



CHRIST CHURCH

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CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 13, 2017

5 P.M.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH. TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP AND TO ALLOW
FOR PRIVATE PRAYER, PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE UPON ENTERING
AND TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

VOLUNTARY

POEM: **Second Helpings**

John Brehm

I wear my heart on my sleeve,
or rather both sleeves, since
it's usually broken.
Sometimes when I join my hands
to pray, the jagged edges
briefly touch,
like a plate that fell and cracked
apart from being asked
to hold too much.

HYMN: Jesus thou divine Companion

Please stand.



1 Je - sus, thou di - vine Com - pan - ion, by thy low - ly
 2 Where the man - y toil to - geth - er, there art thou a -
 3 Ev - ery task, how - ev - er sim - ple, sets the soul that



hu - man birth thou hast come to join the work - ers,
 mong thine own; where the sol - i - tar - y la - bor,
 does it free; ev - ery deed of hu - man kind - ness



bur - den - bear - ers of the earth. Thou, the car - pen - ter of
 thou art there with them a - lone; thou, the peace that pass - eth
 done in love is done to thee. Je - sus, thou di - vine Com -



Naz - areth, toil - ing for thy dai - ly food, by thy pa - tience
 know - ledge, dwell - est in the dai - ly strife; thou, the Bread of
 pan - ion, help us all to work our best; bless us in our



and thy cour - age, thou hast taught us toil is good.
 heaven, art bro - ken in the sac - ra - ment of life.
 dai - ly la - bor, lead us to our Sab - bath rest.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Stay with us, Christ, for it is evening.

People: Make your Church bright with your radiance.

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.**

THE READING: MATTHEW 14:22-33

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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Reading is followed by a brief period of silent reflection.

HOMILY

The Rev. Mary Davila

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

During the instrumental music, and at any time hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Please stand.

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: God of love and mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

HYMN: Like the murmur of the dove's song

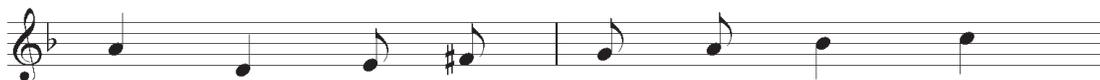
Please stand.



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

GRACE & PEACE

Celebrant: Gracious God, grant us your peace from heaven and order this day and all the days of our life in your peace. Friends, the peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All now exchange a sign of peace, then please be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Please stand.

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 our thanks and praise.

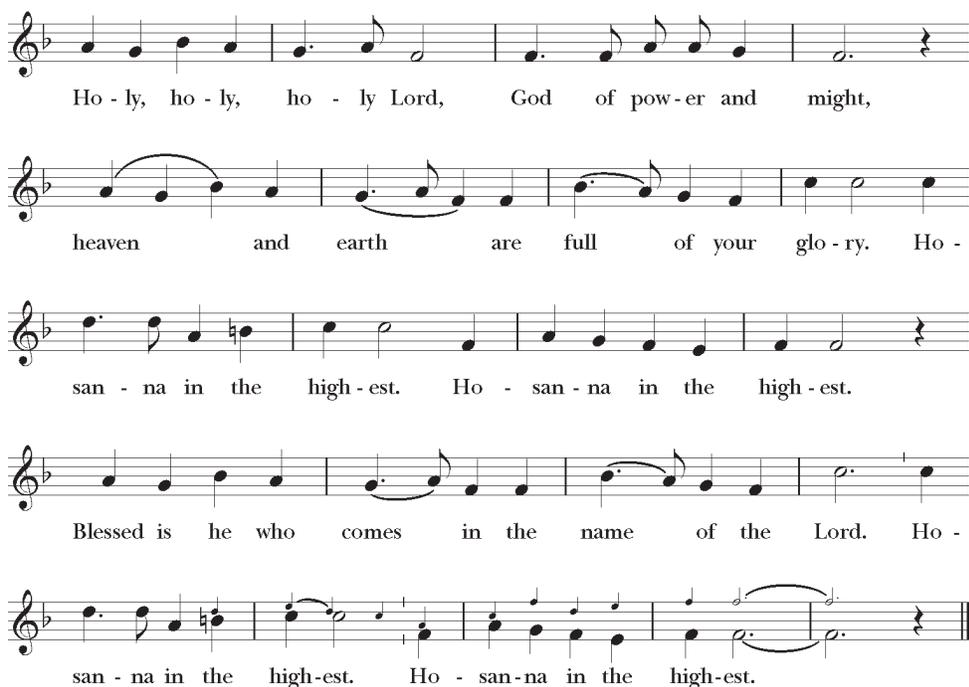
Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

SANCTUS



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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
mistreated one another,
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Celebrant: Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All:* Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

All: AMEN.

