



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. Today's liturgy is a blend of our pattern at 9 and 10:30 AM, as we combine congregations. 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

(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. O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

All recite responsively

Psalm 103:8-13 *Benedic, anima mea*

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

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

Please stand and sing

The Gospel Alleluia

Muscogee (Creek) Indian, transcribed Charles Webb



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 18:21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven

times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Each petition ends, "In faith we pray" to which the People respond, "We pray to you, our God." At the conclusion of the prayers, the Leader says

Leader As we offer these prayers, we say together

*People God of mercy, you know us and love us and hear our prayer.
Keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

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

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of His name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please stand and sing

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

Hymnal 1982

The children of the congregation are invited to follow the offering procession and gather around the altar for the prayer.

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 invited forward up the center aisle to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free host is available; just ask the priest. You may choose to drink from the cup, to carefully dip the host in the wine, or to touch the edge of the cup with your wafer. After you have received communion, you may kneel at the altar rail for personal prayer or return to your seat. Please use the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn 339 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

by Fr. Michael Kurth

*People God, we thank you for this meal,
how you help us grow and heal.
Send us out to serve and love,
with your mercy from above. Amen.*

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

All sing

Hymn in Procession 473 Lift High the Cross

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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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

IN THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

OUR ACOLYTE MINISTRY. Acolytes play an integral role in our worship at Christ Church and participating as an acolyte offers a meaningful way to serve with purpose and deepen your connection to worship. This ministry has a long and rich tradition in our parish, and those in 8th grade and above, as well as adults, are welcome to participate. Current and prospective acolytes are invited to learn more at a hands-on training session today, September 13, at 9 AM or on Sunday, September 27, at 5 PM in the Church. For more information, speak to a member of the clergy or contact [Ted Vaughn](#).

PARISH PICNIC – TODAY

Our annual parish picnic takes place today on the lawn just beyond the Memorial Garden under a tent. Tables and chairs are available for your convenience. We have plenty of fried chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, baked beans, and drinks, along with lawn games and face painting for the whole family. Bring your side dish or dessert to the food table under the tent and join in the fun!

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES – NEXT WEEKEND

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 18

Following our 175th Anniversary Service Project with LCS in 2024, our partnership with them continues as we offer opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods to be distributed to the cars of program participants. [Sign up](#) for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

OUR OBSERVANCE OF PEACE DAY – SEPTEMBER 20 & 21

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21 and provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. To mark the 2026 International Day of Peace, all are invited to gather at the Christ Church peace pole in the garden near our chapel next Sunday, September 20, at 10:15 AM for a short vigil of prayer for peace in the world and in our hearts. Then on Monday, September 21, join us at the Christ Church labyrinth at 12 PM for a midday labyrinth walk to mark the day.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION – PROGRAMS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20

Make the commitment and [sign up](#) your child for Sunday formation from nursery care through 12th grade. All age groups have offerings beginning next Sunday, September 20. Here they will make the connection with God and the CCHH community! For more information on our Children & Youth Ministries, contact [Mason Cruz](#).

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](#).

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING – SEPTEMBER 20

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

JOIN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE TEAM – SEPTEMBER 27

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join our Middle School Service Team—an opportunity to nurture leadership skills and plan and execute a service project for the end of the program year. The team meets on second and fourth Sundays beginning September 27 from 5 to 6 PM in Parish Hall A and is then invited to share a meal with our high school youth from 6 to 6:30 PM. If you'd like your child to be involved or have questions, please contact [Mason Cruz](#).

CELTIC EUCHARIST ON THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS – SEPTEMBER 29

In our hurried and noisy world, Celtic Eucharist offers gracious space and time to enjoy the holiness of God, gently touched by candlelight, music, and prayer. We offer this tradition at Christ Church on Tuesday, September 29, at 7 PM in the Chapel to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels and welcome harpist Janet Witman to play during the service.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION

September is back to school month, and our collection benefits those served by the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Donations of pants, shirts, blouses, sweaters, and light jackets for both children and adults may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the Parish Center circle drive entrance.

FAMILY FUN FEST – OCTOBER 3

Come spend a joyful morning at Family Fun Fest, a welcoming community celebration hosted by Christ Church Episcopal Preschool and Christ Church Christiana Hundred. Families and children of all ages are invited to gather for fun, connection, and a chance to enjoy our beautiful campus together on Saturday, October 3, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Children can explore our three playgrounds and enjoy games, arts and crafts, a bouncy house, scooters, pony rides, and plenty of time to play. Meet other families, connect with members of our church and preschool community, and learn more about what makes Christ Church and Christ Church Episcopal Preschool such a warm and welcoming place. Tours and program information will be available throughout the event, with snacks and refreshments provided. Bring your friends, neighbors, and family members along to enjoy a day of family fun!

BE A CHORISTER FOR A MORNING – OCTOBER 10

Children ages 6-16 who love to sing are invited to experience what it is like to be a Christ Church Chorister on Saturday, October 10, from 9 AM to 12 PM. Current and prospective choristers will spend the morning singing, playing games, and exploring vocal technique, sight-singing, music theory, and the skills of ensemble singing. No previous choir experience is necessary. The morning is designed to give children and families a welcoming introduction to the musical, social, and worship opportunities offered through the Chorister Program. Please [RSVP](#).

HOST COFFEE & COMMUNITY THIS FALL

Volunteers are needed to host Coffee & Community on Sundays this fall from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls. Individuals and families host by bringing treats and setting up beverages, and it's an easy, fun way to provide hospitality and welcome as we nurture relationships and connections with those in our community. [Sign up](#) online.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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

Gertrude Neave, James Neave

Jane Popick, Albert Popick

Kenneth Rushlow

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

William P. Lindsay

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*

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