

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, August 21, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**The wearing of face masks is currently required by all at Christ Church**

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### THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Elevation

Mel Bonis

OPENING HYMN – Stand Up and Bless the Lord (St Thomas)

James Montgomery  
Aaron Williams

1. Stand up and bless the Lord, Ye people of His choice; Stand  
2. Though high above all praise, Above all blessing high, Who  
3. O for the living flame, From His own altar brought, To  
4. God is our strength and song, And His salvation ours; Then  
5. Stand up and bless the Lord, The Lord your God adore; Stand  
up and bless the Lord your God With heart and soul and voice.  
would not fear His holy name, And laud and magnify?  
touch our lips, our minds inspire, And wing to heav'n our thought.  
be His love in Christ proclaim'd With all our ransomed powers.  
up and bless His glorious name Henceforth forever more. Amen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## GLORY TO GOD – S280

Robert Powell

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, heaven-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Father:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH 58:9b-14

**Reader:**        **A Reading from Isaiah.**

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
    the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
    and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
    and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
    and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
    and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
    like a spring of water,  
    whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
    you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
    the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
    from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
    and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
    serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
    and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
    for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Reader:*        The Word of the Lord.

**People:**        **Thanks be to God.**

*The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.*

PSALM 103:1-8

*Benedic, anima mea*

Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
**and forget not all his benefits.**  
He forgives all your sins \*  
**and heals all your infirmities;**  
He redeems your life from the grave \*  
**and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**  
He satisfies you with good things, \*  
**and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**  
The LORD executes righteousness \*  
**and judgment for all who are oppressed.**  
He made his ways known to Moses \*  
**and his works to the children of Israel.**  
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

A READING FROM HEBREWS 12:18-29

***Reader:*        A Reading from Hebrews.**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

***Reader:*        The Word of the Lord.**

***People:*        Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## SERMON

The Rev'd Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All:* We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thank you, Lord, for your incredible, constant, encompassing presence in our lives. Thank you for all that we have and all that we are. Thank you for enabling us to be more than we ever believe possible. Thank you for forgiving us even when we are afraid to face you. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

Give us grace to use the Earth's resources well and thoughtfully. Help us work to ensure a vibrant, healthy planet for the generations that will come after us. Help those of us who live in lands of many resources to find right and good ways to share the resources of your world with others not so fortunate. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

When we are discouraged or cynical or tired, Lord, help us see the joy and wonder of your world through grateful eyes, for every day is fresh and full of possibilities. Help us find ways to support and care for all people living in or fleeing from poverty-filled or war-torn parts of our world, so that they, too, may live in your joy and wonder. We ask your blessings upon all in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

For all the happy and celebratory times in our lives, we thank you, Lord. This week we remember the birthdays of Luke, Lexi, Newman, Tom, Hannah, Kerica, Mike, Sara, Kevin, George & Jason, and the wedding anniversaries of Ayub & Denisa Abdallah, Isaac & Janet Olajide, and Duane & Leigh Smith. We lift up the visitors and new parishioners worshipping with us today. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

Bless and guide the work of the people in the churches of The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria in the worldwide Anglican Communion. In the churches of the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Christ Church, Port Republic; Middleham and St. Peter's, Lusby; and St. Andrew the Fisherman, Mayo. Also guide our clergy and lay leadership here in our own Christ Church, especially our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; our Music Director, Larissa; and our Ministry Coordinator, Yetti. Uphold us as we move to a new year in our parish's life. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

For those who are sick and those who are dying, for those who are afraid and those who are lonely, for those who seek you with all their heart, for those who need the healing grace of Your Holy Spirit, for all of our needs, those known to others and those known to you alone, we pray for your presence, Lord. Today we especially pray for Valentin, Ray, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Coy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we now name. **For all that we have and all that we are, thank you, Lord.**

May we each feel our Lord's arms around us and hear His blessing, today and in every day to come. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:* **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERING HYMN 686 –Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

***People:* We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly, ho - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly Lord God

\_\_\_\_\_ of hosts. \_\_\_\_\_ Heav-en and earth are \_\_\_\_\_ filled with your

glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bless-ed is the one who \_\_\_\_\_ comes in the name \_\_\_\_\_ of the

