

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, September 4, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 429 – I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

Old 113th



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint-ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

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 us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Reader: **A Reading from Deuteronomy.**

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half verse.

PSALM 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A READING FROM PHILEMON 1-21

Reader: **A Reading from Philemon.**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN 675 – Take Up Your Cross

Bourbon



1	Take	up	your	cross,	the	Sa - vior	said,	if
2	Take	up	your	cross,	let	not	its	weight
3	Take	up	your	cross,	heed	not	the	shame,
4	Take	up	your	cross,	then,	in	his	strength,
5	Take	up	your	cross,	and	fol - low	Christ,	nor



1	you	would	my	dis -	ci - ple	be;	take	up	your	cross	with
2	your	weak	spi -	rit	with	a -	larm;	his	strength	shall	bear
3	let	your	fool -	ish	heart	be	still;	the	Lord	for	you
4	calm -	ly	ev -	ery	dan -	ger	brave:	it	guides	you	to
5	think	till	death	to	lay	it	down;	for	on -	ly	those



1	will -	ing	heart,	and	hum -	bly	fol -	low	af -	ter	me.
2	spi -	rit	up,	and	brace	your	heart,	and	nerve	your	arm.
3	cept -	ed	death	up -	on	a	cross,	on	Cal -	vary's	hill.
4	bun -	dant	life	and	leads	to	vic -	tory	o'er	the	grave.
5	bear	the	cross	may	hope	to	wear	the	glo -	rious	crown.

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

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

The Rev'd Marcia Davenport, *Associate Priest*

The people stand as able.

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

Lord, you guide us, nourish our souls, and quench our spiritual thirst. You are our rock in times of trouble. Our hope and trust reside in You, our everlasting source of mercy and love. We pray: **Glory forever to our prince of peace.**

May we act in the way of the Lord, speaking truthfully and only in kindness. May we assist the hungry and those suffering in our midst. May we oppose violence, injustice, and cruelty, no matter the cost. We pray: **Praise to our King of kings.**

As our academic year begins, may we encourage and assist all those who pursue knowledge, that their skills may lead to a life of purpose, of creative energy, of intellectual fulfillment, and result in a better world of peace, health, and justice for all. May we help to establish a foundation for future generations. We pray: **Lord, renew our lives with your presence.**

We offer our prayers for the Body of Christ, the worldwide Church. In the Anglican Communion, today we focus on The Anglican Church of Australia. May we as a diverse people throughout the earth be one, united by the powerful love of Jesus. We also extend our prayers for the leaders of the Episcopal Church: our Presiding Bishop, Michael and our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert. We give thanks to God for our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon, Denise; and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. In Maryland, we ask our Lord's blessing on the parishes of St. Andrew's, Clear Spring; St. James Chapel, Hagerstown; and St. Anne's, Smithsburg. Together we serve Christ our Savior. We pray: **Lord, we honor, love, and revere You.**

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers who worship with us today. We hope that the Spirit has touched your heart. We ask your blessings and protection for those in our parish family who are in harm's way, especially Kevin Deboissiere and Conner Warlow. We also pray for those who are ill, especially Neal, Jim, Betsy, Valentin, Ray, Mary Lou, Joan, Gina, Coy, Megan, Mildred, Jim, Kathleen, Caroline, Catherine, Nell, Mary Ann, Sherry, Rena, Kandi, Bradley, Alta, Alfred, & Ashley, and those we now name. We give thanks for their families and caregivers. We pray: **Let us rejoice at the wonderful things the Lord has done.**

Our souls are dedicated to God here in life and also later in heaven. We ask our Lord's blessing on our loved ones who have died Henry Bates, Brianna Bates, Zenzia Bates, and those we now name. May they live in the light and joy of the Lord forever. May those who grieve receive peace and comfort. We pray: **Praise God for his goodness and mercy.**

