

Christ Episcopal Church

Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, November 13, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome Home!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time. We are delighted you're here - welcome home!

Prelude | Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Opening Hymn 718 | God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

National hymn

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

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. *Amen.*

Glory to God | S280 Canticle 20 | *Gloria in excelsis*

setting: 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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

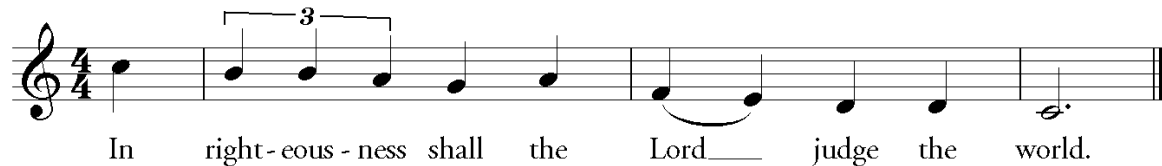
Reader: A reading from Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98 | *Cantate Domino*



Sing to the LORD a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

The LORD has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Antiphon

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Antiphon

Let the rivers clap their hands, *

**and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

Antiphon

Reader: A Reading from 2 Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

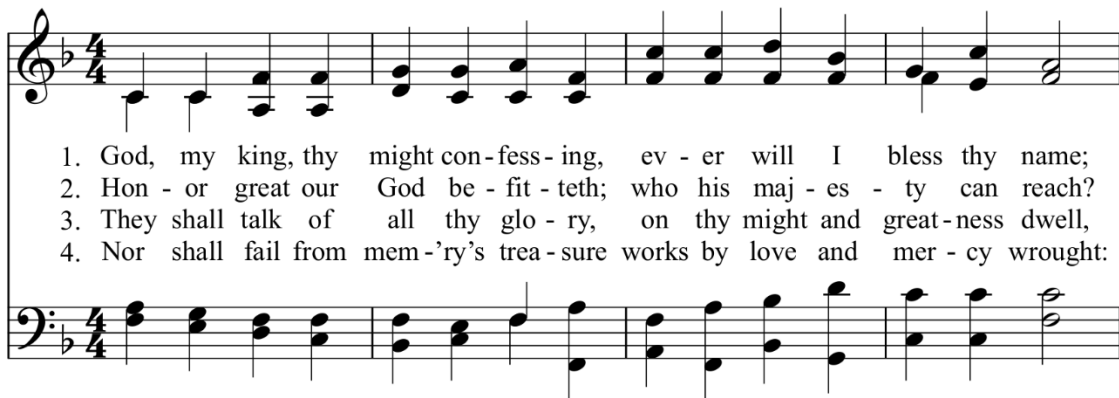
Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

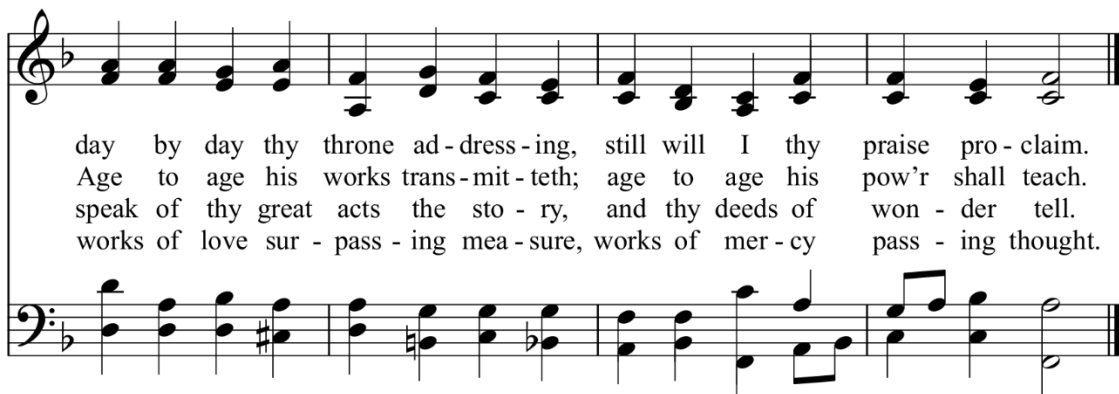
The people stand as able.

