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 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION FEBRUARY 2, 2025 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Schmücke dich, o liebe seele, BWV 654*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

(translation: Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 436 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

(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

Canticle of Praise Benedictus es. Domine





Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant

Refrain:

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

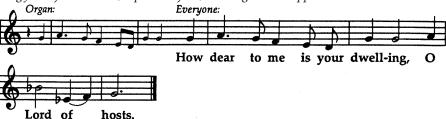
Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

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

Psalm 84:1-8 Quam dilecta!

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, repeated by all, then together as appointed.



My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;

by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Refrain

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way. Refrain

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,

for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. Refrain

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed. Refrain

The Second Reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

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

Luke 2:22-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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 David Beresford

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Episcopal Church in Delaware, for each congregation and school. We pray for this congregation and we lift up *N*. Strengthen our witness and our welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our president, Donald, for Congress, and for those in the diplomatic corps or military service. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for *N*., and those we remember now. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *N*., and those we remember now. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Together let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant 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

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Hodie beata Virgo Maria puerum Jesum praesentavit in templo, et Simeon repletus Spiritu Sancto, accepit eum in ulnas suas, benedixit Deum in aeternum. On this day the blessed virgin Mary brought her son Jesus to give thanks in the temple, and Simeon, filled with the Holy Spirit, received the child in his arms, and blessed the Lord for ever.

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 367

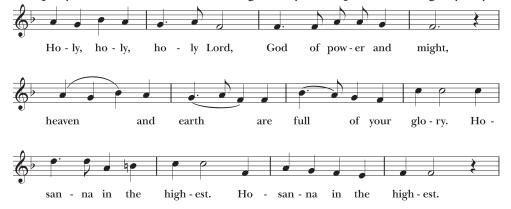
CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

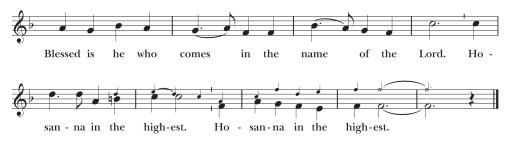
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





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The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

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 Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;

which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Communion Hymn 324 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymnal 1982

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 438 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Jesus Christus*, *unser Heiland*, *der den Tod überwand*

Franz Tunder (1614-1667)

(translation: Jesus Christ, our Savior true, He who Death overthrew)

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 light. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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.

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.

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.

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 here 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.

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.

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: <u>Audrey Bruce</u>, <u>Ted Ledden</u>, <u>Eliza Phillips</u>, and <u>Bart Reese</u>.

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!

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 here.

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.



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

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