



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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2026

10:30 AM BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 377 *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who

calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

At the conclusion the People respond, “Thanks be to God.”

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 529 *In Christ There is No East or West*

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 14:22-33

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

(red) Book of Common Prayer 301

The candidates are presented by their parents and godparents, who make promises in their own names and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People ***We will.***

Please stand for

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

The Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant concludes

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

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, concluding

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for

The Baptism and Anointing

Water is poured upon the head of the candidates, symbolizing the inward cleansing from sin in the name of the Trinity. Then the oil of Chrism is marked upon the head, symbolizing the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. These outward actions make the candidates new Christians, inwardly and spiritually. A candle is given, symbolizing Christ's light now shining in this new life. At the conclusion of these actions, the congregation stands to pray.

***Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.***

The Welcoming

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People ***We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.***

Please stand for

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



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 325 Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees

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 533 *How Wondrous and Great Thy Works, God of Praise*

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 9, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP..

THE WORK OF OUR PROPERTY COMMITTEE. This committee oversees all aspects of Christ Church's buildings and grounds and provides for the changing facility needs of our parish through planning and management of new construction, renovations, and improvements. We are fortunate to be stewards of the Christ Church property—six historic buildings comprising nearly 40,000 square feet on 22 beautiful acres. During this past year, enhancements to our facilities included replacing the fire alarm panel in the Church building, installing 31 programmable thermostats in the Parish Center building, refinishing the hardwood floor in Parish Hall C, replacing the boiler in the Rectory, and removing trees and brush from the property, particularly near the Sextons' house. For more information, please contact [John Faulkner](#) or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

Luke Harold Bradford Abeln, son of Michael and Nancy Abeln
Augustine Roman Quinn, son of Raaghib Quinn and Lindsay Romano
Celine Keturah Rockwell, daughter of Richard and Emily Rockwell

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH – AUGUST 16 SUMMER GODLY PLAY

Children and parents are welcome to join us for summer Godly Play next Sunday after the 9 AM service. The Children's Ministry will host this casual Godly Play session on the lawn (weather permitting).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to attend next Sunday's Grief Support Group at 12 PM in the Commons Room or on [Zoom](#).

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Middle and high school students are invited to Youth Movie Night on Sunday, August 16, at 7 PM. Bring a blanket and a friend, enjoy snacks and drinks, and settle in to watch a movie together—either outdoors (weather permitting) or in the Parish Hall. The youth will choose between *Project Hail Mary* and *Supergirl* for the night's feature.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – AUGUST 21

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW – AUGUST 23

Stop by Lemonade on the Lawn on Sunday, August 23, between the 9 and 10:30 AM services and learn about the 2026 Green Show. This Christ Church Christmas tradition, held on December 4-5 this year, brings our parish community together to support local nonprofits identified by our outreach committee. Learn how you can participate in the coming months and help us make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO 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. Please [register](#) your child's participation.

FULL MOON LABYRINTH WALK – AUGUST 28

Join in a Full Moon Labyrinth Walk at Christ Church on Friday, August 28, at 9:30 PM. We'll assemble in the parking lot for the walk and conclude the evening with Compline. Bring a flashlight. Rain date is Saturday, August 29. Please [RSVP](#) so we may be in touch in case of inclement weather.

JOIN THE FAMILY FUN FEST YOUTH PLANNING COMMITTEE! – AUGUST 30

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to help plan activities and games for Family Fun Fest—an October 3 event sponsored by Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool to welcome children and families into our beautiful church and school community. Youth will meet over lunch on Sunday, August 30, from 12 to 1 PM in Parish Hall A to brainstorm ideas and begin preparing the activities we hope to offer on October 3. Please join us!

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](#).

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.

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](#).

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 features a mixture of presentation, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities, and it:

- 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.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

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 are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church. Don't have one? Order yours [online](#).

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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of
Philip Rittenhouse and Ruth Bilger Lawshe
Wayne Philip Lawshe
Thomas Donaldson Henderer
and in loving memory of
Robert Evans Brigham and Julie Tucker Brigham
Hazel Greiner Zimmerman

PARISH CLERGY

The Rev. Ruth Beresford, *Rector*
The Rev. Thomas Word Peters, *Associate Rector*
The Very Rev. William Lane, *Pastoral Associate*

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