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - sa - na \_\_\_\_\_ in the

high - est, ho - sa - na in \_\_\_\_\_ the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant:* After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All:* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All:* **Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### FRACTION ANTHEM – LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

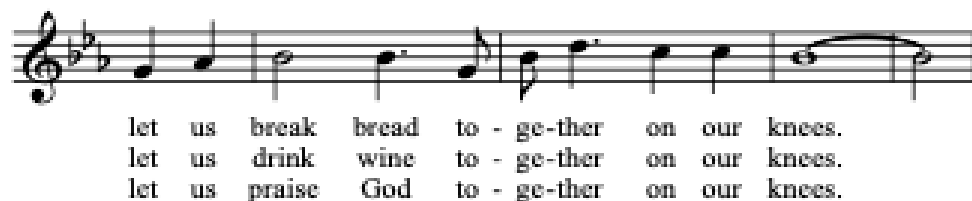
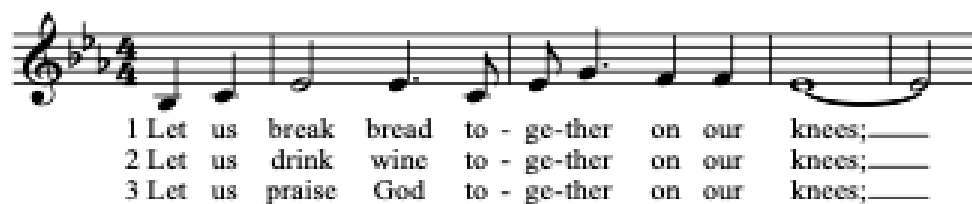
James E. Moore, Jr.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The score is divided into three systems. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line, including a long note for "Lord." and a repeat of "Taste and see". The third system covers the third line, ending with "of the Lord." and a double bar line. The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the third system.

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
with thanksgiving.



8:00 a.m. service

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

*People:* We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant blesses the People, who respond **Amen.***

### CLOSING HYMN 397 – Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

*The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE – Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Today's Altar Flowers were donated by Rebecca Warlow:*

*In loving memory of my father, Samuel McH. Warlow, Sr., on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to [communications@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:communications@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### Nursery Services are Now Available

Parents of children under age 3 are welcome to use our Nursery services during worship. Safeguarding God's children is an important requirement of all of our youth leaders and nursery attendants. Our Nursery will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 12 noon and is available to care for and engage young children during our services in a playful and comforting environment.

### Youth Car Wash - This Sunday

Come out on Sunday, August 21st any time between 8 a.m. and 12 noon for our Youth Car Wash! Support the youth as they raise funds for their upcoming Hersheypark trip. Leave your car with us during church, and we'll clean it while you worship. What a deal! You can also donate to support their trip - [simply click here](#), select "Youth Ministry" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and write "Youth Trip" in the memo line. Alternatively, you can write a check and leave it with us on Sunday or send it to the Church Office; be sure to write "Youth Trip" in the memo line there, as well. Thank you!

### Howard County COVID Update

The number of positive cases in Howard County still remains significant enough to keep us in the "high community impact" tier. As a result, we are following the protocols in [the Diocese's Post-Omicron Yellow Phase plan](#). This includes the mandatory wearing of face masks for all visitors while indoors at Christ Church, as well as the distribution of only bread during the Eucharist. You can read the Diocese's latest report [here](#).

### We Need Altar Guild Volunteers

We are looking for a few more people to join the [Christ Church Altar Guild](#) this season. Altar Guild is a vital group whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Its members prepare the sanctuary for services and tidy up afterward. During certain seasons, Altar Guild members also supervise the decoration of the sanctuary of the parish with flowers. Any adult is welcome to take part in this essential ministry, and training is provided. Please speak with Jan DeBoissiere if you are interested - [jdeboissiere@gmail.com](mailto:jdeboissiere@gmail.com)

### Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present Altar gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on an upcoming Sunday, you can find the details and 2022 sign-up sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/CECaltargifts>. You can also sign up and reserve a slot by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* drop-down menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. [Email the Church Office](#) with any questions.

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### **Send in Your Vestry Candidate Nomination**

It is time to nominate candidates from our flock to stand for election to the Christ Church Vestry. This year, there will be THREE (3) slots open for election. If you are a baptized Christian who is 16 years or older and are a giving member of record to Christ Episcopal Church, you are qualified to become a candidate. We need your unique gifts to assist in guiding us, so we hope that you'll consider submitting your name. If you do, you'll need to draft a short biography of yourself stating why you want to stand for election, or what has called you into service. This year, the election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing [nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org). Thank you for your consideration.

### **Help! We're in Need of a Few More Tellers**

Christ Church is in need of some tellers to assist with the counting of offerings, donations, and pledges. This process takes place after the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, but each Teller is only needed about once a month or so. Please speak with Yetti Lipede on Sunday mornings, or email her at [ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org) if you might be interested or have any questions.

### **Christ Church Choirs Begin Soon**

Calling all singers! Our Adult and Children's Choirs are looking for new and returning members! If you enjoy music and love to sing, then the choirs are the place for you! All are welcome, whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not! Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. beginning September 1st and we sing at the Sunday 10:30 services throughout the year. The Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. beginning September 6th and will sing for services at various times throughout the year. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** If you're interested or have any questions, please speak with our Director of Music, Larissa Sanders, at church on Sunday or email her at [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org)

### **This Fall at Christ Episcopal Church**

Earlier this year, we asked for your kind participation in a survey about our common life, and over this summer several groups of parishioners gathered regularly, keeping all of your survey responses in mind as they formulated a revitalized fall schedule. In addition to our already well-loved gatherings, there's a host of new services, programs, and activities that will be taking shape over the final third of this year, and we hope that you'll join us for many of these! Very soon, we'll launch a new page on our website that will outline many of these wonderful developments. That page will be at [www.christchurchcolumbia.org/fall](http://www.christchurchcolumbia.org/fall) and you can visit it regularly for updates and links.

### **Sunday Morning Services - Beginning September 11th**

As mentioned above, several groups were created this summer and one of them - the Worship Committee - designed a couple of new services for our Sunday mornings. We will begin each Sunday with an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9 a.m., our new Family Service will take place in New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth, and Adult Forum: Sunday Circle (Old Brick) for the adults at 9:30. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are also available for those who need them, and that is downstairs in New Brick, as well. We hope that you'll find a few worship and formation gatherings that you'll join us for. These and other details will be on our website's new **Fall at Christ Church page** soon, and feel free to speak with Father Manny if you have any questions.

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### **Adult Forum: Sunday Circle - Returns September 11th**

Sunday Circle, our adult Christian education program, returns on Sunday, September 11th, and continues throughout the rest of 2022. Father Manny will start Sunday Circle by leading three sessions on the Book of Common Prayer in September. In October, Sunday Circle will focus on stewardship, with sessions focusing on God's creation, how we love each other and our neighbors, money, and self. Fr. Manny will then lead us in an exploration of the Nicene Creed in November. Finally, as we journey through Advent we will delve into various types of prayer. We hope you will join us for Sunday Circle from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in Old Brick.

### **Centering Prayer - Monday Evenings**

Centering Prayer takes place Mondays at 7 p.m. and is a form of contemplation, a method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God. We invite you to log in, see what Centering Prayer is all about, and how it can find a unique and valuable space in your own life. The Zoom link is [here](#), Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

### **The CEC Book Club Returns in September**

The CEC Book Club is taking the month of August off and will regather in September with a new series of books for the rest of 2022. When we resume, we'll gather virtually every Friday at 7:30 p.m. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you enjoy curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, join us! Just [email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.hoke@efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details.

### **First Wednesdays Fellowship - September 7th**

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month for dinner and fellowship! The Fellowship committee has been hard at work planning some fun activities over the next few months. Our first Fellowship evening will be Wednesday, September 7th in the Great Hall of New Brick.

- 6-7 p.m. catered dinner by Chipotle - Please RSVP to ensure we have enough food! **You can do so by using this link**, clicking the QR code at the bottom of this email, or calling the church office. Also, please donate as you are able to help offset the cost of the meal. An average meal costs about \$15. Bring your own beverage.
- 7-8 p.m. Bunco and fellowship.

Meet some new friends and reconnect with others. We are looking forward to a wonderful evening, and hope that you'll all join us!