Sequence Hymn 414 | God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Stuttgart



1. God, my king, thy might con-fess-ing, ev - er will I bless thy name;
2. Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his maj - es - ty can reach?
3. They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great-ness dwell,
4. Nor shall fail from mem-'ry's trea-sure works by love and mer - cy wrought:



day by day thy throne ad-dress-ing, still will I thy praise pro-claim.
Age to age his works trans-mit-teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
speak of thy great acts the sto-ry, and thy deeds of won-der tell.
works of love sur-pass-ing mea-sure, works of mer-cy pass-ing thought.

5. Full of kindness and compassion,
slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation;
all his works his goodness prove.

6. All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee,
thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon | The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed | BCP 358

**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.

Prayers of the People |

Our God is an ever-present Guide, Counselor, Protector, and Provider, who strengthens us in spirit and inspires hope, so that we may rejoice in His presence, spread His joy to others and follow His lead on our journeys in life. **Lord, You are our portion and our cup.**

We ask the Lord's people to be beacons of light and wisdom, leading others to a relationship with God. We pray for resolution of the violence of war in the Ukraine, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudan, Syria, Iraq, the Congo and an end to oppression in Afghanistan, China, Myanmar, Russia and many countries in Central America. We pray for an end to abuse of vulnerable women and children and for solutions to combat poverty and disease. As active members of Christ's body, may we contribute our resources, time, talent and faith to always thirst for truth, to advocate for justice for refugees and to relieve the suffering of all people. May our prayer vigil tonight bring peace and hope to those families who are separated from loved ones. **Lord, You are our refuge and our help in times of trouble.**

We ask our Lord's blessing on the worldwide Church, in the Anglican Communion for the church of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, and for our sister parishes in the Diocese of Maryland: Redeemer, Baltimore; St. John's, Waverly; and St. Katherine of Alexandria, Baltimore. We pray for our President, Joseph and for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan Bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Emmanuel; our Associate Priest, Marcia; our Deacon Denise, our Rector Emeritus, Richard; and our Intern, Mike, that they exercise leadership with wisdom and love. We ask Christ to bless and protect Kevin DeBoissiere and Conner Warlow, who serve in the military and are in harm's way. **Lord, your covenant is written in our hearts and minds.**

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers worshipping with us today. We sincerely hope that sharing our faith in prayer, Eucharist and music has fed your spirit today. We also pray for those who are ill, especially Shirley, Judith, Andy, Cynthia, Neal, Valentin, Kandi, Bradley, Rená, Catherine, Mary Ann, Caroline, Joan, Gina, Megan, Alfred, Ashley, Alta, Farris, Mildred, Sherry, Nell & Kathleen, and those we now name. May they be restored to health and wholeness through Christ's healing touch. **Lord, your gift is the fullness of abundant life.**

We entrust the souls of those who died to our Lord's eternal care, especially Donald Browning, Daniel Berrel, & Mary Lou Brittingham, and those we now name. May Christ wrap His loving arms around those who grieve and comfort them in their pain and loss. **Lord, Your promise of eternal life sustains us.**

Today we share occasions of joy with our Christ Church family, including the birthdays of Ann, Alexander, Bill, Karen, De Jong & Nick and baptismal anniversaries of Tom & Leigh. **Lord, we are so grateful for Your blessings in our lives.**

Through the sacrifice of Christ, we are granted forgiveness and a personal, unfailing access to God. Our hearts and souls are His sanctuary, as we devote our lives to Him. Let us worship together in community, encourage each other in friendship and commit ourselves to love and service in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin | BCP 360

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 Choral Anthem | Simple Gifts

Robert Lehman

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | 380, V. 1

Old 100th

**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 | Eucharistic Prayer A | BCP 355

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 | BCP 365

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.**

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.

You may receive just the bread if you prefer.

If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.

If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.

Fraction Anthem | LEVAS 154 (Refrain)

James E. Moore, Jr.

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Eucharistic Visitors' Prayer | 10:30 a.m. service

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.

