



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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 391 *Before the Lord's Eternal Throne*

(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

All Glory Be to God on High

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

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

All recite responsively

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-22 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and helps them.

The Lord preserves all those who love him, but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 709 *O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand*

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

Matthew 14:13-21

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Ruth 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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The Intercessor concludes with prayers for the concerns of the world and the intentions of the church.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.*

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

*For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Celebrant declares the absolution.

The Peace

Priest 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 using Apple or Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo, a credit/debit card, ACH, 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.

Organ Improvisation

Please stand and sing

The Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

(red) Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

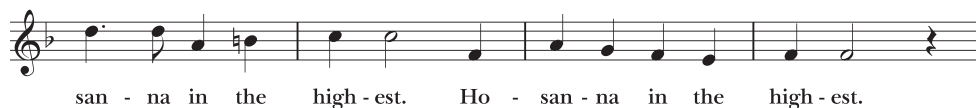
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

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:



Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald 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 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 404 *We Will Extol You, Ever-Blessed Lord*

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People **Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary

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 and filled you with peace.

Ask God to lead you to someone who needs an invitation to worship or encouragement in the blessing of your care. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

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AUGUST 2, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR WORSHIP AND SERVICES. As an Episcopal Church, we are grounded in the tradition of sacramental worship—outward and visible symbols that reveal the deep meaning of God’s presence, transforming our inner lives so that we are strengthened for life’s journey and empowered for Christian witness and service. The Book of Common Prayer provides the framework for our worship. Adopted by The Episcopal Church to accompany the Holy Bible, the BCP guides our expression of faith, our beliefs about God, and our practice of prayer and worship. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we welcome you to worship with us and encourage you to invite others to join you in worship at Christ Church. Please visit our [website](#) for a schedule of our weekly services or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379 for information.

HIGH SCHOOL RIVERWALK MINI GOLF – TODAY

Those in grades 9-12 are invited to play mini golf today, August 2, at Riverwalk Mini Golf. This 18-hole miniature golf course is located right along the Wilmington Riverfront at 550 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. We will meet there at 2 PM and end by 3:30 PM. Bring a friend! The cost to golf is \$12 per person, but bring extra money along if you’d like ice cream after the course. Please [RSVP](#).

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – WEDNESDAY

Join us this Wednesday, August 5, from 10:45 to 11:45 AM in the Commons Room for coffee, tea, snacks, and conversation. Catch up with friends, meet new people, and then stay for the 12 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.

SUMMER GODLY PLAY – AUGUST 16

Children and parents are invited to hear the day’s story presentation during summer Godly Play on Sunday, August 16. Join us on the lawn after the 9 AM service when our Children’s Ministry hosts this casual Godly Play session.

YOUTH SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT – AUGUST 16

Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Movie Night on Sunday, August 16, at 7 PM. Bring a blanket and a friend and enjoy snacks and drinks while watching a movie together either outdoors (weather permitting) or in the Parish Hall.

AUGUST OUTREACH COLLECTION

August’s outreach collection supports the Choir School of Delaware, Connecting Generations, and Latin American Community Center. Donations of assorted back to school supplies, backpacks, books, arts and crafts materials, new and gently-used Lego blocks, card and board games, first aid supplies, and granola bars, pop tarts, and small boxes of cereal may be left in the back of the Church or in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR CHORISTER SUMMER CAMP – AUGUST 24-28

Young singers ages 8 to 17 are invited to a fun and enriching weeklong Chorister Summer Camp from August 24-28 from 1:30 to 6 PM daily. Rooted in the traditions of the Royal School of Church Music, campers will build skills in vocal technique, sight-singing, music theory, ear training, conducting, and ensemble singing. Plus, they'll enjoy recreational activities, team building, a virtual session with a guest composer, and dinner each evening. Open to both current choristers and new singers, this exciting week wraps up with a public concert for family and friends on August 28 at 5 PM. This is an exceptional opportunity for young musicians to grow artistically, build lasting friendships, and experience the joy of excellent choral singing. Register your child's participation [online](#).