### **Christ Church Hosts a Retreat: *How Contemplation Can Heal A Violent World***

In the 25th Anniversary celebration of Contemplative Outreach of Maryland and Washington DC (COMW), the Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, Bishop of Maryland, COMW co-founder, will lead a full-day retreat on how contemplation is as relevant as ever in today's world of violence at all levels of our lives, both domestically and globally. Indeed, Centering Prayer, as one form of contemplation, is a method for stilling our minds, and in silence opening our hearts to peace and understanding, thereby creating a foundation for a nonviolent response to any event that occurs in our lives. This full-day retreat takes place on Saturday, September 10th at Christ Church, **and you can register and read more details here**.

### **Reserve Your Spaces Now for the WOCC Flea Market!**

It's time to reserve your space for the 2022 Flea Market, taking place on September 17th (rain date 9/24) and we are ready to reserve your space. And, because of the current economic conditions, WE HAVE REDUCED OUR RENTAL COST by \$5 from previous years. If you have rented space in the past, you will be receiving a registration form very soon. We'll also have registration forms available in the Narthex, and you can also send an email to [wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org) and we will send you all the info you need.

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You can now use Realm to pay for your space and use a credit card, and those illustrated instructions can be found [here](#). You can use this link to get to it: <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/fleamarket>. You can also pay by cash or check, as in years past. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the WOCC email address above.

We will also be looking for volunteers, bakers, and books! It's the WOCC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and proceeds are used to help Christ Church. We're getting organized for this big event through the summer, so keep looking for more information and opportunities to participate. In the meantime, feel free to email us if you have any questions.

### **The 2022 Parish Retreat - September 29th**

Christ Church's Annual Rehoboth Retreat will be again held at the Felix DuPont Retreat House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware from September 30th to October 2nd. We are very blessed to have the Rev Marcia Davenport as our retreat leader, and we'll be centering on the Christ Church theme for the coming year: ***Be an Instrument of God's Peace***. There will be interactive programs filled with discussions and music on Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday evening. Evening Prayer service or Compline will be celebrated on Friday and Saturday evenings, and we'll conclude with a special Eucharist in the Chapel on Sunday morning. There is also free time for all scheduled on Saturday afternoon. Beach walks, star gazing, kite flying, art museums, reading and relaxing on the deck, bird watching, and browsing in shops and outlets during our spare time are all possible.

Five delicious meals are provided by an in-house chef for dinner on Friday and Saturday, lunch on Saturday, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. The cost for the entire stay with the aforementioned meals is as follows: Adults (age 12 and older): \$295/person. We are required to have 15 persons committed to staying at Dupont House in order to host the event. Sign-up by September 4th with full payment is due on arrival to DuPont House on September 30th. Accommodations are limited to 20 (There are 11 rooms; only family members are permitted to share rooms due to COVID concerns). The sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Any questions, please see, call, or text Ellen Hoke at 301-452-7115 or email her at [efboudreau1@gmail.com](mailto:efboudreau1@gmail.com). Please join us for a fun and rewarding time together!

### **We Need More Donations for the Auction**

It's coming - the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction! We're in the process of getting item donations (can't have a successful auction without items to sell, after all) and need you to think about what you will donate for the Silent and Live Auctions! Please go through your basement, closets, or garage for well-preserved items, or you can choose something new to donate. Or think outside the box - maybe plan on hosting a dinner for 6-8 of your CEC friends, contributing a week or two of a timeshare, or offering to rake leaves or pull weeds. Small items, large items, or anything in between - items such as homemade baked goodies, or baskets filled with a range of items - are welcome. Last year, there were more than 200 wonderful offerings, and every one of them helped raise vital funds for our parish. Let's increase that number!

If you have questions about an item being Auction-worthy, just ask us by emailing [auction@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auction@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can submit your donations by emailing [auction@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auction@christchurchcolumbia.org), or you can **place them directly into the Auction software here**. Don't forget, that every donation will result in a written statement from the Auction Committee on your donation's fair market value for tax purposes. We will keep you up-to-date on our progress, so watch this space!

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## **Invitation to Take a Virtual Trip to Uganda as Leaders of Friends of Sabina Join the Sunday Zoom Coffee Hour at Noon on Aug. 21st**

Plan to see and hear the latest on how leaders of **Friends of Sabina** (FOS) are making progress at Sabina Primary School in rural Uganda. At noon on Sunday, Aug. 21, the Outreach Commission will host FOS leaders Maria White, who recently returned from Uganda, and Ann Marie Davis, who went last spring.