We celebrate occasions of joy today at Christ Church, especially the birthdays of Jenn, Lynn, Beryl, Pauline, Lee, Charles, Denise, Jonathan, Ralph & Joseph, and anniversaries of Greta & Marquis Barnes and Sherry & Tim Beaty. The vitality of our parish is drawn from the shared experiences of our life journeys. **Thanks be to God.**

Let us all rejoice in the freedom and richness of the promises that Christ brings to us each and every day. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: 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 LEVAS 145 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Nettleton



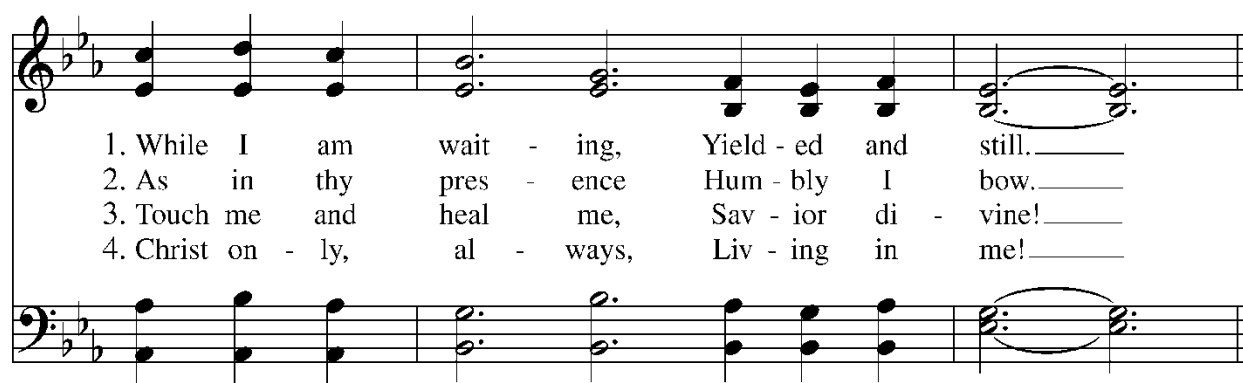
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____



1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! _____
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! _____
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! _____
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____



1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, _____
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, _____
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! _____
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see _____



1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. _____
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. _____
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

**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:



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.**

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

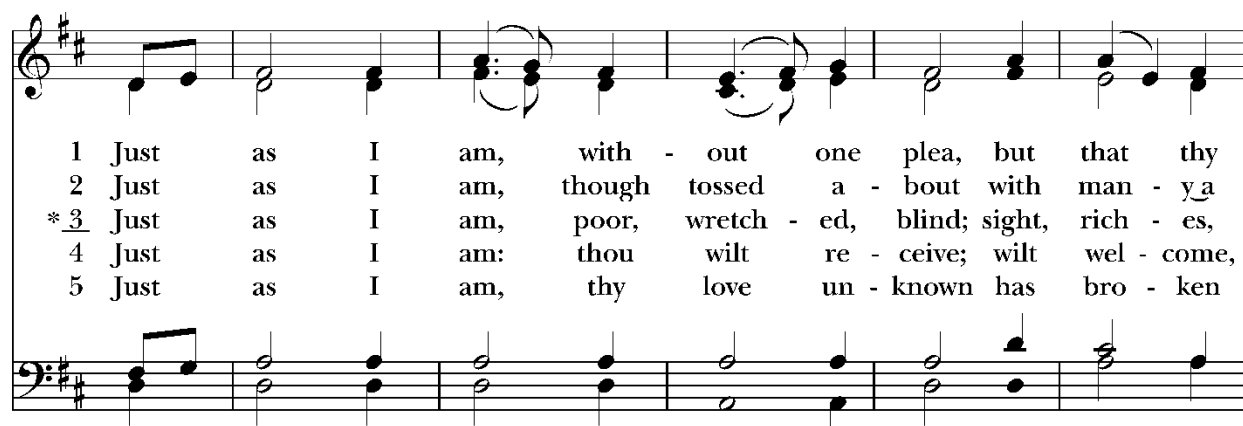
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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Celebrant:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

