

# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



NOVEMBER 10, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

## THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

**THE FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM.** Several times a year, Christ Church works with Family Promise of Northern New Castle County to support families who are experiencing homelessness. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Over 80% of families secure housing in less than 60 days, and over 90% remain housed one year post-transition. Click [here](#) for more information. Christ Church's next Family Promise week is November 24-30, when members of our congregation provide meals, assistance, and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to five families each evening. For details and to volunteer, click [here](#).

## MONTHLY 175TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE PROJECT – TODAY & NOVEMBER 15

Our 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services (LCS) continues this year as we address food insecurity in Wilmington with two opportunities to participate each month.

**Donations Needed Today, November 10:** On second Sundays, we collect items to donate to Lutheran Community Services: toilet paper, children's diapers, adult pull-up diapers, feminine hygiene products, body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Items are presented during worship and taken to LCS to be distributed during Christ Church's monthly volunteer opportunity.

**Volunteer on Friday, November 15:** On third Fridays, volunteers are needed to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and then distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) for details and to sign up.

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## LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW – TODAY

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953. This joyful holiday celebration for the whole family will be held on December 6 and 7 with many opportunities to participate. Join us today between the 9 and 10:30 AM services in Parish Hall A to learn more, and find additional information in this bulletin.

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## CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR CONCERT: *MUSIC IN MEMORIAM* – TODAY

The Christ Church Choir and chamber ensemble present *Music in Memoriam* today at 4 PM in the Church. This concert features a world premiere of an a cappella work by Westminster Choir College composer Joel Phillips and music from Philip Ledger's *Requiem*, which will be offered in memory of the Very Rev. Dr. Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury Cathedral, who was to be our Theologian in Residence this week, prior to his sudden death. A brief reception will follow the concert. A free will offering will be received.

### **COMBINED 9 AM SERVICE – NOVEMBER 17**

The ARK and SANCTUARY services combine for worship in the Church next Sunday, November 17. Please join us for one wonderful service of worship at 9 AM on that day and in our separate sacred spaces for worship on other Sundays, when The ARK gathers for young children and their families in the Chapel, and SANCTUARY gathers for older children, youth, and their families in the Church.

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### **FRIENDSGIVING: BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH – NOVEMBER 17**

To live into our mission of welcoming people into a loving and joyful community, we ask you to invite a friend to join us for worship and an expanded Coffee & Community hosted by our Parish Fellowship Ministry next Sunday, November 17. Come enjoy sweets and treats with a fall flavor and a fun craft activity for the kids at 9:30 AM in the Parish Halls as we give thanks for each other and for all of God's blessings. No faith formation classes will meet during this time, so all ages can participate in this intergenerational event.

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### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – NOVEMBER 17**

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, November 17, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

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### **DONATE A MEAL OR TURKEY FOR THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT – NOVEMBER 17**

Each year we partner with our interfaith friends to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Those who picked up red food bags to be filled with all the fixings for a meal are asked to return them by next Sunday, November 17. To donate a turkey for one of the bags, your \$20 contribution may be mailed to Christ Church, placed in the offering plate, or given [online](#). Then join us on November 17 from 3 to 5 PM in our Parish Halls for the event and a potluck supper. For the supper, please bring a main or side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Out of respect for the dietary guidelines of our partners, dishes should not contain shellfish, pork products, beef, or combine dairy products with meat.

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### **CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS – NOVEMBER 17**

Choral Evensong will take place next Sunday, November 17, at 4 PM in the Chapel, led by the Christ Church Choristers and clergy. This service is a wonderful opportunity for children and youth who are interested in joining the chorister program to hear the choir and learn about the chorister experience. Come support our youngest singers as they make music to the glory of God.

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### **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE – NOVEMBER 28**

Our Thanksgiving Day service at 10 AM includes Holy Eucharist in the Church with members of our choir. Join us to give thanks to God and to remember our blessings.

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### **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS – DECEMBER 1**

Advent Lessons & Carols will be held on Sunday, December 1, at 5 PM in the Church. Patterned after the great service in Salisbury, England, members of our parish read the lessons, and the Christ Church Choir leads our singing. Join us as we allow the light, scripture, prayer, and music to open our hearts to the coming of Christ this Advent and move us toward the true joy of Christmas.

## THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 6 & 7

With less than a month before this year's Green Show, here is what you need to know to participate:

### VOLUNTEER

Your help is needed! Options include making sweets and treats to be sold, decorating wreaths and plants, cooking for the Preview Party, preparing Green Show spaces and moving furniture, helping decorate the Parish Center, setting up the silent auction, checking in Preview Party guests, and serving as a cashier, cook, bartender, or server. See the full list of volunteer opportunities and sign up [here](#).

### DONATE

All types of donations are needed to make this year's Green Show a success—silent auction items, fresh and dried greens, pine cones, pods, and hydrangea, plant containers, wreath decorations and bows, good quality holiday and household items, gently-used and new children's toys, jewelry and accessories, wine and spirits, food for the Preview Party, and more. Click [here](#) for details.

### PREORDER

Each year we offer preorders of some of your favorite Green Show items. Preordering guarantees availability and allows us to manage our inventory. Click [here](#) to check out this year's options and place your orders today.

### ATTEND

Enjoy one-stop shopping and decorating with beautiful wreaths, fresh greens, unique gifts, homemade dishes, and more! Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, for a large dose of holiday spirit and fun for all ages. Click [here](#) to purchase Preview Party tickets and for the complete schedule of events.

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### PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 222 households that have made a financial pledge to Christ Church for the coming year! Christ Church is a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome, and your gift to God makes this place possible. The finance committee and vestry are working to set our 2025 ministry budget, and we rely on contributions and pledges like yours as our primary source of income to support our ministries as we care for our parish family and serve the community around us. Please join us in making your pledge by mailing your pledge form to Christ Church or pledging [online](#), and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

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### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
Alletta and Robert N. Downs III  
Molly and Ellason Downs

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.*



**NEW HERE?** Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

#### **PARISH CLERGY**

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*  
The Rev. Michael Kurth, *Associate Rector/Preschool Chaplain*  
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

#### **LAY MINISTRY STAFF**

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*  
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*  
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*  
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Cameron Kuzepski, *Organ Scholar*

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

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#### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*  
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