The FOS Adult Forum will flow seamlessly from our regular coffee hour. The link to our Zoom gathering is **here**, the Meeting ID is **830 0557 1585**, and the Password is **SundayVCH**. Or participate as a small group after the second worship service by assembling downstairs in New Brick at the laptop.

Sabina students returned after the pandemic lockdown in Uganda to find many improvements on campus in 2022, such as upgraded sanitation and better dormitories. Currently, the school enrolls 321, consisting of 138 boarding students and 183 day scholars.

Davis described what a difference the upgrades have made for students, teachers, and staff in **an April 23 letter** posted online during her stay from March 10th through May 2nd. White traveled to Sabina from July 18th to Aug. 10th and is eager to tell you about her stay on Zoom.

Some of the latest changes include the introduction of a music program, advances in agriculture, and progress on the new computer lab that you can read about in **a July 2, 2022 newsletter**.

For more than a decade, the Outreach Commission at Christ Church has backed efforts at the school, especially in a library that serves as a community center. In May, Christ Church sent \$2,000 in Vestry-approved budget funds to pay for internet service, periodicals, and the annual salary of the librarian, Richard Tumusiime. Thanks to all for making that possible!

Outreach also encourages parishioners to sponsor Sabina students whose families otherwise cannot afford fees and tuition (**they are among Sabina students pictured here**). Since 2020, members stepped forward to sponsor nine children, who then ranged in age from 8 to 15. Parishioners and the first names of the students are Steve and Linda Alpern (Sharon); Tim and Sherry Beaty (Herbert and Sylvia); Ellen and Charles Hoke (Josephine); Patricia Fanning (Patricia); Diane Phillips Laguerre (Jackson); Paula and Chuck Rees (Sandra); Catherine Whittaker (Brian); and Melanie and Nick Yaksich (Marvin).

We're hoping sponsors and would-be sponsors will join Zoom to hear about possibilities. And for everyone, seeing the FOS leaders' shared images will be like traveling to Uganda's Central Region, which is west of Lake Victoria and north of the border with Tanzania. For some members of Christ Church – the Hokes, the Alperns, and Teddy and Sonni Aribiah and their sons, Jonah and Luke – it will remind them of their own travels to what is now called the Kyotera District to visit Sabina Primary School.

For more information, please contact Davis or White directly at **info@friendsofsabina.org**.

## **LEMS Ministry Update: School Supplies Have Been Delivered!**

Our summer-long drive to provide much-needed school supplies for local students at Lake Elkhorn Middle School has been a resounding success, and we've delivered these important items to LEMS this week. **You can see the photos and read all about it on our website's LEMS update.**

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### **Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items**

At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue supporting the all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC). Please collect diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Put them in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Our representative is Violet Smith, who takes parishioners’ donated items to a CCC site for distribution on Saturdays. Updated information about distribution can be found on the **CCC Group on Facebook**.

### **Donate Snacks, Crackers, and Cookies to FISH in Bin on our Breezeway**

Organizers for **FISH of Howard County** are continuing to ask for cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill its shopping lists. The yellow bin is between Old Brick and the Parish Hall. Thanks for your contributions to our neighbors in need.

In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org). Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.



# THE 2022 CHRIST CHURCH PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>  
AT 10 A.M.

The Annual Christ Church Parish Festival and Ministry Fair is back for 2022! It's been three years since we have been able to safely host this special gathering, and we feel blessed to be able to do so.

This year, it will take place on Sunday, August 28th, and begin with one outdoor Eucharist at 10 a.m., followed by a fantastic festival of faith, food, fellowship, and FUN!

Many Christ Church ministries will have tables set up around the campus so you can speak with their members and learn more about how they contribute to our common life - and maybe you'll even sign up to take part in the future! Games and huge inflatables will be available for the young (and young-at-heart, if you dare!) and we'll collectively celebrate the gathering together of our entire parish family for the first time in years.

We're also looking for volunteers to help set and clean up, so if you can do so, **please email Jan Deboissiere**. Many thanks!

We hope that you'll join us for this very special day.