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*contemporary*)

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Lamb of God *sung by all*

St. Anne Mass, Macmillan



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the_ world, have mer- cy_ on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the_ world, have mer- cy_ on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the world, grant_ us peace.

Celebrant: God's holy gifts for you, God's holy people. Come to this table to be strengthened to follow Jesus out into the world. Come full of faith, come full of doubt, come to be revived and renewed. It is Christ himself who bids you to come.

All: Thanks be to God!

You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive Communion.

All baptized Christians, of all ages, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you would like a blessing instead, place your hands on your heart.

For a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands, palms down.

Please notify an usher if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN: Abide with me

Please stand.

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Music: *Eventide*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Christ Church PARISH WEEKLY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Vestry Person of the Week

David Cozart

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Morning Prayer Leader

Bob Herbert

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD

Group IV - Jakie Glick & Jennette King

VERGER

Hunter Bratton

ACOLYTE LEADERS

Raiford Garrabrant

Ramona Holdstock

USHERS

Don Finkbeiner Team

Mollie & Jim Razor

LECTORS

Mary Allison Bunch, Carolyn Zuttel, Patty Gibson

CHALICE BEARERS

Rob Souza, Hunter Wyche, Jay Alley,
John Gray, Donnie Womble, Kelly Mitchell

FLOWER GUILD

Lillian Stroupe

Patt Kelly

CANDLE GUILD

Mollie & Jim Razor

Next Sunday: August 20

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: The Rev. Callie E. Swanlund

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Chapel

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist II - Church

5 p.m. Celtic Eucharist - Church

Register for Homecoming Sunday, Aug. 27

Mark your calendars for the annual Christ Church Homecoming Celebration, **Sunday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.** (following the 10 a.m. service)! We'll have food trucks for lunch purchases, bounce houses for the kids and fun activities for all, you won't want to miss this day. All are welcome, and we ask that you register at bit.ly/cchomecoming17 to help us get an accurate headcount as we plan this day of celebration.

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, Aug. 27

Please join us Sunday, Aug. 27, for a Blessing of the Backpacks. During the 10 a.m. service, we will prepare our children, as well as those who teach and serve in our school systems as they set out on another year of meaningful instruction. We will offer special thoughts and prayers for them on this morning. Don't forget your backpack!

Safe Church Training for Christ Church Ministries

Safe Church training is designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power, to outline steps toward preventing abuse, to offer ways to intervene when misconduct occurs and to equip anyone in a position of parish leadership with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ.

Safe Church Level II training is required for (but not limited to) all clergy serving in the Diocese, diocesan employees, church employees, anyone who works with minors more than four hours per month and who has responsibility for minors overnight or off-site (e.g. youth leaders and youth volunteers), Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Friendly Visitors, Stephen Ministers, tutors, Hospital Visitors, pastoral visitors to elderly or those in prison on behalf of the church.

This course must be renewed every three years. The Diocese will keep records of those who have completed Level II training, and a certificate may be provided upon request.

Registration Links

Monday, Sept. 25 - 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Christ Church Room 128

Registration Deadline: Sept. 20

<http://bit.ly/safechurch925>

Monday, Nov. 6 - 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Christ Church Room 128

Registration Deadline: Oct. 31

<http://bit.ly/safechurch116>

Sunday, Dec. 3 - 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Christ Church Room 128

Registration Deadline: Nov. 27

<http://bit.ly/safechurch123>

"Episcopally Speaking"

A closer look at the language and movements of the Episcopal Liturgy.

