simonton. Please RSVP so we can prepare plenty of food for everyone.

ALL AGES CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG – DECEMBER 20

Join us for a joyful Christmas sing-along on Sunday, December 20, at 9:30 AM in the Parish Halls during All Ages Fellowship. Spread a bit of holiday cheer as we make wonderful memories together while singing some of our favorite carols and contemporary Christmas songs. Come share in the fun!

A CHORISTERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT – DECEMBER 20

Join the Christ Church Choristers as they present their very first Christmas concert on Sunday, December 20, at 4 PM in the Church. Celebrate the beauty and joy of the Christmas season with a festive program of glorious choral works, uplifting organ music, and joyous congregational carols. The program features seasonal pieces by renowned composers including Willcocks, Stainer, Holst, Pearsall, and more. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to fill the church with song and show your support for our youngest singers!

HELP ADORN THE CHURCH & CHAPEL THIS CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 21, 22, & 23

Help adorn the Church and Chapel on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 21, 22, and 23, from 10 AM to 2 PM or from 2 to 7 PM. All experience levels are welcome, and any holiday greens donations are appreciated. Sign up for a shift online.

THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – DECEMBER 21

As we care for those who have lost loved ones, Christ Church offers a service on the longest night of the year. Join us in the Church on Monday, December 21, at 7 PM for a candlelight prayer service for those who carry heavier burdens of sorrow into this season. Music is provided by Janet Witman on the harp.

JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Eve

2:00 PM Christmas Pageant with Carols (no communion) in the Church
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church
4:00 PM Candlelight, Communion, and Carols in the Chapel
6:00 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols (no communion) in the Church and livestreamed to our website
10:00 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

The First & Second Sundays after Christmas – December 27 & January 3

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist (combined service of The ARK and SANCTUARY) in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

2026 YEAR-END GIFTS & 2027 PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH

Please help us meet our 2026 ministry budget by completing your financial pledge for the year. We count on every member to make our ministry possible, and donations are fully tax-deductible.

Thank you to the 245 households that have made a financial pledge to Christ Church for the coming year! 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. We rely on contributions and pledges like yours as our primary source of income to support our ministries as we care for our parish family and serve the community around us. Please join us in making your pledge and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

Visit our website to give online, make a pledge, and for instructions on giving a gift of stock. In addition, you may place your donation in the offering plate or mail a check to Christ Church.

UPCOMING SERVICE OF BAPTISM – JANUARY 10

Baptism is a wonderful occasion for a family and for the parish community. Who can be baptized? Anyone—infant, child, youth, or adult—who wants to belong to the Christian faith and life. Our next service of Baptism will be held on Sunday, January 10, at the 10:30 AM service. Contact Jane Rubini for an application.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Virginia and Karl Willers, Karl Robert Willers
William Brown Willers, Jane and Harry Lunger

and in loving memory of
Pat and Lillian Reilly, Dennis Reilly
Dick and Kay King

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Deborah Bonkowski

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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