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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 16, 2025 10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary Ruhig bewegt from Sonata No. 1

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(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.

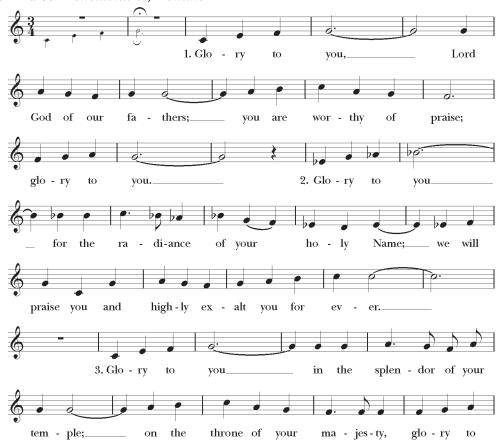
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalm 1 Beatus vir qui non abiit

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



Refrain:

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked;

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his laws day and night. Refrain

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Refrain

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes;

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed. Refrain

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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 6:17-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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.

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.*

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Please be seated as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month stand to be recognized; then all say

People O God, our times are in your hand:

Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year.

Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand for

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 Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:

for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you

And shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. Amen.

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

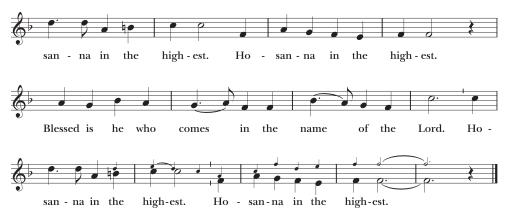
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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 David Hurd (b. 1950)

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne. But quickey'd Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here: Love said, You shall be he. I, the unkinde, ungrateful? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I?

Truth, Lord but I have marr'd them: let my shame go where it doth deserve. And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve. You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.

Text: George Herbert

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 665 All My Hope on God is Founded

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Partita* on *Old Hundreth*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

PARISH FELLOWSHIP. The dedicated members of our Parish Fellowship Ministry provide opportunities for hospitality and fellowship aimed at renewing and refreshing our minds and spirits. Last month's card-making workshop provided a creative space to gather, and annual events like our week at Memorial House and the parish picnic offer additional occasions to spend time together as a church family. This Saturday, the group hosts a new offering—a Chili Cook-off & Bingo Night. To join the Parish Fellowship Ministry or for more information about the group, please contact <u>Audrey Bruce</u> or <u>Suzanne Smith</u> or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

RSVP Today for Saturday's Chili Cook-off & Bingo Night

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 today 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.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP & CRAFTING - TODAY

Join in an expanded Coffee & Community today 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.

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 <u>here</u> for the Zoom link.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – FEBRUARY 21

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 for program participants. Click here to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

DINE WITH THE LADIES - FEBRUARY 24

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, February 24, at 7 PM. Click <u>here</u> to RSVP.

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.

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE WEEKEND WITH JAMES O'DONNELL - MARCH 1-2

We are pleased to welcome James O'Donnell back to Christ Church as this year's Musician in Residence. One of the most celebrated concert organists, choral conductors, and liturgical musicians of our time, he served for more than a decade as Master of Music at Westminster Cathedral and for more than two decades as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey. In 2023, Mr. O'Donnell left London for a position on the faculty of the Institute of Sacred Music and the School of Music at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

He joins us on Saturday, March 1, to rehearse the Christ Church Choir, and all are welcome to attend the open rehearsal from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Church. On Sunday, March 2, join in as he shares about his musical career in a forum, "Westminster to New Haven," from 9:50 to 10:20 AM in the Parish Hall and then directs the Choir at Holy Eucharist at 10:30 AM and at Choral Evensong at 4 PM. A reception will follow Sunday's Evensong.

SHROVE TUESDAY MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER FOR DR MISSION TRIP - MARCH 4

Celebrate Mardi Gras at Christ Church on Tuesday, March 4, with music and delicious breakfast foods. Dinner will be served by our youth from 5:30 to 6:45 PM in the Parish Halls. Also, we will put away the Alleluias in preparation for Lent, cheer on the Christ Church Choristers in their pancake race, and end the evening with the burning of the palms for Ash Wednesday. The cost is \$5 for children and \$15 for youth/adults, and the event is a fundraiser for this summer's mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Click here to RSVP.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5

Worship with us on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Holy Eucharist takes place in the Chapel at 6:30 AM and 12 PM without music and at 5 PM for all ages with the Christ Church Choristers leading our music. At 7 PM, join us for Choral Eucharist in the Church with the Christ Church Choir. All services include the Imposition of Ashes and an invitation to a Holy Lent.

FOSTERING COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS: A CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION - MARCH 8

St. Paul counsels us to act in the spirit of gentleness and bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2). Christ Church is seeking to strengthen our caring connections, following the recommendations of our strategic plan. We invite you to join in a dialogue about becoming the listening, caring, good neighbors each of us needs at one time or another. The Revs. David Beresford and John Pumphrey, along with Jaqueline Whalen from our Pastoral Ministries Team, will lead the discussion on Saturday, March 8, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A. Come be a part of this important conversation. Please RSVP here. Coffee and refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 AM.

PLAN YOUR SUMMER VACATION AT MEMORIAL HOUSE - AUGUST 1-8

Spend a week of fun with other members of Christ Church at Memorial House—the retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Delaware—from Friday, August 1 through Friday, August 8. Memorial House is nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth, two blocks from the beach. Homemade meals are provided for breakfast and dinner, so you can relax, play, and connect with others, with nature, and with God. For more information or to make a reservation, click here.

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.

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 Robert Morris Silliman

Mary Elliott and John Legare O'Hear

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

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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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