

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JANUARY 5, 2025

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR SMALL GROUP MINISTRY. Christ Church encourages you to grow deeper in relationship with God through lifelong spiritual development. One way we fulfill this call is through our Small Group ministry, where people gather regularly to make connections and share experiences of life and faith together. The New Year is a great time to find a group that's right for you! Click [here](#) for information on our various groups and when they meet.

New Theology Small Group Welcomes Members – January 16

A newly-formed 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. New members are welcome on January 16.

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 tomorrow, 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 Chapel.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – JANUARY 8

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this Wednesday, January 8, 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.

JOIN OUR INVITATION WORKSHOP – JANUARY 15

Did you know that 66% of Americans say they would accept an invitation to join a friend or family member at church? The challenge for us is building our courage and skills to make that invitation. To help, Christ Church parishioners are invited to join members of our Invite Welcome Connect Team on Wednesday, January 15, at 6 PM for an Invitation Workshop in Parish Hall C. Together, we will discover our own story of knowing God's love and will learn tactics for listening to others' stories and inviting them into life at Christ Church. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP for this special offering [here](#).

CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16

Now is the time to check off a New Year's resolution and clear out your stockpile of old greeting cards and paper products! Have fun and get creative as we start the New Year with a card-making workshop with artist Leslie Davis Guccione. Join in on Thursday, January 16, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A as she gives us tips on repurposing old cards, paper, and materials in our homes to create all-occasion cards to use throughout the year. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – JANUARY 17

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: QUIET ACTS OF KINDNESS – JANUARY 19

On Sunday, January 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, our Outreach Committee hosts an expanded Coffee & Community. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a fun hands-on service project where all are invited to make Valentine's Day cards for shut-in senior citizen clients of Lutheran Community Services. This is a great activity to do with your friends and family, and it's a way to make connections across the generations. No faith formation classes are held at this time so that all ages can participate.

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS – JANUARY 19

Services of Lessons & Carols focus on the story of God's actions in the world for each season of the Church year. Epiphany is a multifaceted season where we see the young Christ Jesus in the manger, being presented in the Temple, being baptized, shining forth as the light of the world, and ultimately revealing his glory in dazzling brightness on the holy mountain. Join us on Sunday, January 19, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we hear and celebrate these stories of Epiphany with music by Gabriel Jackson, John Weaver, Malcolm Archer, Felix Mendelssohn, and Johannes Eccard, led by the Christ Church Choir.

ADULT FORMATION: WORD INTO LIFE – JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12

Join the Rev. David Beresford on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12, for a 4-part series titled "Word Into Life." This will be an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday. Written copies of each sermon, along with starter questions, will be made available prior to each session. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM and concluding with Compline. Click [here](#) to RSVP, and invite friends from outside the congregation to participate as well.

NEWCOMERS: BELONG – JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join in a 4-part series called Belong on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class from 7 to 8 PM in the Commons Room. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. Please RSVP for the series [here](#).

JANUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

During January, we are collecting blankets, clothing, boots, and shoes for men, women, children, and infants for the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Please bring items in tied trash bags weighing no more than 15 pounds each, and place blanket donations in separate bags. All items may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the circle drive entrance to the Parish Center at any time during the month. Items brought to worship next Sunday, January 12, will be presented during the Offering at the 10:30 AM service.

TWO FAMILY PROMISE OPPORTUNITIES – WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 2 & APRIL 27

Christ Church has the honor of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the weeks of February 2-8 and April 27-May 3, 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. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Click [here](#) to volunteer.

2025 FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Outreach Committee has begun its 2025 funding cycle. Each year, Christ Church provides funding to nonprofit agencies that feed, clothe, house, educate, and advocate for our neighbors in need. Those who work with nonprofit agencies may download an application from our [website](#). Completed applications must be submitted by Friday, January 31.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

Edward Ivy

Earl Benjamin Mix Jr.

Samuel McGill Gawthrop, Helen Lloyd Kitchel Gawthrop
Harold Murray Sawyer, Susan Imbrie Sawyer

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 Rev. David Beresford, *Interim Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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