Christ Church Christiana Hundred

November 15, 2026 — In the Season of Pentecost

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS MINISTRIES. Greeters and ushers offer hospitality and welcome to those taking part in worship. For a stranger approaching our doors for the first time, it means so much to know that we are glad they have come and that they are welcome to join us in worshiping God and serving Christ in this church and in the world. Both ministries are great opportunities to get to know fellow parishioners while participating in the life of our parish. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jane Rubini or call (302) 655-3379.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

ADVENT DOVE PROJECT BEGINS

Participate in this year's Advent Dove Project and make a child's Christmas brighter by choosing a Dove tag at services this weekend or next. Each tag includes Christmas gift ideas and instructions. Please return your wrapped gift to Christ Church by Sunday, December 6. Organized by Christ Church's Outreach Committee, the project supports children at St. Michael's School & Nursery, Friendship House, the Choir School of Delaware, and STEHM. Last year, Christ Church parishioners provided gifts for more than 100 families.

CELEBRATE FRIENDSGIVING

Celebrate the season of gratitude with fellowship, food, and fun at All Ages Fellowship today between the 9 and 10:30 AM services in the Parish Hall. Hosted by our Invite Welcome Connect ministry, this special Friendsgiving gathering is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy time together. We'll share a potluck snack as we give thanks for each other and welcome new friends to our parish.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to Christ Church's Grief Support Group meeting today, November 15, at 12 PM in the Commons Room. Come find comfort and care with those who understand.

BRING YOUR DONATIONS & JOIN US FOR THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Today is the final day to contribute to our Interfaith Thanksgiving Project, where we partner with our interfaith friends to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Those who picked up red food bags to be filled with all the fixings for a meal are asked to return them today. To donate a turkey for one of the bags, your $20 contribution may be placed in the offering plate, brought to today's event, or given online.

Then, join us today from 3 to 5 PM at the Islamic Society of Delaware, 28 Salem Church Road in Newark. 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.

FANTASTICAL FANTASIES WITH SPARX FLUTE & HARP DUO

For 40 years, Joan Grace Marsh, flute, and Anne Sullivan, harp, have performed together as SPARX, an award-winning ensemble known for expanding the repertoire of original music for flute and harp. They have performed in settings ranging from intimate private concerts to large venues across the US and have enjoyed both national and international acclaim. Come hear their performance, *Fantastical Fantasies*, today at 4 PM in Christ Church's Chapel. Reserve your seats online.

SUPPORTING PARENTS RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN – NOVEMBER 16

Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool invite your participation in a special series designed to support families as they raise children in faith and well-being. Come for dinner, conversation, and practical guidance. Dinner begins at 5:30 PM, followed by the program from 6 to 7 PM. Free childcare is available by reservation. Join us tomorrow, November 16, for "Supporting Development in Young Children." Licensed health service psychologist Maria Rubino Watkins, Ph.D. will share how young children grow and develop, when additional support may be needed, and why early identification and intervention can make a lasting difference. RSVP today.

ADULT FORMATION: LETTERS FROM A FRIEND – NOVEMBER 18

Join us this Wednesday, November 18, for the final session of Letters from a Friend as we explore three great letter writers of the early church: Paul, Peter, and James. The evening begins with light snacks at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by a presentation and discussion from 7 to 8 PM. Please RSVP.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – NOVEMBER 20

Following our 175th Anniversary Service Project with LCS in 2024, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods to be distributed to the cars of program participants. Sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

JOIN US FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING – NOVEMBER 22

We're looking for ten creative adults to decorate miniature gingerbread houses next Sunday, November 22, from 12 to 2 PM in Parish Hall B. Participants will decorate two houses—one to take home and one to be sold at the Green Show. Houses, icing, and some candies are provided. If you have a specific theme or candy ideas, bring along your own decorations. Space is limited to ten, so please RSVP today to Lu Johnston.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS – NOVEMBER 22

Choral Evensong will be offered next Sunday, November 22, at 4 PM in the Chapel, led by our senior Choristers, Christ Church Choir schola, and clergy. This service is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth who are interested in joining the chorister program to hear the choir and learn about the chorister experience. Come support our youngest singers as they make music to the glory of God. Music will include works by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, Sir George Dyson, and Richard Shephard. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude at 3:45 PM.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – NOVEMBER 23

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 in on Monday, November 23, at 7 PM at BBC Tavern & Grill. Please RSVP.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 26

Our Thanksgiving Day service at 10 AM includes Holy Eucharist in the Church with members of our choir. Join us to give thanks to God and to remember our blessings.

NOT YOUR MOTHER'S ADVENT WREATH – NOVEMBER 29

Create a beautiful tabletop Advent wreath on Sunday, November 29, between the 9 and 10:30 AM services in Parish Hall B. All ages are welcome—come on your own or with your family (children must be accompanied by an adult). $20 covers the cost of supplies, and you can pay at the event. Bring clippers to trim the greens for your wreath. You'll leave with a unique four-candle centerpiece with greenery cascading from the center and scripture readings/prayers to help make the Advent season sacred. We'll have supplies for 20 wreaths, so please sign up by November 23 by emailing Lu Johnston.

JINGLE BELL JAMBOREE – NOVEMBER 29

Celebrate the season at Jingle Bell Jamboree with the Delaware Symphony on Sunday, November 29, at 2:30 PM at The Grand Opera House. This joyful afternoon of holiday music for all ages features timeless carols and beloved seasonal favorites, from Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Gather your loved ones and enjoy a festive concert filled with holiday cheer. Purchase tickets online.

THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 4 & 5

Donate: It's not too late to make a donation to the Green Show! We welcome silent auction items; fresh and dried greens; medium round pine cones, pods, and hydrangea; unique plant containers; wreath decorations and bows; Christmas ornaments and decor; dishes, glass and serving ware; gently-used and new children's toys; jewelry and accessories; wine and spirits; and food for the Preview Party. You can also make a cash contribution—100% of which goes directly to Outreach. For details, visit our website.

Volunteer: Experience the joy of volunteering at the Green Show. Your time and talents are what make this event such a success. Learn how you can help in the coming weeks on our website.

Preorder Items to Guarantee Availability: Guarantee availability by preordering select Green Show items. View this year's options and place your orders online. Preorder deadlines vary by item, ranging from November 27 to December 2. Preordered carrot cakes and freezer foods may be picked up early after services next Sunday, November 22—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!

Purchase Preview Party Tickets: Visit our website to purchase your Preview Party tickets for Friday, December 4, from 6 to 9 PM and kick off the holiday season with Green Show holiday shops, our silent auction, a vendor marketplace, live music, and beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Attend Saturday's Free Family Fun Event: Join us at the Green Show on Saturday, December 5, from 10 AM to 2 PM for one-stop shopping and decorating with wreaths, Christmas trees, fresh greens, unique gifts, homemade dishes, and crafts. Enjoy a visit from Santa, children's activities, lunch, and more. Find the schedule of events on our website.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 199 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. The finance committee and vestry are working to set our 2027 ministry budget, and 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. Scan the QR code to pledge online or mail your pledge form to Christ Church and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

CALLING ALL GUEST READERS!

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes this school year. Sign up to read online, and bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Alletta and Robert N. Downs III
Molly and Ellason Downs

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
David Rubini
Nathan Henry

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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