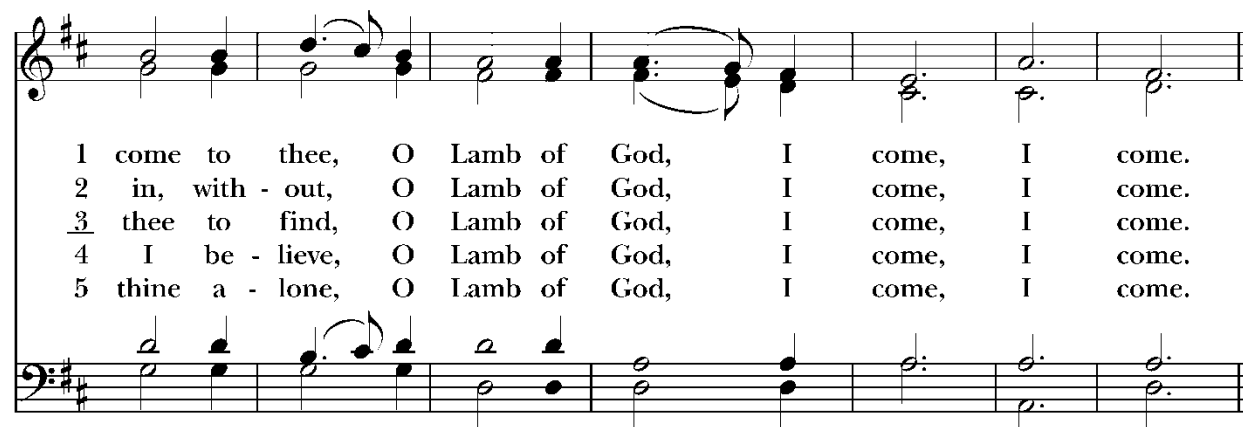
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - y a doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

10:30 a.m. service

EUCHARISTIC 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 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

11:30 a.m. – Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – LABOR DAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer Livestream

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:00 p.m. First Wednesday Fellowship, Great Hall

7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer Livestream

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir Practice

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Livestream

7:30 p.m. – Christ Church Book Club, Zoom

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Centering Prayer Retreat, New Brick

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Old Brick

9:00 a.m. – Family Service, New Brick

9:30 a.m. – Sunday Circle, Old Brick

9:30 a.m. – Parenting Circle, Great Hall

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School, Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, New Brick

11:30 a.m. – Virtual Coffee Hour

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send announcements to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XIII

Join us for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost as we have two services. Our 8 a.m. is without music and the 10:30 Holy Eucharist is led by Father Manny and accompanied by our new Music Director, Larissa, on the church organ. Mother Marcia delivers this Sunday's sermon. If you'd like to join us, let us know by **completing the form on our website**. Howard County remains out of the "high community impact" tier, so we're currently in the Yellow Post-Omicron Phase according to the Diocese of Maryland's report from this week, which you can read **here**. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our **website**, **YouTube**, or **Facebook** pages.

Sunday School Starts Soon!

On Sunday, September 11th, we begin our fall season of Sunday School. Youth Formation has a slightly different look this fall - including breakfast and worship - and you can find the details on **our website's Youth Formation page**. Also on that page is a link to the Sunday School registration form, so please sign your children up so we can plan accordingly (use one form per child, please). If you have any questions, email Jennifer Atkins at sundayschool@christchurchcolumbia.org

We Still Need Altar Guild Volunteers

We are looking for a few more people to join the **Christ Church Altar Guild** this season. The 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

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.

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 FOUR (4) 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. This year, the election will be held at our Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th.

Currently, the nominees are (in alphabetical order):

- Denisa Abdallah
- John Curley
- Simone Kolnik
- Ray Lyon

We are still accepting nominations! 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. To offer to stand for election, contact our Vestry Nomination Committee by emailing nominations@christchurchcolumbia.org. Thank you very much.

