

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II – Sunday, August 7, 2022 | 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

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### THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE – Adoration

Florence Price

OPENING HYMN 1 – Father, We Praise Thee

Christe Sanctorum

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -  
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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 to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM GENESIS 15:1-6

**Reader:**        **A Reading from Genesis.**

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

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

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

PSALM 33:12-22

*Exultate, justi*

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
    **happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
    **and beholds all the people in the world.**

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
    **on all who dwell on the earth.**

He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
    **and understands all their works.**

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
    **a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.**

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
    **for all its strength it cannot save.**

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
    **on those who wait upon his love,**

To pluck their lives from death, \*  
    **and to feed them in time of famine.**

Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
    **he is our help and our shield.**

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
    **for in his holy Name we put our trust.**

Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
    **as we have put our trust in you.**

A READING FROM HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**People:**        Thanks be to God.

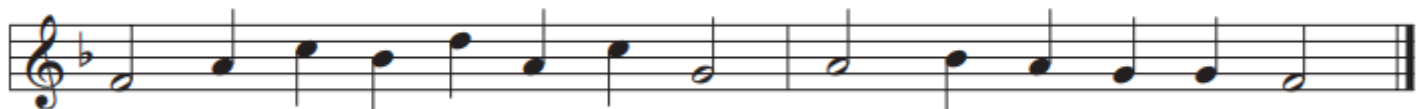
*The people stand as able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 462 – The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

St. Martin's



1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot-steps can - not err;  
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos-som show;  
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;  
4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame  
5 For great thou art, and won-ders great by thy strong hand are done:



1 be - fore him right-eous-ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.  
2 and jus-tice, from her heaven-ly bower, look down on us be - low.  
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.  
4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.  
5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Amanda Gardner Talbot, *Saint Luke's Youth Center*

*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, your kingdom is built by those acting in faithful obedience to Your will. You have set before us the perfect model of faithful obedience, Jesus Christ. Help us to understand that actions, not just words, grow the kingdom. Give us courage to embrace the path set before us. We pray, **“Lord, help us.”**

Your Word reveals clarity of purpose, a yearning for truth and justice, and an understanding of the tasks set before us. Love, trustworthiness, justice, and forgiveness are the cornerstones of life in your kingdom. May we reveal our heartfelt beliefs to everyone we encounter: the stranger, the friend, the prisoner, the destitute, the foreigner, and all those we meet, including those carefully placed into our lives. May the newcomers joining us today find us a warm, welcoming, and joyous community of love. We pray, **“Christ, help us.”**

We are daily faced with new dangers, fears, and challenges. Suffering, tumult, and disasters often occur with insufficient remediation. The challenges seem overwhelming. Remind us that we never act alone but are part of the body of Christ, a body guided and protected by Your almighty hand. We especially pray for those recovering from floods throughout the Appalachian region, migrants trekking toward our borders, those suffering under the firestorm of war, and the victims of all violent crimes, that your almighty hand strengthen and guide them through their travails. We pray, **“Lord, protect and save us all.”**

Many suffer from illness in mind, body, or spirit. We pray for strength and recovery of those who are in need and especially for Richard, 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 you now name. We ask for Your care of those in our parish family who are in harm’s way, especially Kevin DeBoissiere. We pray, **“By your hand, You restore our breath of Life.”**

For the departed, may they be granted eternal rest especially Elena Zhelyaskov, Matthew Wilson, and those you now name. For those suffering the grief of loss, the heartache of separation, the fear of earthly insecurity, we pray, **“Comfort the grieving and brokenhearted for in Christ life is joyous and eternal.”**

We give thanks for our church leadership, who nourish our faith: our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Diocesan bishops, Eugene and Robert; our Rector, Manny; our Assistant Priest, Marcia; and our Deacon, Denise. We give thanks to our lay ministries. May the Lord continue to pour His Spirit into all who serve. We pray for the churches of our diocese, especially: St. Mary’s, Woodlawn; St. Paul’s, Mt. Airy; and St. Peter’s, Ellicott City. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In one voice we pray, **“Protect and nurture Your Church, the Body of Christ.”**