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 423 | Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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

Postlude | Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Sellar Lang
Ola Oladipupo, organist

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PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 19

Sunday, November 13 – Thanksgiving Food Drive continues

8:00 am	Eucharist – Old Brick
8:30 – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Great Hall
8:30 – 9:30 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 – 9:30 am	Family Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Great Hall
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick
9:30 – 10:15 am	Bible Study – Parish Hall, conference room
9:30 – 10:15 am	Sunday School – Parish Hall, lower level
10:30 am	Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Donald Browning Memorial Service – New Brick, upper level
2:00 p.m.	Donald Browning Repast – New Brick, lower level
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class – Zoom
2:00 – 6:30 pm	Event Rental – New Brick, upper level

Monday, November 14

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
12:45 – 1:00 pm	Dorsey Center Meal Drop-off
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Grassroots Drop-off
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Zoom
7:30 – 10:00 pm	Columbia Conjurors – Parish Hall
7:30 – 9:30 pm	CEC Outreach Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
12:30 – 2:00 pm	Japanese Play Group – Outside New Brick
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Children's Choir – New Brick, upper level
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom

Wednesday, November 16

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
10:00 am	TOPS – Parish Hall, lower level
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 8:30 pm	Theology on Tap – Ale House
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, November 17

8:00 – 8:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Bible Study – Old Brick & Zoom
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Refugee Ministry Meeting – Zoom
7:30 – 8:30 pm	AA Women Only – Parish Hall, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level

Friday, November 18

7:00 – 7:30 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 – 7:30 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Book Club – Zoom
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, November 19

9:00 am – 12 pm	Parish Calendar Meeting – Old Brick & Zoom
2:00 pm	AA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9 pm	NA Meeting, Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit announcements for publication,
email to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Thursday morning

This Sunday at Christ Church: Pentecost XXIII

Join us at any of our three worship services this Sunday morning. The first is an intimate 8 a.m. worship in Old Brick. Then at 9:00, our Family Worship gathers in the New Brick Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School (Great Hall) for our youth and several Adult Formation gatherings around the campus. We then conclude the morning in the New Brick Sanctuary with our 10:30 Holy Eucharist, complete with music and choir. Nursery services are available in New Brick for those who need them. We continue to follow the **Green Post-Omicron Phase guidelines**, which means that mask use is optional, though still recommended. As always, we'll livestream our 10:30 worship, which you can watch on our **website**, **YouTube**, or **Facebook** pages.

Sunday School

Youth Formation begins with breakfast around 8:30, followed by Family Worship and Sunday School. Every child is welcome, 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

Adult Formation

Sunday Circle gathers in Old Brick at 9:30 a.m. each week. We begin our multi-week study of The Nicene Creed, led by Mother Marcia Davenport. Our Parenting Group gathers in the New Brick Vestry Room (lower level). Bible Study will meet in the Parish Hall Conference Room. There are several options, and you're welcome to join any of them any Sunday. **See our Adult Formation page on the CEC website for more information.**

Confirmation and Inquirers Class

This class is for all those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or those who wish to Reaffirm their faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church. This class takes place on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Your Church Needs You!

We are in need of more ushers, chalicists, and lectors for both Sunday services. You will serve on rotational schedules (not every week) and during select events. There are no age requirements or limits, and TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED, so please consider helping out!

- **Ushers**: welcome, seat, and direct parishioners during the service
- **Chalicists (Lay Eucharistic Minister)**: assist the clergy in the distribution of the Eucharist
- **Lector (Lay Reader)**: read aloud to the congregation throughout the year.

Please contact Yetti Lipede at ministry@christchurchcolumbia.org for more information.

Sunday School Help is Very Much Needed!

Sunday school is in need of helpers in our classes. We are so blessed with the many young children in our program! In order to be in compliance with church regulations, we need at least 2 adults in each class, and they will help supervise the children and assist the teachers. Please contact Jennifer Atkins (dandjatkins@verizon.net) if you are able to assist or have any questions.

Announcement Deadline Change

Each week in November, announcements for the weekly communications and service leaflets must be received earlier than usual. If you have anything that you'd like to have included, please send them to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org by Tuesday evening each week. Thank you.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Bishop Sutton recently led a day-long retreat at Christ Church that focused on Centering Prayer and how it can help manage life's crises and stresses. Centering Prayer is a unique method of prayer that helps us be present and open to God, moving us beyond conversation with Christ and towards communion with Him. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special gathering on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **859 2522 4340** and Password is **Centering!**

Christ Church Choir - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. and the Children's Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. **You can find links to the registration forms on our website's Music Ministry page.** Whether you read music or not, whether you have previous experience or not, and whether you are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choir! If you're interested, please speak with Larissa or email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Theology on Tap - Wednesday, November 16th

Looking for a space where you can have a nice chat about interesting religious articles from the pages of the New York Times or the Wall Street Journal? Theology on Tap is an opportunity for informal, structure-free conversation with other parishioners at a different local watering hole each month. Our inaugural gathering takes place on Wednesday, November 16th at **The Ale House in Columbia**, so come and join us at 7 p.m. for a fun evening! The address is 6480 Dobbin Way. Speak with, or email, **Sarah Thomas** or **Mike Looney** for more details.

Bible Study - Thursdays

This season, the class studies some of the major themes of Paul's Letter to the Romans. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and we'll all study and learn together. Bring a Bible and gather with us in Old Brick at 5:30 p.m. any week you're able. Thursday Bible Study is a hybrid gathering; the Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **837 0456 2866** and Password is **CECBible**

The CEC Book Club - Fridays

The CEC Book Club regathers next Friday, November 18th at 7:30 p.m. with a new book. We always enjoy having new people join our virtual gathering, so if you like curling up with an insightful read and discussing it with others, this is the time to join us! Just **email Ellen Hoke at efboudreau1@gmail.com** for details. Then simply log in to Zoom for an hour or so. The Zoom link is **here**, Meeting ID is **894 0227 6226** and Password is **CECBooks**

First Wednesday Fellowship - December 7th

Join us for the final FWF gathering of the year, taking place on Wednesday, December 7th. We'll begin at 6 p.m. for a communal supper of catered Jamaican food, and follow it up with activity time from 7 - 8 p.m. This time, we will decorate cookies to be delivered with our meal ministry, make holiday cards to send to shut-ins and those in the military, and have a white elephant gift exchange! Please bring a wrapped gift - it can be silly, tacky, weird, or fun! More info will be here in the coming weeks. Join us!

WOCC's News Updates

- **Springfield Hospital Christmas Gifts Gathering:** We are gathering gifts for our Springfield Hospital friends again this year. You can bring them with you to the WOCC Christmas Luncheon, where we will have a table set aside for them. You can also drop them off in or near the Springfield bin in the Tower Room. Their "wish list" is the same as previous years, and is posted on the bin and on the Luncheon poster in the Narthex. We will need your donations by Sunday, December 18th. Please do not wrap your gifts or include glass containers, manual razors, or medications.

- **Seafarers Donations Needed:** Several times a year, WOCC delivers your generous donations in support of the Center's mission to serve seafarers' spiritual and practical well-being. We have one more delivery this year, so please place your donations in or near the Seafarers bin in the Tower Room of New Brick by November 15th. Seafarers especially appreciate our donations of:

- Bibles
- Stationery goods, such as calendars, note paper, and cards
- Warm clothing, such as socks, hats, gloves, and scarves; and
- Magazines like Sports Illustrated; National Geographic; Smithsonian; New Yorker; Baltimore Magazine; Travel Magazine; and Discover.

You may contact Carolann Sawyer or Cindy Read if you have any questions. The Center thanks you for your ongoing generosity!

Invitation to Remotely Attend the Outreach Meeting on Monday, November 14th

The holiday period is the perfect time to get involved in Outreach at Christ Church. Get started by attending the commission's monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14th. Help us fulfill our mission, which has a local, national, and international scope. **The Zoom link is HERE**, Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968** and the Password is **Outreach!** See you on Zoom!

Hear the Call: SLYC's Training Session for After-School Tutors is November 15th

For those considering a hands-on opportunity to work with youth in West Baltimore, please plan to attend a remotely-held tutor's training session on Tuesday, November 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. (see flier) "Foundation for Success: Academic Intervention Program" is a free session to be held on Zoom.

St. Luke's Youth Center operates year-round as the nonprofit **SLYC** at 217 N. Carey St., Baltimore, MD 21223. Volunteers will spend at least an hour a week between 3 and 5:30 p.m.

Christ Church is among SLYC's partners, along with secular supporters, other parishes and the **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland**. Parishioner Michon Semon, who serves as the SLYC liaison on the Outreach Commission, can tell you what it's like to volunteer there. We're also participating in the raffle of a queen-size quilt made by parishioner Nancy Winchester. To buy tickets (on sale through December 2), email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**.

Volunteer to Serve a Meal or Add to the Menus Enjoyed by Our Homeless Friends at the DRC and Grassroots

Once again you can take part in the Christ Church tradition of helping the homeless on the second Monday of each month. To join us on November 14th, please sign up by Sunday, November 13th.

If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center, our **DRC online signup form** describes the procedure. The drop-off time for side dishes, desserts, and fruit is 12:45 p.m. in the Christ Church parking lot near Old Brick. In-person volunteers also gather at that time to carpool to Jessup.

Parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal for 50 residents of a live-in center on Freetown Rd. make their drop-off later, arriving in the parking lot at 3:15 p.m. A volunteer transporting the food departs at 3:30 p.m. Get details in our **Grassroots online signup form**. We most recently took part in both on October 10th.

These facilities for the homeless are both operated by the **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. It's efficient to provide for groups at two separate venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried chicken entrees. Thank you!

Both the DRC and the Live-In Facility have broader needs for their pantries and welcome in-kind donations to be dropped off for delivery on the second Mondays. Look for the monthly needs list under the words "Related Files" on each online signup site. For information, email **outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org**. After the November meals, coordinator Nancy Winchester will hand off to coordinator Shahra Toth, with the continuing assistance of Dione Mahoney.

Columbia Community Care Requests Diapers, Personal Care Items

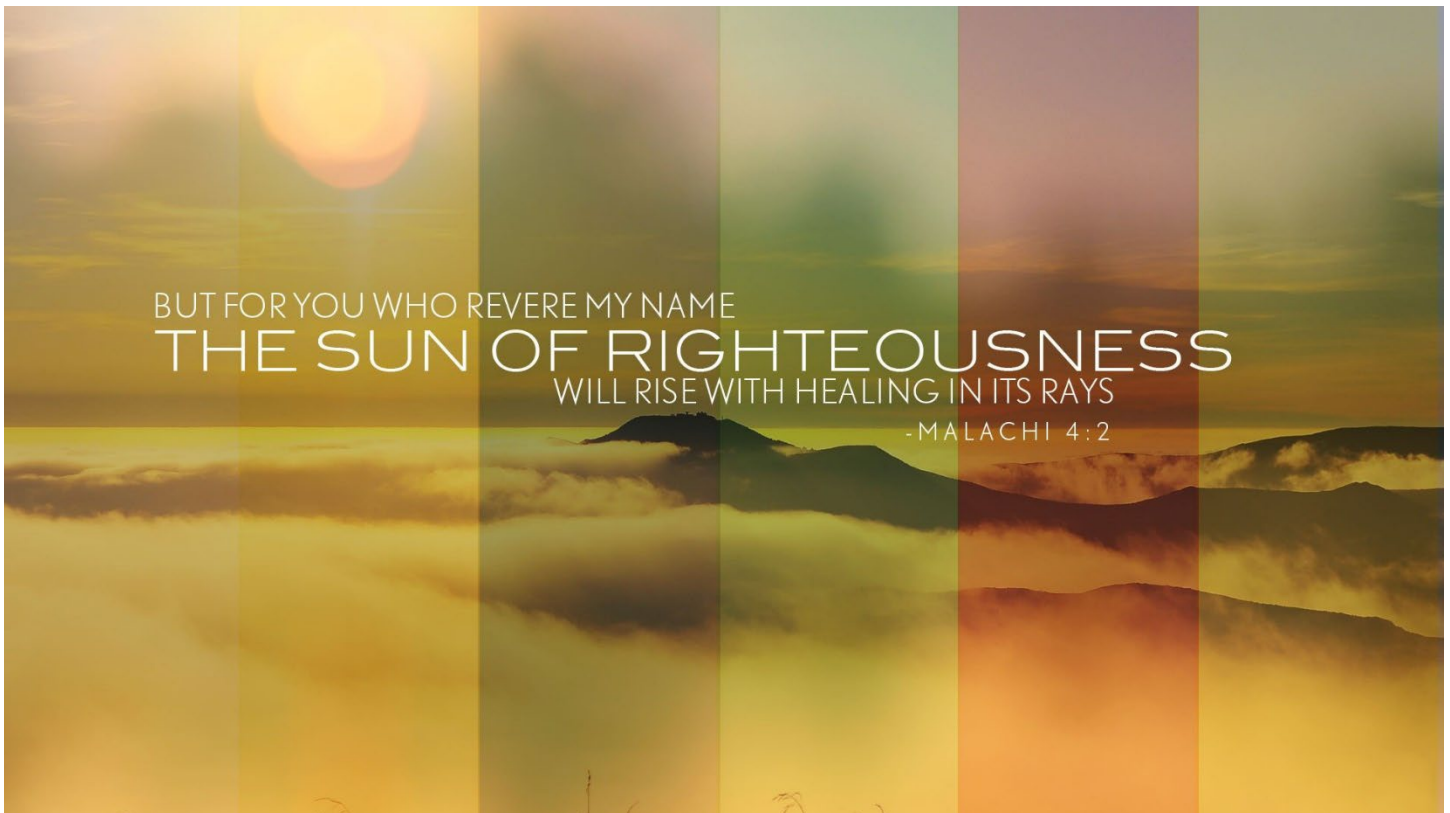
At Christ Church, members of R.A.G.E and the Outreach Commission ask parishioners to continue to support the all-volunteer organization, **Columbia Community Care** (CCC). Look for updates posted in the **CCC Facebook**

