

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



DECEMBER 15, 2024

IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF STEWARDSHIP. Stewardship is the responsibility that we, as Christians, have in maintaining and wisely using our generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure, ensuring that Christ Church has the resources to strengthen and grow our discipleship and extend our caring reach. Each year our Stewardship Committee asks every member household to promise a financial offering to allow ministry to continue in the coming year, and about 65% of our financial resources come from your contributions. Thank you to the 341 households that have pledged for 2025 and to all who contribute to support our common life. 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. Please join us in making your pledge for 2025, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here! You may pledge online [here](#) or call Michael Sayer in the parish office at (302) 655-3379 to record your pledge.

Year-end Gifts to Christ Church: Please help us meet our 2024 ministry budget by completing your financial pledge for the year. If you haven't made a 2024 pledge to contribute, we welcome your offering. All donations received on or before December 31 will be credited to your 2024 contribution statement. Donations received or postmarked after December 31 will be gratefully accepted as 2025 gifts. All donations are fully tax-deductible. To give online and for instructions on giving a gift of stock, click [here](#).

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE – TODAY

Join us today as we celebrate Christmas with a cookie exchange at 9:30 AM in the Parish Halls as our Parish Fellowship Ministry hosts Coffee & Community. Please bring three dozen baked or store-bought cookies, labeled to exchange in bags of six each. No faith formation classes will meet during this time, so all ages can share in this fun intergenerational event.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – TODAY

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS – TODAY & DECEMBER 21

This year's Christmas pageant takes place on Christmas Eve during the 2 PM service. Cast members with speaking roles rehearse today from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the Church, and the full cast will rehearse on Saturday, December 21, from 9:30 to 11 AM.

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.

HELP ADORN THE CHURCH & CHAPEL THIS CHRISTMAS – DECEMBER 22 & 23

Help adorn the Church and Chapel on Sunday, December 22, from 12 to 2:30 PM or from 2:30 to 5:30 PM or on Monday, December 23, from 10 AM to 1 PM, 1:30 to 4:30 PM, or 4:30 to 6:30 PM. All experience levels are welcome, and any holiday greens donations are appreciated. Contact [Sam Greenberg](#) to volunteer for a shift.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – DECEMBER 23

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies at Pizza by Elizabeths on Monday, December 23, at 7 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve – December 24

2:00 PM Christmas Pageant with Carols (no communion) in the Church

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

4:00 PM Candlelight, Communion, and Carols in the Chapel

6:00 PM Christmas Lessons & Carols (no communion) in the Church and livestreamed to our website

10:00 PM Choral Eucharist in the Church

Christmas Day – December 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DELIVERY HELP NEEDED – DECEMBER 27

Following our Christmas worship, we deliver flowers from our sanctuary to approximately 100 of our members who are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. On Friday, December 27, between 9:30 and 10 AM, we need drivers willing to help with the distribution (anyone with a vehicle, driver's license, and a little time to spare). This simple act of pastoral ministry brings Christmas cheer to those who need it most. To volunteer, contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

COMBINED 9 AM SERVICE – DECEMBER 29

The ARK and SANCTUARY services combine for worship in the Church on Sunday, December 29. Please join us for one service of worship on this 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.

NEW YEAR'S/HOLY NAME DAY SERVICE – JANUARY 1

Join us for our New Year's/Holy Name Day celebration on Wednesday, January 1, at 12 PM in the Chapel. This communion service commemorates the naming of the child Jesus eight days after his birth.

NEW THEOLOGY SMALL GROUP MEETS – JANUARY 2

The newly-formed Theology Small Group meets every other Thursday in the Commons Room from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and explores theological writings from the earliest days of the Church up to the present. Topics include the doctrine of the Trinity, grace, salvation, and age-old questions such as: Why does suffering exist? Is evil merely the absence of good? and How much free will do we have? The conversation and company are lively, and no prior understanding of theology is needed—there is space for all people. Please join in on Thursday, January 2!

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – JANUARY 6

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. This spirituality, part of our Anglican/Episcopal tradition, took root in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Northumbria, and their coastal islands. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church on Monday, January 6, at 7 PM as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Join us as we welcome harpist Janet Witman and guitarist Trevor Koenig Sr. to play during this service in the Church.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHURCH MERCH THIS CHRISTMAS!

Christ Church merchandise is available for purchase and makes a great Christmas gift. Choose from baseball caps, water bottles, tote bags, umbrellas, Christmas ornaments, and more. Place your order [here](#) today.

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. This is a fun way to contribute to the life of our parish while extending generous hospitality, and it's a great activity to do as a family or with a group of friends. Click [here](#) to sign up for a date in 2025.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church. Order yours [here](#).

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Nora Lee and J. Floyd Layton

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Susan Elizabeth Harney

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.



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PARISH CLERGY

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

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