We give thanks for the innumerable blessings showered on us. We especially wish to acknowledge occasions of great joy such as the birthdays of Allison, Chuck, Paul & Marilyn, and anniversary of Krista & Michael McCormick **“We sing for joy to the living God.”**

“By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.” (Heb 11:3) We shout **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 209 – We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

St. Botolph

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*The people stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN 390, V. 1

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

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.**

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.



Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther. There is no shad-dow of  
Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their  
Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with thee, Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not  
cours-es a bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,  
cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

As thou has been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
To thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is thy faith-ful-ness!  
Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have  
need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

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 68 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Llangloffan



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

## DISMISSAL

*The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:*

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE – Concerto No. 2 in G Major

JS Bach

*The Organist for today's service is Larissa Sanders.  
Larissa is Christ Episcopal Church's new Director of Music.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Welcome, Larissa!

When you come to church this Sunday, be sure to look up towards the choir loft and give a huge, warm welcome to our new Director of Music, Larissa Sanders! Larissa (pronounced La-REE-sa) grew up in the Baltimore area and currently resides in Columbia with her family. **You can learn more about her on our website's Staff page** and if you need to reach her by email, just send yours to [music@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:music@christchurchcolumbia.org). We are so happy to have you as part of the Christ Church family, Larissa!

### 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**.

### 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.

### Midsummer Campout at Christ Church - Saturday, August 13

Join us in the field for a parish campout! We have tons of fun planned for Saturday, August 13th (rain date is August 20th) with activities beginning at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us - you can stay for a while, or hang with us all night! Bring a tent, chairs, dinner, and drinks. S'mores, campfire, and fun will be provided! You can RSVP **here** and direct any questions to [dandjatkings@verizon.net](mailto:dandjatkings@verizon.net).

### LEMS Partnership: We're Almost There! - Tuesday, August 16

Thanks to all of you who have helped us get the Lake Elkhorn Middle School Partnership off to a great start this summer. The bags are all stuffed (thank you!) and now there's one final step before the students to put these items into action. **If you can, please meet us at the church on Tuesday, August 16th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to deliver the supplies to Lake Elkhorn Middle School.** We are also in need of a truck or van to transport the supplies and people who are able to load and unload heavy boxes, so if you can help in any way, please let us know. If you have questions about our LEMS partnership, need info on how to donate to LEMS, or can help us on August 16th, please contact Cathy Whittaker at [catharinewhittaker@gmail.com](mailto:catharinewhittaker@gmail.com).

### Youth Car Wash - Sunday, August 21

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. 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!

### **Submit Your Vestry Candidate Nominations Soon!**

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. 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.

### **Adult Forum: Sunday Circle - Returns August 28**

Sunday Circle, our adult Christian education program, returns on Sunday, August 28th, and continues throughout the second half 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:emailEllenHoke@efboudreau1@gmail.com) for details.

### **Reserve Your Spaces Now for the WOCC Flea Market - September 17**

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.

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.

### **We Need Donations for the 33rd Annual Christ Church Auction!**

The time has come to start thinking about donations for the 2022 Christ Church Silent and Live Auction. Start going through your basements and closets for items, or perhaps think about something new to donate. Several of you have already contacted the Auction Committee about planned donations, but many more are needed! Last year, there were more than 200 wonderful offerings, and every one of them helped raise important funds for our parish. We're looking for small items, large items, and anything in between - items such as homemade baked goodies, baskets filled with wonderful items, special or themed dinners, vacation destinations, and services like lawn care are also welcome. If you have questions about your items being Auction-worthy, let us know! Please contact the Auction Committee by emailing [auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org). You can submit your donations by emailing [auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:auktion@christchurchcolumbia.org) or you can place them directly into the Auction software: [https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauktion.net/auktion2022/donate\\_items/new](https://christepiscopalchurch.schoolauktion.net/auktion2022/donate_items/new). Don't forget, every donor will receive a written statement from the Auction Committee on your donation's fair market value for tax purposes. More information will be provided in the coming weeks, so watch this space!

