

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 2, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM. One of the great blessings of the music program at Christ Church is our Letty Downs Musician in Residence. Began in 1983, this program brings a world-renowned musician to Christ Church each year, and what stellar people we have had working in our midst—Stephen Cleobury, Gerre Hancock, Philip Ledger, James Litton, Andrew Lumsden, Philip Moore, James O'Donnell, Simon Preston, Christopher Robinson, John Rutter, and Sir David Willcocks. All have rehearsed and directed the Christ Church Choir; some have presented lectures, seminars, and organ recitals; and some have included a premiere or a commission. For more information, click [here](#).

We Welcome James O'Donnell as our Musician in Residence – Today

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 will speak about his musical career at 9:50 AM in the Parish Hall today and then direct the Christ Church Choir in worship at 10:30 AM and 4 PM.

- 9:50 to 10:20 AM Forum: "Westminster to New Haven" in Parish Hall A
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 3:30 PM Organ Prelude by David Hearn, retired assistant organist, Christ Church Christiana Hundred
- 4:00 PM Choral Evensong, followed by a reception in the back of the Church

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

Celebrate Mardi Gras with us this 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 today.

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.

PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL – MARCH 9

We welcome concert and recording artist Christa Rakich for an organ recital beginning in the Chapel on C. B. Fisk Opus 164 and then moving to the Church on John Brombaugh's landmark Opus 32. Hear these two glorious instruments in one single program next Sunday, March 9, at 4 PM. Ms. Rakich performs widely throughout North America, Europe, and Japan and is an Organ faculty member of the historic Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. Reserve your seats for this free recital [here](#).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 12

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, March 12, 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD – MARCH 12–APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for this year's Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, and 9. "Knowing God," led by Fr. David Beresford, explores our relationship with God, using traditional and creative approaches to the questions of faith and religion. We will share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the course from 7 to 8 PM. Click [here](#) to RSVP.

ALL AGES LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS & FELLOWSHIP – MARCH 16

Our interactive Lenten prayer stations offer those of all ages a new approach to prayer. Come experience God through the senses this Lent during an expanded Coffee & Community on Sunday, March 16, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Spend some time in prayerful activities at prayer stations set up in the Parish Halls. Child care is offered in the nursery until noon, but no faith formation classes will take place at this time so that all can participate.

CELTIC EUCHARIST – MARCH 16

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. The Celtic tradition holds that we find God in Christ in our hearts, in each other, and in all creation. Through moments of reflection and calm, quiet words, and the sacrament of Holy Communion, we bring this tradition to Christ Church to celebrate the Eve of St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 16, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we seek to draw more deeply into God's presence. Music will be offered by Trevor Koenig Sr. (guitar) and Sandra Borrer (flute and penny whistle).

UPCOMING BAPTISMAL SERVICES – APRIL 20 & JUNE 8

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will take place on Easter Day, April 20, at 6 AM and on the Day of Pentecost, June 8, at 10:30 AM. Preparation meetings for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please contact [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379 for an application.

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

Join fellow members of Christ Church for a week of fun and fellowship at Memorial House, the Episcopal Church retreat center nestled in the pines section of Rehoboth—from Friday, August 1 to Friday, August 8. Enjoy homemade meals, nature, and meaningful connections, just two blocks from the beach. For more information or to make a reservation, click [here](#).

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](#).

HOSTS NEEDED FOR COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Provide hospitality and welcome to fellow parishioners by hosting Coffee & Community on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Parish Hall C. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Sign up [here](#).

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
Jerold and Margaret Smith
Hugh Collins

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