Christ Church Christiana Hundred

November 22, 2026 — In the Season of Pentecost

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR CREATIONS CARE MINISTRY. Christ Church's Creations Care Ministry leads our church and community in caring for our planet. By educating others and implementing sustainable practices, the group helps maximize natural resources and minimize our carbon footprint through reducing, reusing, and recycling. Last month, they hosted our sixth flexible plastics collection event to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into "plarn" (plastic yarn), which volunteers then crochet into mats for the homeless. In addition, the ministry has planted a pollinator garden around the labyrinth, created an herb garden outside the Parish House, and launched a composting project in partnership with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. For more information about this ministry, please contact Eda Ross Montgomery.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

MAKE A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS

Participate in this year's Advent Dove Project and make a child's Christmas brighter by choosing a Dove tag at services this weekend. 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.

JOIN US FOR GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

A few spots remain for creative adults to decorate miniature gingerbread houses today 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. We will provide the houses, icing, and a selection of candies. If you have a specific theme or favorite holiday treats in mind, feel free to bring along your own decorations.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS

Choral Evensong will be offered today at 4 PM in the Chapel, led by our senior Choristers, Christ Church Choir schola, and clergy. During the service, we'll admit new choristers to the choir and recognize those who are advancing through the Royal School of Church Music's *Voice for Life* program. Come support our youngest singers as they make music to the glory of God, including works by Howard Helvey, Sarah MacDonald, George Dyson, and Richard Shephard. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude at 3:45 PM.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

All women in the parish are invited to Dine with the Ladies tomorrow, November 23, at 7 PM at BBC Tavern & Grill. Please RSVP today.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – THURSDAY

Our Thanksgiving Day service on November 26 at 10 AM includes Holy Eucharist in the Church with members of the Parish 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 next 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 tomorrow, November 23,** by emailing Lu Johnston.

JINGLE BELL JAMBOREE – NOVEMBER 29

Celebrate the season at Jingle Bell Jamboree with the Delaware Symphony next 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.

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

Take a break from the 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 – DECEMBER 4 & 5

Donate: There is still time to support 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; new and gently used 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.

Preorder: View this year's preorder options online and guarantee availability of your favorite items. Preorder deadlines vary by item, ranging **from November 27 to December 2**. Preordered carrot cakes and freezer foods are available for pickup after services today, November 22—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!

Volunteer: Share your time and talents to help make the Green Show a success. Explore ways to help this week and next on our website.

Attend: Kick off the holiday season at the Preview Party on Friday, December 4, from 6 to 9 PM. Enjoy Green Show holiday shops, our silent auction, a vendor marketplace, live music, and beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Then join us on Saturday, December 5, from 10 AM to 2 PM for free family fun. Shop for wreaths, Christmas trees, fresh greens, unique gifts, homemade dishes, and crafts. Enjoy a visit from Santa, children's activities, lunch, and more. Visit our website to purchase Preview Party tickets and find the schedule of events for both days.

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS – DECEMBER 6

Join us for Advent Lessons & Carols on 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.

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!

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 227 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.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Robin Hickman Parker, Francis Peter Parker

and in loving memory of
Jim and Peggy Hughes, Jay Hughes
Bo and Ellie Kelly

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Frank and Lily Herzog, Dina Goldstein
William P. Lindsay

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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