CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 17, 2024

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Service Music from *The Christ Church Mass*, Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Voluntary Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19 No. 2

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 48 O Day of Radiant Gladness

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

All sing

Gloria in Excelsis





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*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

The Choir sings

Psalm 16 Conserva me, Domine

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 596 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor*

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading Mark 13:1-8

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily Michael Kurth

Please stand for

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God:

People 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.

A member of the parish leads

The Prayers of the People

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and renewed in the Word, let us pray to God for the needs of the world.

Gracious God, we offer thanks and praise for all the blessings of our lives; for family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us; for the wonder of life and the mystery of love. We thank you for your whole creation, so beautiful and bounteous, given for us to share, to preserve and protect. We are your stewards, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Give your wisdom to the leaders of the nations, especially our president, Joe, and president-elect, Donald, that there may be peace and provision for all people. We pray for nations and neighbors at war or in conflict, for victims of violence, people in poverty, and all who search for safety. Give your blessing to all veterans and for those who serve now; for peace in our nation, our region, and the City of Wilmington. Hold us together in your great goodness. We want your peace, O God. *Lead us in your love*.

We thank you for giving the Church your Spirit's power. We pray for Sean, our presiding bishop, and for Kevin, our bishop. We give thanks for our parish ministries and our outreach partner, *N*. Strengthen, bless, and guide us to make Jesus known by word and example. We are your Church, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Awaken our hearts to your presence in all people—in those familiar to us and those who are different from us. Teach us to use our talents to welcome and bless all your children. We are made in your image, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Lord, comfort and strengthen those in any need or trouble. We pray for those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, for those who have asked our prayers, especially *N*., and those we name now [aloud or silently, we offer intentions]. Let them discover your love through the care and support of others. We are your children, O God.

Lead us in your love.

We pray for those who have died, especially *N*., and loved ones we remember, *N*. May they surround your heavenly throne in glory and may those who grieve find peace and strength in you. In you alone we have eternal life, O God.

Lead us in your love.

Celebrant

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfill your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People 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.

The Celebrant declares the absolution.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960)

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, not of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

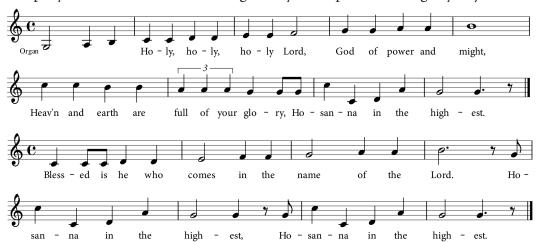
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 for ever. *Amen.*

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Anthem

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given to us. Alleluia. Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People 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.

People Amen.

All sing

Hymn in Procession 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Fantasy in G minor

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with joy. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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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 <u>Facebook page</u>. For more information on this ministry, please contact <u>Eda Ross Montgomery</u> 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 <u>here</u> 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 <u>online</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Preorder Items to Guarantee Availability: Each year we offer preorders of some of your favorite Green Show items. Check out this year's options <u>here</u> and place your orders today for pickup during the Green Show.

Purchase Preview Party Tickets: Click <u>here</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

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 in loving memory of

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.



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