Anglicans do not formally "canonize" saints the way the Roman Catholic Church does, however we do observe all the major saint's days exactly as was practiced prior to the Reformation. In the Episcopal Church we also have our own "Lesser Feasts and Fasts" calendar. Individuals on that calendar include many people of faith you would not find in a strictly traditional saints calendar. It includes individuals like Martin Luther King Jr., Evelyn Underhill, John Wesley, and the martyrs of Uganda; because their witness is something we want to remember and honor in order to encourage us in our own journeys of faith. This, after all, is what all Christians seek to become. In that sense, our calendar reflects the idea that all believers are indeed "saints," we simply see it as helpful to commemorate some outstanding believers to serve as examples to us all.

Grow

The Enneagram: A Tool for Transforming Relationships

The Enneagram is an effective tool for transforming our relationships with ourselves and others. The Enneagram is a personality system that provides insight into the nine strategies people use to cope with the demands of life and fulfill important needs. This powerful workshop will be facilitated by Anissa Ferris, LCSW, on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Registration: please call or email Lin Boyle, 919.834-6259, lboyle@ccral.org. \$35, includes lunch and materials. The Rev. Jenny Brown is coordinating this event for Christ Church staff and parishioners. You can also register online at <http://bit.ly/egramworkshop>.

This September: Wholehearted Living - Led by The Rev. Callie Swanlund - only a few spots remaining

In this experiential six-part series, "Wholehearted Living: Exploring Courage and Vulnerability," based on the research of Brené Brown, The Rev. Callie Swanlund (Certified Daring Way Facilitator) will guide participants - men and women of all ages - in exploring ways to approach their lives, vocations and relationships with greater vulnerability and courage. The series runs for six weeks on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 12, at 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. (2 spots remaining) or 6:30 - 8 p.m. (evening session is currently full; email to be put on wait list). Attendance at all six classes is expected and registration is capped at 12 per time slot. Please contact The Rev. Callie Swanlund at cswanlund@ccral.org, with questions or to register. Cost is \$30 for materials; scholarships are available.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study with The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn

All are invited as we study the Bible and seek a deepening of faith we share. Come as you are with your questions, doubts, hopes and dreams as beloved children of God to talk about following Jesus. Each Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., beginning Sept. 12, we will discuss two of the readings assigned for the following Sunday in Room 128. For more information, please contact The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn - mhunn@ccral.org.

Connect

Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting Sunday, Aug. 13

The Environmental Stewardship Committee will meet in Room 128 today following the 10 a.m. service. We will be making plans and seeking volunteers for our composting pilot projects. For more information, please contact Nell Joslin at nelljoslin@gmail.com.

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group offers support for anyone who is caring for a loved one - nearby or far away, elderly or young, with or without memory loss. Companionship, information, support and prayer are the goals of this group, which meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month, beginning Sept. 13. All are welcome to worship at a short service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel that day at noon. Lunch is available (with a \$6 donation), beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Room 128. We will check in with each other over lunch, and our planned program will run from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. in Room 128. Members and friends of Christ Church are all welcome to attend any part or all three of the offerings on the second Wednesdays. The 1 p.m. program on Sept. 13, is called the "Weariness and Wonders of Caregiving." For more information, please contact The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn - mhunn@ccral.org - or Tonia Pridgen - jhpridgen@gmail.com.

Serve

School Supply Donation Drive for Hope Charter

On Sunday, Aug. 27, we will also be collecting school supplies in an offering basket passed during the service. The donations will be blessed and given to Hope Charter Leadership Academy. Hope Charter is a tuition-free public school that serves approximately 125 students from K-5 grades, and is located just 1.6 miles from Christ Church in Oakwood. Over the past two years, Christ Church has begun a relationship with the school including a lunch buddies program, reading mentors for the kindergarten class, a book drive for summer reading, and a Christmas offering.

Specific items needed include, beginner (thick) and regular pencils, Scotch tape, Whiteout tape, cardstock and construction paper, vinyl folders (red, green, yellow and blue), letter and number flash cards, large dice (games), Lysol wipes, and Zip Lock bags.

Thank you for your support with this outreach project, and for helping our downtown neighbors.

