



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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 477 *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

(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 for 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. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

All recite responsively

Psalm 26:1-8 *Judica me, Domine*

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved,

never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 455 *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

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 16:21-28

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 from *Exsultate, jubilate*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Alleluia.

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.

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 336 Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

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 334 *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

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 30, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR NEEDLEPOINT KNEELER MINISTRY. In 1963, members of the church began needlepointing more than 400 kneelers. The designs, provided by Nancy du Pont Reynolds Cooch, include over 2,000 symbols that relate to our Christian heritage. Nearly 200 women and men worked for 20 years to complete the project. An article about Christ Church's needlepoint art hangs in the hallway of the Education Wing beside the cushions created for the old choir stalls. Copies of *Christ Church Needlepoint Kneelers—A Collection of Religious Symbolism* are available for purchase on our [website](#). This book shares the history of the needlepoint project, includes photographs of the designs, and explains the symbolism found on each kneeler. As you worship and move through the church, be sure to notice these wonderful treasures at our feet.

ATTENTION YOUTH! ATTEND TODAY'S FAMILY FUN FEST YOUTH PLANNING MEETING

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 today 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!

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – SEPTEMBER 2

Adults of all ages are invited to join us this 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. 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.

9 AM SUMMER WORSHIP ON THE LAWN – SEPTEMBER 6

Next 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 *Confessions by Saint Augustine*. The group meets every other Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Commons Room. All are welcome! Please contact [Christopher Scott](#) for more information.

BECOME AN ACOLYTE: TRAINING SESSIONS – SEPTEMBER 13 & 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.

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES – SEPTEMBER 20

Join us for worship, fellowship, and formation this fall as we grow in faith and are renewed for the week to come.

Saturdays:

- **5:00 PM Contemporary Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**—a “come as you are” service with music by our worship band

Sundays:

- **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Church**—a brief spoken liturgy using traditional language
- **9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel: “The ARK”**—a 30-minute service for young children and their families to worship together
- **9:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church: “SANCTUARY”**—a 40-minute service for older children, youth, and their families
- **9:30 AM to 12 PM Child care for young children in the Nursery**, Room 210 in the Education Wing
- **9:30 to 10:30 AM Coffee & Community in the Parish Halls**
- **9:45 to 10:30 AM Formation for children and youth through 8th grade**
- **10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**—the principal parish liturgy with choral leadership by our choirs and livestreamed to our website
- **4:00 PM Choral Evensong in either the Church or Chapel**, as scheduled—a service of prayer, scripture, and song in the Anglican choral tradition
- **5:00 to 6:00 PM Middle School Service Team meeting** on 2nd and 4th Sundays
- **6:00 to 7:30 PM Christ Church Youth Group** for 9th through 12th grades

BECOME A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER/LECTOR: TRAINING SESSION – SEPTEMBER 20

Eucharistic ministers are licensed through the Episcopal Church in Delaware to assist in administering the sacraments. Those 12 and older are invited to serve. Lectors read the scriptures and lead the prayers of the people in worship. Those 8 and older are encouraged to become a lector. Current and prospective Eucharistic ministers and lectors are invited to a training session on Sunday, September 20, following the 10:30 AM service in the Church. Please RSVP to [Jane Rubini](#) or call (302) 655-3379.

SUMMER CLEANOUT? THINK GREEN SHOW!

The Green Show has been a Christ Church Christmas tradition since 1953. It features events that foster fellowship between parishioners and our community with all proceeds given to support local social service agencies identified by the Outreach Committee. The 2025 Green Show raised \$99,000 for our outreach partners! The 2026 Green Show takes place on December 4 and 5 with many opportunities to participate in the coming months. Now is the perfect time to donate items to be sold or auctioned at the 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](#).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH AT THE DIOCESAN LEVEL

Several diocesan leadership positions will be elected at the diocesan convention in November. Open positions include Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Disciplinary Board, Trustees, and the Constitution & Canons Committee. Find information [here](#) or contact [Jordan Kinsey](#), our parish representative on the Nominations Committee.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
in loving memory of
Gertrude, Lillian, and Mona Taggart
Lillian Taggart Andrews
Henry H. Silliman Jr.

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

LAY MINISTRY STAFF

Sheila Abio, *Head of School*
Bruce Barber, *Director of Music*
Mason Cruz, *Minister for Children & Youth*
Jason Keller, *Saturday Worship Leader*
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