HOSTS NEEDED FOR LEMONADE ON THE LAWN – AUGUST 30 & SEPTEMBER 6

Help us provide hospitality and welcome on August 30 or September 6 by hosting Lemonade on the Lawn. These informal gatherings between the 9 and 10:30 AM services allow us to catch up with friends, greet new visitors, and nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. Volunteers bring treats and set up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to participate in the life of our parish. Sign up [online](#).

CHRIST CHURCH'S GOLF CLASSIC SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS – AUGUST 31

Hit the links at Hartefeld National Golf Course on Monday, August 31, to benefit children's programs for our church and preschool. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 1 PM. Participation includes a round of golf, player gifts, a buffet lunch, use of the range and putting green, a cart, and "19th hole" drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Those who don't golf are welcome to attend the evening's reception from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffle drawings, the presentation of prizes, and the coveted Al Smith Cup. Several levels of sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Link your business identity to Christ Church and its preschool while enjoying the opportunity to network, entertain clients, and have fun. Find complete details and register on our [website](#).

BLOOD DRIVE – SEPTEMBER 5

Christ Church will host a blood drive on Saturday, September 5, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in Parish Hall A. With an ongoing blood shortage in our area, this drive supports the Blood Bank of Delmarva, which supplies blood and blood products to more than 20,000 patients each year. The Delmarva region alone needs 350-380 donors every day to meet hospital demand. Although 62% of Americans are eligible to donate blood, only 3% do. Make this lifesaving gift by booking your appointment [online](#) or call (888) 8-BLOOD-8. As a thank-you, donors will be entered into a sweepstakes, with eight lucky winners of a \$500 gift card.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 13

Worship takes place at 8 and 10:30 AM on this day, with the picnic to follow the 10:30 AM service.

JOIN THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY & ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION – SEPTEMBER 13 OR 27

Acolytes play an integral role in our worship and participating as an acolyte offers a meaningful way to serve with purpose and deepen your connection to worship. Those in 8th grade and above, as well as adults, are invited to participate. Learn more by attending a hands-on training session on Sunday, September 13, at 9 AM or on Sunday, September 27, at 5 PM. To express interest in serving, please contact [Jane Rubini](#).

BECOME A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER!

Do you love to teach, have a love for and ability to relate to children and youth, and enjoy working with others? We invite you to partner with us as we share the Good News of God's love with our youngest members. We have teaching opportunities in our Godly Play classes, 4th and 5th grade class, our Rite-13 program, Confirmation class, and as substitutes for all classes. The time commitment is about an hour on Sundays to teach between the 9 and 10:30 AM services and an hour or two on your own during the week to prep. If interested or for more information, please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

SPIRITUALITY BEYOND SUNDAYS

Kristin Peters is looking for a few partners to help plan events exploring practices that enhance one's spirituality. Ideas include full moon labyrinth walks (mark your calendar for one on August 28 at 9:30 PM!), making and using Episcopal prayer beads, mini retreats, or other such practices. If you are interested in helping, please email [Kristin](#) or call/text her at (203) 506-3278.

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING BEGINS THIS FALL

Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who offer confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people going through difficult times. Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities. Since 1975, more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers have been equipped by this training to provide care to millions of people. Stephen Minister training:

- teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others;
- gives you new insight into the thoughts, feelings, and actions of people who are hurting;
- equips you with relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life;
- helps deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver;
- builds a special bond of Christian community and camaraderie among all those in your class; and
- is highly interactive, engaging, and a lot of fun!

We are starting a Stephen Ministry at Christ Church. Visit our [website](#) to learn more or contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#) or our Stephen Ministry leader, [Jaqueline Whalen](#), to express interest in training.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of

Joyce H. and Robert L. Richards Jr.

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Julie and Robert Richards Sr.

George and Grace Hilty

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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