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 if you might be interested or have any questions.

Christ Church Choirs Begin this Week. Sign Up Now!

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 our 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 tonight, September 1st and we sing at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. services throughout the year. The Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 5-6 p.m. beginning next Tuesday, 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 if you have any questions, please speak with our Director of Music, Larissa Sanders, at church on Sunday or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Sunday Morning Services - Beginning September 11th

The Worship Committee created a new service for our Sunday mornings, one focused on the little ones in our parish family. We'll begin each Sunday with an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our new Children and Family Service will take place in the 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.

Adult Forum: Sunday Circle - Returns September 11th

Sunday Circle, our Adult Formation 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!**

First Wednesday 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 next 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 (you can select *Parish Life & Activities* from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write "First Wednesday" in the memo line). 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!

The CEC Book Club Returns Next Week - September 9th

The CEC Book Club regathers beginning Friday, September 9th 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:efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details.

Christ Church Hosts a Diocesan Retreat - September 10th

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 called *How Contemplation Can Heal A Violent World*, discussing 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.**](#) The Diocese is also looking for a few CEC parishioners to help provide help to participants visiting Christ Church for the first time. Those volunteers take part in the retreat free of charge. If you're interested, please call or email the Christ Church Office.

The 2022 Christ Church 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 this Sunday, September 4th, and full payment is due on arrival at 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 CAN'T BUY IT IF YOU DON'T DONATE IT!!

YOU CAN'T BID ON IT IF YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS DON'T DONATE IT!!

Guilt trip? We don't think so!! Of course, we are talking about the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction! Are you excited? We are! It is time to stop thinking about what you will put up for bidding, and time to do it NOW! The last date for donations is October 2nd for both the Silent and the Live Auctions. Please consider donating items &/or events. If you have questions about an item being Auction-worthy or need our help submitting your donations, you can simply email us at [**auction@christchurchcolumbia.org**](mailto:auction@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can also place your Auction donations directly into the Auction software [**HERE**](#). Don't forget - the fair market value is tax-deductible, and you will receive a written

statement from the Auction Committee. [Learn more about the Auction on our website's Auction page](#) and watch this space for more information!

Christ Church Provides Summer Supplies at Grassroots' DRC at Dorsey Center and Shares A "Save-the-Date" to Help the Homeless

It's been a hot, muggy summer, so gaining access to supplies like bug spray, sunblock, and sports drinks has made a big difference for people living in a tent or in their vehicles. One oasis – literally – is the Day Resource Center (DRC), which offers services at Dorsey Center three days a week to homeless men, women, and, occasionally, their children. The DRC is operated by [Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center](#).

The center has been in need of supplies ranging from men's underwear to bottled water and canned meats and soups. Meanwhile, requests flowed from Dr. Joseph Gagliardi to meet the needs of patients at his free medical clinic at the DRC. Every month this summer, Outreach member Dione Mahoney and her husband, Jim, responded to the DRC needs by shopping and delivering the goods.

Thanks to the support of parishioners who donate through the church to "General Outreach," or to the DRC explicitly, the Outreach Commission could replenish the clinic's medicine cabinet with vitamins, over-the-counter allergy pills, acetaminophen, and more. We also responded to a plea for oral health aids: toothbrushes, toothpaste, and Orajel. In total, the purchases came to just under \$1,300.

Separately, the Outreach Commission voted at its July 11 meeting to give Grassroots \$500 to be at the ready when "Dr. G" has a patient who is hospitalized and must be released with no home in which to recuperate. The funds, drawn from parishioners' donations, go toward so-called "respite care."

A hearty thanks go out to you from "Dr. G" and our DRC friends!

Now save the date! Here is a way to help Grassroots by celebrating with friends and family at a fundraising event. The date is the same day as the Christ Church Flea Market. No need to cook dinner that night; instead go to the **75th Annual Community Crab Feast** from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds on Sept. 17. The menu is "all-you-can-eat" hot crabs, cold oysters, and pit beef. Tickets are \$85, \$25 for ages 3 to 10, or the discounted price of \$80 each if purchased in a table for 10. For details, read the [online invitation](#). Tell your friends and co-workers and, as Grassroots puts it, "Let's Get Crackin' for the Community! "

Besides operating the DRC and the Freetown Road Live-in Facility where Christ Church provides a monthly meal, Grassroots provides numerous crisis intervention services. These include walk-in opioid counseling. It is the point of entry for the county's [Coordinated System of Homeless Services](#).

Afghan Refugee Ministry Updates – New Ways You Can Help

- Support the Afghan Refugee Ministry "white elephant" table at the September 17 Christ Church flea market: donate items in very good condition, help at the table, shop at the table. Items that you're donating can be dropped off at Old Brick from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. during the week of Sept 12 (only during that week, please). Check-in with Aisha White in the church office who'll show you where to put your donations. Nothing that's broken or damaged, please, nothing too heavy, and no clothing. Contact Paula Rees for more information - cprees@comcast.net.
- As we mark one year since the U.S. military left Afghanistan and the Taliban took control, your voice is needed to urge a resolution of the current *temporary* visa status of thousands of Afghans who helped the U.S. and were evacuated (the members of the Afghan family here in the U.S. that Christ Church sponsors are in this group), and *lack of visas* for thousands more Afghans who helped the Americans but who did not get out last year and remain in grave danger from the Taliban (the husband/father and

son/brother of “our” Afghan family are in this group). Link to steps you can take (either quick or more in-depth) in support of the Afghan Adjustment Act on the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service website (www.lirs.org), under the “Take Action” tab.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items

At Christ Church, members of the Racially-Aware Group of Episcopalians 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 their 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. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.





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.**

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**.

**We hope you will find these programs fulfilling
and spiritually nourishing.**



Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Attention All Bakers:

Yummy goodies are needed for the Flea Market Bake Table!

Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, Breads, Rolls, Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, all versions are welcome! We will need your delicious contributions by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 17th, or you can arrange with Ronnie Ivey to deliver them the day before. Our Flea Market attendees are always hungry for baked goods! We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in early September.

The White Elephant Table Needs Your Contributions!

Here's your opportunity to pass on those special items you don't need anymore, to others who are looking for something just like that! And it's for a great cause - all the proceeds from the White Elephant Table will go to our Afghan Refugee Ministry.

Here's how to contribute:

- Donated items can be dropped off during the week of September 12-16 (M-F) during Christ Church Office Hours (10:00 - 3:00). Just buzz Aisha; she will tell you where to put them in Old Brick.
- All items should have a sticker or tag attached showing the price you are suggesting. Remember, this is a fundraiser, so don't be shy.
 - All items should be clean and in good repair/user-ready.
- Please consider the size and weight of your contributions - no extra heavy items or large furniture.

We Want Your Books!

Here's your opportunity to unload all those books you read during the pandemic, and pick up some new ones for cheap! We are looking for all kinds of books, including children's books. You can drop off your books at the Christ Church parish hall during normal office hours between September 12-16 (M-F, 10:00-3:00). Just buzz to get in, and follow the signs downstairs in the parish hall.

We Need Your Help!

This event is a huge undertaking, and we need help to make it run smoothly. We especially need people to help with parking and traffic flow, set-up and manning of the grilling and food station, and clean-up afterward. We will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex in early September, so please consider helping us out. The Flea Market is the biggest fundraiser for the Women of Christ Church, and all the proceeds are used for the Church. If you have any questions, please email us at wocc@christchurchcolumbia.org, or speak to any WOCC regular on Sunday.



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.

ONLINE GIVING: You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or another offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

THANK YOU.



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