CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



MARCH 23, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF LENT

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. At Christ Church, we invite children to enter into the presence of God through story, worship, discovery, play, and wonder. From nursery through elementary school, our community cherishes and honors the spiritual formation of children. Our two 9 AM services each Sunday provide an opportunity to form our children in the way of Christian discipleship as families worship together. In addition, PreK through 5th grade classes meet at 9:30 AM on Sundays for fellowship and learning, while nursery care is offered for infants and toddlers from 9:30 AM to 12 PM. We want each child to have the opportunity to experience the love of God and to grow and flourish in their faith. For more information, visit our website or contact Mason Cruz, our Minister for Children & Youth.

EASTER BASKETS FOR OUTREACH - SIGN UP TODAY

The Outreach Committee is collecting Easter baskets for children and teens living at the YWCA's Home Life Management Center. Sign up after services today to prepare a basket for a specific child that contains \$20-\$25 worth of treats and toys. You will receive complete instructions along with a tag to attach to the basket once you sign up. Please return your basket to Christ Church by Sunday, April 6.

ALL EXCELLENT AND ESTEEMED BY PIFFARO, THE RENAISSANCE BAND - TODAY

This afternoon at 3 PM in the Church, Piffaro, The Renaissance Band brings 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 online.

BOOK SIGNING BY THE REV. DAVID BERESFORD - TODAY

Fr. David will sign copies of his new book, *Blessed by God*, and give a reading from the book today at the Christ Church Rectory. Come celebrate with us anytime from 2 to 4 PM.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES: KNOWING GOD - MARCH 26-APRIL 9

As we journey through the season of Lent, join us for our Lenten series on Wednesdays 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 The Psalms. We share a simple meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the course from 7 to 8 PM. Please <u>RSVP</u> 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 here.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION - APRIL 2

Those of all ages are invited for Coffee and Conversation on Wednesday, April 2, 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.

BACH: TRIO SONATAS BY TEMPESTA DI MARE - APRIL 4

The chamber players of Tempesta di Mare, Philadelphia Baroque Orchestra offer this live concert performance of Tempesta's 5-star recording of Bach's six organ trio sonatas, re-imagined for chamber ensemble of recorder, flute, violins, lute, harpsichord, viola da gamba, and cello on Friday, April 4, at 7 PM at Christ Church. Tickets are \$35-\$45 and may be purchased online.

A LENTEN SERVICE OF READINGS & MUSIC - APRIL 6

Experience the message of Lent in this contemplative service on Sunday, April 6, at 4 PM as we explore the journey from the wilderness of our separation to our homecoming in the heart of God. Worship will include music offered by the Christ Church Choir and readings selected from scripture and our spiritual ancestors. An organ prelude begins at 3:30 PM.

REMEMBER LOVED ONES THIS EASTER - BY APRIL 7

To remember someone with a contribution for special flowers or music this Easter, please submit your names and contribute <u>online</u> or mail a check made payable to Christ Church along with your memorial names to P. O. Box 3510, Wilmington, DE 19807 by Monday, April 7. All memorials will be listed in the Easter Day bulletins.

SPRING CLEANUP AT CHRIST CHURCH - APRIL 12

Join our Dominican Republic youth missioners, Men's Ministry, and Creations Care Ministry as we spruce up the Christ Church grounds in time for Easter. Bring your work gloves and rakes and help with our spring cleanup on Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children 3-12 years old can join our fun scavenger hunt cleanup from 9 to 10 AM. Refreshments will be provided throughout the morning, and we'll conclude with lunch. Please sign up to help.

CHAPEL MEMORIAL FLOWER DATES AVAILABLE

Memorial flowers for the altars at Christ Church are donated in memory of loved ones each week. With weekly services in the Chapel, there are numerous dates available to donate flowers in 2025. If you wish to offer flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact <u>Jane Rubini</u>.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church
9:00 AM ARK Worship in the Chapel
9:00 AM SANCTUARY Worship in the Church
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
All Ages Interactive Stations of the Cross along the path to the labyrinth available Palm Sunday, April 13, through Holy Saturday, April 19

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Rite of Reconciliation (sign up for a 20-minute time slot)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

5:00 PM All Ages Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Chapel
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing in the Church
followed by the Watch in the Chapel until 12 AM
(sign up for the vigil watch)

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Meditations in the Church and livestreamed to our website
5:00 PM All Ages Worship in the Chapel
7:00 PM Tenebrae in the Church

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 PM Overnight Vigil at the fire outside the Parish Center (sign up for the vigil watch)

Easter Day, April 20

6:00 AM Easter Vigil in the Chapel
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Chapel
8:45 AM to 12:15 PM Child care available in the Nursery
9:00 AM All Ages Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Church
11:00 AM Choral Eucharist, Rite II in the Church and livestreamed to our website

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of John M. Simpson

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*

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