

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 9, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

OUR PRACTICE OF LENTEN DISCIPLINES. Each year in preparation for Easter, the Church calls us to a season of special intention and discipline—to renew the faithful following of Jesus. Lent is 40 days for a kind of spring training as we exercise our faith. This Lent we encourage you to attend worship each week, participate in our Lenten program, Knowing God, on Wednesdays, March 12-April 9, experience our interactive Lenten prayer stations on March 16, and spend quiet time in our guided Lenten retreat on March 29. If you need guidance in making a Lenten discipline, speak with the Revs. Ruth Beresford, Michael Kurth, or David Beresford.

PROGRESSIVE ORGAN RECITAL – TODAY

Today 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 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. Join us for this free recital this afternoon.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – MARCH 12

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation this 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 our Lenten series on Wednesdays, March 12 through April 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. This week's topic is God the Creator. We 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 next 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – MARCH 16

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, March 16, 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 [here](#) for the Zoom link.

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 next 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).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – MARCH 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 and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click [here](#) to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

ALL EXCELLENT AND ESTEEMED BY PIFFARO, THE RENAISSANCE BAND – MARCH 23

Piffaro, The Renaissance Band delights audiences with highly polished recreations of the rustic music of the peasantry and the elegant sounds of the official wind bands of the late Medieval and Renaissance periods. In this concert on Sunday, March 23, at 3 PM at Christ Church, they bring one of the most potent examples of musical immigration in 16th century Europe to life in the story of the Bassano family—an Italian, and likely Jewish, family of wind players and instrument builders who moved to Henry VIII's court. Tickets are \$20 (using code CCCH) to \$54 and may be purchased [here](#).

A PLACE AT THE LORD'S TABLE – MARCH 29

Spend a quiet morning at Christ Church in a guided Lenten retreat, led by Fr. David Beresford, on Saturday, March 29. We'll gather in the Chapel at 8:45 AM for "A Place at the Lord's Table," where a large icon of *The Hospitality of Abraham* will serve as the focal point of the retreat. The aim is to provide an oasis of quiet prayer and reflection, interspersed with addresses on the day's theme. The morning concludes with Holy Eucharist at 12 PM. Please RSVP for the morning [here](#).

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. A preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be held prior to both dates. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please request an application from [Jane Rubini](#).

BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL – APRIL 27

The Delaware Chapter of the National Cathedral Association is sponsoring a trip to the National Cathedral in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 27. The bus departs at 8 AM from the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue, and returns around 7:30 PM. The group will attend Eucharist with the Kirkin' o' the Tartan Celebration at 11:15 AM and Evensong at 4 PM at the Cathedral. The cost is \$85 per person, which includes lunch, and reservations are required. Contact [Sue Lunger](#) to reserve your spot today.

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
Peter Scoville Wells

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.



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