

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR CREATIONS CARE MINISTRY. Christ Church's Creations Care Ministry leads our church and our community in caring for our planet by educating and implementing visible, sustainable ways of maximizing our natural resources and minimizing our carbon footprint through reducing, reusing, and recycling. Last month, they hosted our second flexible plastics collection event here at Christ Church to benefit Bags2Mats for the Homeless. This statewide program turns plastic material into plarn (plastic yarn), and volunteers crochet the plarn into mats for the homeless. In addition, they organized the planting of a native and pollinator plant border around the outside of our labyrinth wall with the help of some of our parishioners. To view photos from these events, visit our [Facebook page](#). For more information on this ministry, please contact [Eda Ross Montgomery](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH CELEBRATE FRIENDSGIVING

Join us for an expanded Coffee & Community hosted by our Parish Fellowship Ministry today, 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets today 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.

BRING YOUR DONATION & JOIN US FOR THE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING PROJECT

Today is the final day to contribute to our Interfaith Thanksgiving Project, where 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 today. To donate a turkey for one of the bags, your \$20 contribution may be placed in the offering plate, brought to today's event, or given [online](#). Then join us today 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTERS

Choral Evensong takes place today 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.

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE WEEK – NOVEMBER 24-30

Christ Church will host families from the Family Promise network during Thanksgiving week, 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 a few 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](#).

PARISH ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE – NOVEMBER 24

Advent ushers in our new liturgical year and is a season that calls us to slow down, prepare, and wait for the coming of Christ. This year, members of our parish contributed writings for each day of Advent, and we've compiled these into a Parish Advent Devotional. You are invited to pick up your copy beginning next Sunday, November 24, and to set aside time each day during Advent to consider how the day's devotion supports you on your Advent journey.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – NOVEMBER 25

On the fourth Monday of each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. This is a great opportunity to connect with other women in the parish, and all women are invited. Join us at Cromwell's Tavern on Monday, November 25, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

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.

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.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS – SUBMIT NAMES BY DECEMBER 2

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music at Christmas this year, please submit your names and contribute [online](#) or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, December 2. All memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE TO CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to the 230 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.

THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 6 & 7

Donate: It's not too late to make a donation to the Green Show! Items include silent auction donations, all types of fresh greens, plant materials and containers, wreath decorations and bows, all shapes and sizes of pine cones, magnolia pods, dried hydrangea, good quality holiday and household items, wine and spirits, food for the Preview Party, and more. Or make a cash contribution, 100% of which goes directly to Outreach. For details, click [here](#).

Volunteer: Experience the joy of volunteering at the Green Show. Your time and talents are what make this event such a success. Learn how you can help in the coming weeks [here](#).

Preorder Items to Guarantee Availability: Each year we offer preorders of some of your favorite Green Show items. Check out this year's options [here](#) and place your orders today for pickup during the Green Show.

Purchase Preview Party Tickets: Click [here](#) to purchase your Preview Party tickets for Friday, December 6, from 6 to 9 PM and kick off the holiday season with Green Show holiday shops, our silent auction, a vendor marketplace, and beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Attend Saturday's Free Family Fun Event: Join us at the Green Show on Saturday, December 7, from 10 AM to 2 PM for one-stop shopping and decorating with wreaths, Christmas trees, fresh greens, unique gifts, homemade dishes and crafts, a visit from Santa, children's activities, brunch, and more. Find the schedule of events [here](#).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST MEMBERS NEEDED

This year's Christmas pageant takes place on Christmas Eve during the 2 PM service. Children and youth ages 3 and up are welcome to join the cast playing the townspeople, soldiers, animals, angels, and shepherds, up through the lead roles of the narrators, Mary and Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Magi, and other speaking roles. Children serve as ushers and stagehands too—roles without costumes or speaking parts. Parents are needed to help with costuming and stage directions. Those with speaking roles rehearse on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and the full cast will rehearse on Saturday, December 21, from 9:30 to 11 AM. Click [here](#) to register your child's participation.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHURCH MERCH THIS CHRISTMAS

Share your church spirit with those on your Christmas shopping list this year! Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, and more. Place your order [here](#).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of

Robin Hickman Parker, Francis Peter Parker

and in loving memory of

Jay Hughes, Peggy Hughes

Ellie Kelly

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
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David Rubini

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*
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM