



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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 530 *Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word*

(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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

All recite responsively

Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,

when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;

O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of

God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 542 *Christ is the World's True Light*

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 16:13-20

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

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Thomas Word Peters

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.

Anthem

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hear ye, Israel, hear what the Lord speaketh:
Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments.
Who hath believed our report!
To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed!
Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel,
and His Holy One to him oppressed by tyrants,
thus saith the Lord: I am He that comforteth!
Be not afraid, for I am thy God!
I, the Lord (thy God) will strengthen thee!
Say, who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die?
and forgettest the Lord thy Maker,
who hath stretched forth the heavens,
and laid the earth's foundations?
Say, who art thou! I am He that comforteth!
Be not afraid, for I am thy God!
I, the Lord (thy God) will strengthen thee!

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.***

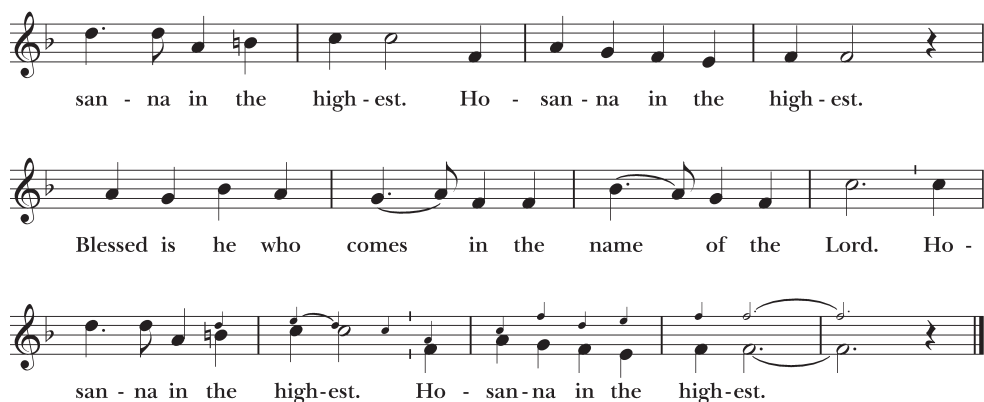
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:





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.



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 302 *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted*

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.***

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts; that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People ***We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.***

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People ***Amen.***

All sing

Hymn in Procession 556, v. 1-5 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

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 23, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING AT CHRIST CHURCH. Stephen Ministers are trained lay members of the congregation who provide one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing difficult seasons in life. They listen, pray, encourage, and walk alongside those facing grief, illness, loneliness, divorce, job loss, relocation, spiritual struggle, or other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is not a counselor or problem-solver but a compassionate Christian presence—someone who offers confidential care, faithful listening, and the reminder that no one has to go through a hard time alone.

Become a Stephen Minister – Learn More by September 1

Our parish is seeking caring, dependable people who feel called to share Christ's love in this special way. If you are a good listener and have a heart for people who are hurting, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Your presence could bring hope, healing, and encouragement to someone who needs it most. Training runs from October 2026 through March 2027. Visit our [website](#) to learn more or contact the Rev. [Thom Peters](#) or our Stephen Ministry leader, [Jaqueline Whalen](#), to express interest in training by September 1.

LEARN ABOUT THIS YEAR'S GREEN SHOW – TODAY

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953. This joyful holiday celebration for the whole family will be held on December 4-5 this year with many opportunities to participate in the coming months. All proceeds benefit local nonprofits identified by our outreach committee. Join us at Lemonade on the Lawn today between the 9 and 10:30 AM services to learn more, and find additional information in this bulletin.

DINE WITH THE LADIES – TOMORROW

Each month, a group of women meets for an informal dinner in Greenville. All women are invited to Dine with the Ladies tomorrow, August 24, at 7 PM at Pizza by Elizabeths. Please [RSVP](#) today.

FULL MOON LABYRINTH WALK – FRIDAY

Join in a Full Moon Labyrinth Walk at Christ Church this 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 – NEXT SUNDAY

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 next 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!

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.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – SEPTEMBER 2

Join us on Wednesday, September 2, 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.

CHRIST CHURCH 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. Make this lifesaving gift by booking your appointment [online](#) or call (888) 8-BLOOD-8.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – SEPTEMBER 6

On Sunday, September 6, worship will be held outside on the lawn at 9 AM. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for this service of Holy Communion, suitable for those of all ages.

JOIN THE THEOLOGY SMALL GROUP – SEPTEMBER 10

The Theology Small Group has an enriching year ahead and invites you to take part in thoughtful reading and lively discussion. Beginning September 10, the group will explore C. S. Lewis' classic *The Screwtape Letters*—a perfectly mischievous choice for the Halloween season. During Advent, they'll turn to *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives* by Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), followed in February 2027 by his *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week*. Next summer, the group will begin one of the foundational works of the Western Christian tradition—*Confessions by Saint Augustine*. The group meets every other Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Commons Room. All are welcome to join for a year of deep learning, meaningful conversation, and spiritual growth. Please contact [Christopher Scott](#) for more information.

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](#).

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC – SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for our parish picnic on Sunday, September 13! **There will be just two services on this day at 8 and 10:30 AM**, with the picnic to follow the 10:30 service. This year's event will be held outside on the lawn just beyond the Memorial Garden under a tent. Tables and chairs will be available for your convenience, but bring a blanket or lawn chairs if you prefer. We will provide fried chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, baked beans, and drinks. **Please bring a finger dessert to share if your last name begins with A-H and a side dish if your last name begins with I-Z.** We appreciate that your dish will be ready to serve and that you pick it up at the end of the day. There will be fun for all with lawn games and face painting, so invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

THE CHRIST CHURCH GREEN SHOW

Mark your calendar for this year's Green Show on December 4 and 5 and learn more at [Lemonade on the Lawn](#) today. Here are a few ways you can get involved now:

Summer Cleanout? Think Green Show: Inside Plants is seeking fun, creative containers for the Green Show—serving bowls, cachepots, ice buckets, planters, wicker baskets, or similar treasures. Items should be at least 4” tall and 3” wide, up to 12” x 14”. We also need long, narrow containers suitable for use with Advent candles. Please leave donations marked “Plants” in the Parish Center reception area. Questions or need pickup? Call Wendy Massey at (302) 353-6851.

Other assorted donations are welcome too! Good quality holiday and household items, gently-used and new children's toys, jewelry, collectibles and accessories, and silent auction donations—especially use of vacation homes for a week or weekend and unique experiences such as garden tours, sporting events, performance tickets, and gatherings that cannot be purchased on Amazon. Please leave donations in the Parish Center reception area. To donate an experience for the silent auction, please contact [Janet Clark-Amodei](#).

A Few Leaders are Still Needed: This year's Green Show requires additional volunteers to help lead and coordinate several key areas of this cherished parish event:

- **Admissions Chair/Co-Chairs:** Manage the process of checking in guests at the Preview Party on Friday, December 4.
- **Silent Auction Chair:** Coordinate the silent auction on Friday, December 4, working with those who manage the three areas of the event—solicitation of items, catalog preparation, and setup.
- **Silent Auction Item Solicitation Chair/Co-Chairs:** Lead the effort to request and gather auction items.
- **2027 Green Show Chair/Co-Chairs:** Coordinate the overall event to be held in December 2027.

Your support is critical to the success of the Green Show. Help us continue this wonderful parish tradition! Team up with a friend or family member to lead one of these key areas of the Green Show as we follow Jesus' example to love and serve our neighbors by sharing our time and talent. Contact [Janet Clark-Amodei](#) or [Shelley Kinsella](#) for information.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Anne T. and Carlos Marcial

and in loving memory of
Douglas G. and Mary C. McPherson
Travis L. and Doris L. Moye

The flowers in the Chapel are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Wilhelmina “Mina” L. Craven

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.



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