# CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



FEBRUARY 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION

#### THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE CHRIST CHURCH CHORISTER PROGRAM. Christ Church Choristers comprise a group of 25 eager singers, ages 5-14. Working within the Royal School of Church Music training scheme, choristers are learning individual and group musicianship, leadership, and an understanding of their role in the context of choir and the broader worshiping community. Choristers' levels of achievement are denoted by the ribbon colors they wear with their St. Nicholas medals. A new chorister must first earn the white surplice and then may earn medals with white, light blue, dark blue, and red ribbons. We look forward to awarding our first red ribbons this year. Senior Choristers will join in singing Choral Evensong with the Parish Choir today at 4 PM in the Church. The chorister program is part of Christ Church's embrace of music as an integral component of worship and faith formation. For more information, contact our Director of Choristers, Jo Harney.

#### HELP CLEAN OUT THE GREEN SHOW CLOSET - TODAY

Join us today, February 2, following the 10:30 AM service to help remove items and reorganize supplies in the Green Show closet between the Kitchen and Parish Hall C. Help sort through these treasures and tidy up the space to make room for donations for our 2025 Green Show. Stop by anytime between 11:30 AM and 3 PM and continue our Green Show tradition of making new friends while working alongside fellow parishioners.

## **CHORAL EVENSONG - TODAY**

Choral Evensong takes place this afternoon at 4 PM in the Church with the Parish Choir and senior Choristers and music by Ronald Arnatt, William Smith, Herbert Sumsion, and Bruce Neswick. Bruce Barber will play an organ prelude beginning at 3:30 PM. Join us for this ancient service of music, scripture, and prayer.

#### **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - FEBRUARY 5**

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this Wednesday, February 5, 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.

#### **ADULT FORMATION: WORD INTO LIFE - FEBRUARY 5 & 12**

Join the Rev. David Beresford on Wednesdays, February 5 and 12, for the remaining sessions of "Word into Life," an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday. 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.

#### MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH - FEBRUARY 9

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. The finals take place next Sunday, February 9, at 2 PM at The baby grand, 818 N. Market Street in Wilmington, and are free and open to the public. Come hear this year's finalists' powerful and passionate messages as they creatively showcase their talents in spoken word and compete for the \$2,000 first place prize.

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#### MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT: ROCOCO DIALOGUES - FEBRUARY 9

Filament pays homage to 18th century invention in this program celebrating works for harpsichord with strings. This candlelight chamber music concert next Sunday, February 9, at 4 PM in Christ Church's Chapel presents trios of Haydn alongside accompanied keyboard sonatas of Luigi Boccherini. Lesser-known gems, adapted and arranged by the ensemble, will complement this program full of discovery. Please reserve your seats for this free concert here.

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#### **ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFTING - FEBRUARY 16**

Join in an expanded Coffee & Community on Sunday, February 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and crafting where those of all ages and skill levels are invited to decorate a cross for themselves or a loved one. Add your personal touches to this powerful symbol of faith, love, and sacrifice and create a beautiful reminder of God's unending love. No faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

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#### CHILI COOK-OFF & BINGO NIGHT - FEBRUARY 22

Your Parish Fellowship Team invites you to join in the fun and chase the chill at our Chili Cook-off & Bingo Night on Saturday, February 22, at 6 PM. Come sample our entries as we crown a Christ Church Chili Champion! A \$2 donation per guest gets you a bowl and spoon for sampling. Judging/sampling will take place from 6 to 7 PM and be followed by Bingo from 7:30 to 9 PM. Click <a href="here">here</a> to RSVP to attend the evening and/or to enter your chili in the cook-off. Prizes will be awarded for both the cook-off and Bingo, and snacks and beverages will be provided during the evening. Those participating in the cook-off should bring their prepared chili in a slow cooker with ladle to Parish Hall C by 5:30 PM for judging.

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#### FEBRUARY OUTREACH COLLECTION

February's collection benefits those participating in programs with SOAR (Survivors of Abuse in Recovery) and STEHM (Supportive Transitional & Emergency Housing Ministry). Travel-sized toiletry items, bleach spray cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, microfiber cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Ziploc bags, and tissues may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the circle drive entrance to the Parish Center.

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#### GUEST READERS NEEDED AT CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL PRESCHOOL

Guest readers are invited to share a story with Christ Church Episcopal Preschool classes on select Tuesdays of the month at 8:45 AM. Bring along your favorite picture book or select one from the school library. Sign up to read here.

#### **SEEKING VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

Do you feel called to serve your parish community as a member of the Christ Church Vestry or know someone who would make a great candidate? We are accepting nominations for next year's vestry class. The vestry serves many important roles in partnership with our rector. Key responsibilities include setting and enabling the long-term vision and purpose of the parish and ensuring its ongoing health and vitality through sound spiritual and financial stewardship of our congregation and our beautiful campus. As part of this, setting ministry budget priorities is a key responsibility. If interested in learning more or submitting a nomination, please reach out to any member of the vestry, including this year's outgoing class: Audrey Bruce, Ted Ledden, Eliza Phillips, and Bart Reese.

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#### CHRIST CHURCH'S MINISTRY MATCH DISCOVERY TOOL

Christ Church's Ministry Match Discovery Tool is a new approach to meet your desire to serve with ministry opportunities at Christ Church and with our neighbors in need. Click here to complete the 3-minute survey about your preferences. You'll see your results immediately. You are not making a commitment by taking the survey; you are simply exploring areas that may be of interest to you. Our prayer is that the Ministry Match Discovery Tool helps us match you with possibilities and particular ways to engage in ministry at Christ Church that are meaningful and joyful, and we invite your participation!

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#### **HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY**

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Individuals and families volunteer to host by bringing treats and setting up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to provide hospitality and welcome as we nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Sign up <a href="here">here</a>.

## WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Please 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 may be ordered <u>here</u> or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

## **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

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

Jennifer Jillson Chatfield

Carole Carrozzo Udell

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

## LAY MINISTRY STAFF

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*Jo Harney, *Director of Choristers*Cameron Kuzepski, *Organ Scholar* 

# **ADMINISTRATIVE & FACILITIES STAFF**

Sherry Lawton-Fasic, Parish Administrator
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Jane Rubini, Administrative Associate
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Michael Sayer, Facilities Manager
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### **VESTRY & OFFICERS**

Ran Barton, *Senior Warden*; Alexia Wolf, '26, *Junior Warden*Mark Parsells, *Treasurer*; Bob Reardon, *Assistant Treasurer*Jennifer O'Connor, *Clerk*; Alexander Maynard, *Youth Representative*Chuck Arensberg, '26; Audrey Bruce, '25; Cindi Cozza, '27; Barbara King, '27
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