

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



NOVEMBER 24, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY. At Christ Church we invite youth to explore their faith through Bible Study, worship, discussion, and fellowship in a safe, dynamic setting. Our dedicated adult advisors help lead and guide our youth, and we encourage them to ask questions, go deeper into who they are in Christ, and help them live out their faith in the world. In addition to our Sunday offerings for 6th through 12th grades, youth acolyte at services, participate in mission trips and service opportunities, and gather for fellowship on a regular basis. Our prayer is that all young people are given the opportunity to experience the love of God and continue to grow and flourish in their faith. Click [here](#) to learn more or contact [Mason Cruz](#), Minister for Children & Youth.

ADVENT DOVE PROJECT BEGINS TODAY

The Outreach Committee is collecting Christmas gifts for children at St. Michael's School & Nursery, Friendship House, the Choir School of Delaware, and STEHM. Advent Doves will be distributed at services today, and each Dove tag lists gift ideas and instructions for participating. Please return wrapped Christmas gifts to Christ Church by Sunday, December 8. Last year, Christ Church parishioners provided gifts for more than 100 families.

PARISH ADVENT DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE

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 from the back of the Church today and to set aside time each day during Advent to consider how the day's devotion supports you on your Advent journey. Copies are available [online](#) as well.

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 tomorrow, November 25, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP today.

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 next 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.

THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW – DECEMBER 6 & 7

Donate: There's still time to make a donation to the Green Show this week. Items include silent auction donations, all types of fresh greens, plant materials and containers, wreath decorations and bows, 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 this week and next [here](#).

Preorder Items to Guarantee Availability: Each year we offer preorders of some of your favorite Green Show items. Place your orders today for Christmas trees, boxwood topiary trees, decorated and undecorated wreaths, carrot cake, freezer foods, soups, and toffee [here](#) and then pick up items 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](#).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – DECEMBER 11

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, December 11, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room. Gather with friends for meaningful conversation and make new friends over coffee, tea, and snacks. Join us for this time of fun and fellowship and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

NEAPOLITAN CHRISTMAS WITH TEMPESTA DI MARE – DECEMBER 13

Hear Alessandro Scarlatti's festive Christmas cantata plus seasonal music by Falconieri, Mancini, and Marchitelli performed by Tempesta di Mare's chamber ensemble of recorder, violins, lute, harpsichord, and cello. Guest soprano Rebecca Myers joins this performance at Christ Church on Friday, December 13, at 7 PM. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased [here](#).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CAST MEMBERS NEEDED – REHEARSALS DECEMBER 15 & 21

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. Register your child's participation [here](#).

THE LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – DECEMBER 21

As we care for those who have lost loved ones, Christ Church offers a service on the longest night of the year. Join us in the Church on Saturday, December 21, at 7 PM for a candlelight prayer service for those who carry heavier burdens of sorrow into this season. Music is provided by Janet Witman on the harp.

MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH REGISTRATION OPEN

MLK Voice 4 Youth provides a platform for young people in grades 7-12 to speak out on issues important to them, reflecting MLK's commitment to social change and justice. Students choose from 150 American activists spanning different causes and eras to develop their message for change and compete on February 9, 2025 for the first place prize of \$2,000. For more information and to register by January 15, click [here](#).

2024 YEAR-END GIFTS & 2025 PLEDGES TO CHRIST CHURCH

Please help us meet our 2024 ministry budget by completing your financial pledge for the year. We count on every member to make our ministry possible, and donations are fully tax-deductible.

Thank you to the 291 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. 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, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here.

Click [here](#) to give online, make a pledge, and for instructions on giving a gift of stock. In addition, you may mail checks to Christ Church, P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Virginia and Karl Willers, Karl Robert Willers
William Brown Willers, Jane and Harry Lunger

and in loving memory of
Pat and Lillian Reilly, Dennis Reilly
Dick and Kay King

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Frank and Lily Herzog, Dina Goldstein
William P. Lindsay

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*

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