### **Help Us Care For the Sanctuary... Join the Altar Guild**

We are looking for a few more volunteers 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)

### **Saint Luke's Youth Center Leaders To Describe Its Mission and Launch a Raffle of Our Parishioner's Handmade Quilt on Sunday, August 7th**

Please tune in virtually or come in person to welcome Executive Director Amanda Gardner Talbot of St. Luke's Youth Center, which operates year-round as the nonprofit **SLYC**. She will deliver the sermon at Christ Church during both services on Sunday, August 7th.

Christ Church is also happy to participate in the launch on Sunday of an SLYC fund-raiser made possible by a parishioner. Nancy Winchester has donated one of her lovely, handmade quilts - this one is designed in a fall theme. You can admire the quilt and buy raffle tickets in the Narthex.

Future stops for Nancy's quilt will involve some of the area congregations that support SLYC, which is the former St. Luke's Episcopal parish. The **Episcopal Diocese of Maryland** is among the partners, and its reparations task force recently awarded a grant to SYLC and five other organizations. Read about the grants in **a May 25th press release** from the diocese.

You, too, are partnering with SLYC in that Vestry-approved funds for Christ Church Outreach are supporting its Camp Inspiration. SLYC held one session of its summer camp in June and will hold a second one Aug. 15-26, as described in **the July newsletter**. The Outreach Commission contributed \$500, and others at Christ Church made donations. West Baltimore families collaborate in SLYC's leadership and offerings, which include "Moms on a Mission" and an after-school program. Our liaison to SLYC is Michon Semon, who led an Outreach field trip in June to St. Luke's at 217 N. Carey Street, Baltimore, MD. Take three minutes to enjoy a virtual field trip by viewing **"This is SLYC"** on YouTube.

The **May 10, 2022 newsletter** of the diocese has an article on the historic church and how it became a youth center. That was the mission of Talbot's father, the Very Rev. Van Gardner, after retiring as Dean of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore. After his death, his daughter pursues their dream. Please say hello to Amanda on Sunday or, if you can't be with us, post a comment online or send an email to [amanda@bmoreslyc.org](mailto:amanda@bmoreslyc.org).



## **JOIN US! Virtually Attend our Christ Church Outreach Meeting this Monday, Aug. 8th**

The Outreach Commission invites you to join its monthly meeting to learn about opportunities this summer and fall. In keeping with our mission, the scope is local, national, and international. We meet virtually at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8th. The Zoom link is [HERE](#), Meeting ID is **876 3365 4968** and Password is **Outreach!** Looking forward to seeing you!

## **It's the Second Monday of the Month! Volunteer to Serve a Meal or Add to the Menu for Our Homeless Friends at the DRC and Grassroots**

If you haven't yet experienced the Christ Church tradition of helping the homeless on the second Monday of each month, give it a try on Monday, Aug. 8. You can read a thorough description of the heartwarming routine on the Christ Church website in [the Outreach Blog of July 7, 2022](#). We most recently took part on July 11th.

If you wish to volunteer or bring food for the Day Resource Center (DRC) at the Dorsey Center, our [DRC online signup form](#) also 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 rendezvous 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 more details on participating in our [Grassroots online signup form](#).

Both facilities for the homeless are 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 wider 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 of the signup sites online.

There are vaccination requirements for in-person volunteers. For information, email [outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org) to contact co-coordinator Nancy Winchester.

## **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.



## Join Us for the 2022 Parish Retreat This Autumn

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 free time for everyone 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 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](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)

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