Group or on the **“I Can Help” portion of its website**. Please keep collecting diapers, baby wipes, sanitary and personal care items, and adult diapers. Drop off items in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sunday. Our point of contact is parishioner Leigh Smith.

FISH Asks Our Prayers Along with Snacks and Cookies

Our representative from **FISH of Howard County** recently had surgery. Paul Wisniewski is recovering; please pray for his good health. Pickups have resumed from **our yellow bin between Old Brick and the Parish Hall**. Please continue donating cookies, crackers, and snacks to fulfill the shopping lists. 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.



UNITED WE PRAY

Interfaith Vigil for Refugees

Sunday, November 13th at 7 p.m.
at St John's Episcopal Church, 9120 Frederick Rd. in Ellicott City

Reception to follow service
Learn more at www.christchurchcolumbia.org/refugee-ministry



Sponsored by St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbia Jewish Congregation, Dar Al-Taqwa Mosque, Hindu American Seva Communities, Patapsco Friends Meeting (Quakers of Howard County), and Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Church's Refugee Ministry will host *United We Pray: Interfaith Vigil for Refugees* this Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. This community service is open to people of all faiths and traditions, as we gather to show our unified support for those around the globe forced to leave their homes due to war, persecution, or disaster. We will pray particularly for our refugee neighbors who live, work, and attend school in our communities.

The service, to be held in St. John's at 9120 Frederick Rd. in Ellicott City, will include readings, prayers, music, and reflections from the Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Quaker faith traditions.* A light reception will follow in the adjoining All Saints Hall building immediately following the service, with the opportunity for refreshment and fellowship, and the chance to meet some of the refugee families in our area. We welcome all community members to this event, as united we pray for the plight of refugees around the world.

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Our Thanksgiving Food Drive (Non-perishables only) for the Howard County Food Bank Continues until November 17th

Christ Church partners with the Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC), and we're showing our support by conducting a food drive for Thanksgiving. Now's the time to expand your grocery lists, as items are to be dropped off by Thursday, November 17th. Members of the Outreach Commission will deliver them to CAC's Howard County Food Bank on Friday morning, November 18th.

In 2022, the Food Bank expects to feed about 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 for Christmas by distributing "Holiday Meal Kits." You can support this effort by bringing **non-perishable** food items that include the usual sides: boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and cans of fruit and vegetables (low-sodium preferred). Because families may find their pantries are bare overall this time of year, please consider adding items such as tuna and pasta from the Food Bank's non-seasonal wish list (see the flier on last week's Outreach blog).

Place goods on the Thanksgiving-decorated table in the Narthex. Alternatively, you can remain outdoors and place them in the new, yellow bin marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive" located on the breezeway near the door to Old Brick. In cold weather, please put any glass jars in the Narthex collection. **NOTE: The food bank is not collecting pies, other desserts, rolls, or turkeys due to perishability.**



**Join Us for the
WOCC Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 4th**

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. at King's Contrivance Restaurant in Columbia. It will be so wonderful to be able to gather in person again after so long, and we're hoping that you'll all join us for this celebration!

The meal includes a 3-course meal, sides, bread, non-alcoholic beverages, and gratuities, and the total cost is \$45. You can sign up now through Sunday, November 27th, in both Old Brick (at the back) and New Brick (in the Narthex) or email us at WOCC@christchurchcolumbia.org if you are worshipping remotely on Sundays.

You can pay by check, or by using Realm. If paying by check, please make it out to Christ Church, with *WOCC Christmas Luncheon* written in the memo line. If you are paying by Realm, please use the usual **Online Giving Form**, select "Women of Christ Church" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and write "Christmas Luncheon" in the *MEMO* line. If you have any questions, please speak with Rhonda Tomlinson, or email us.



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

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