It is such a wonderful time in the life of our parish. Throughout the many challenges of the past couple of years, you have remained faithful, generous, compassionate, and diligent. Today, I'd like to share with you some of the exciting programs lined up for you this fall and beyond. I am grateful to the clergy, staff, and parishioners who worked so hard to put all of this together.

Our goal is to serve, and we are eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Please find below some of the exciting programs lined up for Fall @ Christ Church:

### **Children & Family Service**

We are beginning a new worship opportunity for children and families at 9:00 a.m. This will be a 20–25-minute service with a children's homily and communion. Children will have the chance to actively participate in the service. Children and Family service will begin on September 11 in New Brick.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School follows immediately after the Children and Family service. Children will go downstairs with their parents to Sunday School. We are excited about the new curriculum we will offer for Children Formation. Sunday School will run for about 45 minutes, and we are hoping to have two separate classes for children. For questions about Sunday School, or to help us with this ministry, **please contact Jenn Atkins.**

### **Breakfast**

Some of our parishioners are working to provide breakfast for Sunday morning. Breakfast will be in the Great Hall, right by the classrooms, and it will consist of juice, bagels, muffins, yogurt, fruits, etc. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. To help with breakfast, please contact **Preethi Jackson, Kathy Chrzanowski, and Simone Kolnik.**

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### **Parenting Seminar**

During Sunday School, parents will get the opportunity of joining a Parenting Seminar. This will be an opportunity for parents to get to know each other, share the joys and challenges of parenthood, and learn new and exciting parenthood perspectives. The point persons for this gathering are **Mother Marcia**, **Jason Whong**, and **Sarah Thomas**.

### **Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship**

One of the exciting programs for the fall is the Community Meal and First Wednesday Fellowship. This is an opportunity to meet some new friends and reconnect with others. The more exciting part is that children eat free, so parents don't have to worry about cooking dinner. Parents are encouraged to make a generous donation towards dinner. Our First Wednesday Fellowship evening will be on September 7th in the Lower Level of New Brick. Dinner is 6 - 7 p.m. and our first meal is catered by Chipotle. Please RSVP to ensure we have enough food! You can do so by using the QR code in this email, by using the link in the announcement below, or by calling the church office. Dinner will be followed by Bunco. For more information, contact **Jenn Adkins** or **Jason Whong**.

### **Children Choir**

We are excited that our new Director of Music, Larissa Sanders, is also a 4th Grade Music teacher in Howard County. Children Choir meets on Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and is open to children from ages 6 and up. For more information about Children's Choir, or if you have any questions, please contact **Larissa**.

### **Thursday Bible Study**

This is an opportunity for an in-depth study of the Bible. You don't need to know much, or anything, about it - all we want you to do is to come and learn with everyone else. Thursday Evening Bible Study will begin on September 8th. The class will study some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans and the Gospel of Matthew. Please bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday. This class will be led by **Emmanuel Mercer** and **Marcia Davenport**.

### **Theology on Tap**

Looking for a space where you can have a long chat about interesting religious articles on the pages of the New York Times, Washington Post, or the Wall Street Journal? This is an opportunity for informal, structure-free interaction and discussion with fellow parishioners on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We will provide additional information about the venue. Please join us for a fun evening! For more information, contact **Sarah Thomas** and **Mike Looney**.

I hope you will find these programs fulfilling and spiritually nourishing.

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## **WE ARE ALL STEWARDS OF OUR BELOVED CHRIST CHURCH**

Because of your genuine and overwhelming acts of selflessness, kindness, grace, compassion, and love, you continue to give immensely to support and build our common life at Christ Church. You inject life into Christ Church so that we may be able to serve the world. It is your giving that has made it possible for us to accomplish some of the work that God has given us. The truth is that we have been able to minister and serve countless people because of your faithfulness, and for that, we thank God for each one of you and thank God for what God is doing in your lives.

We also want to thank ***YOU***. Your faithfulness is what makes life happen at Christ Church. Your faithfulness makes Christ Church stronger. Your faithfulness enables Christ Church to embrace, with courage, the task that God has for us. We need to remember that Christ Church is completely dependent on this faithfulness.

**TEXT GIVING:** You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text ***CECGIVING*** to **73256**, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

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**THANK YOU.**



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