Refugee Resettlement Needs for the Week of Aug. 14, and 21

We are continuing our summer playdates with the children in the family from Syria whom we mentor. They are ages 2, 4, and 7. We play most Tuesdays and Thursdays at the church from about 10:15 a.m. until noon. If you are an adult or an older teen who has some time to give, please contact Mary Tucker at mary.tuck8484@gmail.com.

Volunteer Needed for Christ Church's Meals on Wheels Route

Christ Church members deliver meals for Meals on Wheels every first Tuesday. A route has recently opened up and needs a volunteer. Please contact Sandra Griffin for details at willjaysan@aol.com.

Spots Still Available in Christ Church Preschool for 2017-2018 School Year

Christ Church Preschool still has openings for the 2017-2018 school year for infants, toddlers and 2-year-olds. For additional information, please see our website - christchurchmmop.com - or contact Director Wendy Daly, at 919-832-5043, or christchurchmmo@aol.com. We would love to have your child join us!

Children's Ministry

Sunday School and Nursery Care Registration

Is your child between the ages of 8 weeks and 5th grade? If so, please take a few minutes during the month of August to register them for nursery care/Sunday school classes for the upcoming year. Visit <http://bit.ly/CCSSReg> to provide the information needed. This greatly helps the children's ministry staff throughout the year.

Sunday school classes will begin on Rally Sunday, Sept. 10, for ages 2 through 5th grade. Classes are held each week from 10:10 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on the Baker Wing. Nursery care is available year-round for ages 8 weeks to toddlers. Please see volunteers in the Sunday school halls for any help needed on Sept. 10, as we rally for another great year!

Sunday School Begins on Rally Sunday, Sept. 10

The summer is flying by and Rally Sunday is almost here. We have more than 100 volunteers who have signed up to serve as Sunday school teachers, substitutes, and Children's Ministry committee members. A huge thanks to all those who have committed to teach our children and lend a hand to programming for the upcoming year.

The Children's Ministry calendar has been prepared and the classrooms are being spruced up. New curricula are on the way to completion. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

Please mark your calendars to join us as we begin another great year on the Baker Wing. We are excited to see you!

An Invitation to All 4th and 5th Grade Girls

You are invited to attend a very lively weekly Bible study with Sloane Brooks and Anna Smith. The group will begin Monday, Sept. 18, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at Sloane Brooks' home. This year we will enjoy lessons from God and Me and You're God's Girl. Please email Sloane for more information or to sign up - sbrooks@ccral.org.

Calling all Kindergarteners through Fifth Graders - Registration has begun for Kids with Purpose!

YOU have a lot to give. Here is a chance to take part in weekly outreach offerings through Christ Church. For six weeks in the fall and six weeks in the winter, you can join your Christ Church friends for hands-on gatherings to learn about, and contribute to, organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club, Walnut Creek Wetlands, a local animal shelter, Family Promise, and an organization that serves military families. We will meet on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m., beginning Oct. 3 (and ending Nov. 14). Adults and teens, if this sounds like something you'd like to help with, please contact the KWP leadership team at kwp@ccral.org. To register, please follow this link - bit.ly/kidswithpurpose.

Registration will remain open until Sept. 15.

Roy and Rose are Back!

By popular demand, the Children's Ministry mascots are back in action for year three. Roy the Red Rooster is an attendance award given each week in children's Sunday school, grades K-5, while his cousin, Rose, will be awarded to the 2, 3, or 4-year-olds. The class with the highest number of attendees (based on percentage) will display Roy or Rose outside their classroom and enjoy a special treat. Hope to see you there!

Children's Ministry Calendar

August

8/27 - Homecoming Sunday and Commissioning of Sunday school teachers at the 10 a.m. service

September

9/5 - Sunday school teacher team training in the Parish Hall 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

9/10 - Rally Sunday and first day of Sunday school

9/17 - Children's Ministry Meeting at 10:15 a.m.

9/18 - 4th and 5th Grade Girls' Bible Study begins at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry

BBQ&A for 7-12 grade parents and youth

Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. - <http://bit.ly/bbqa2017>

Learn about Christ Church youth ministry offerings for your student(s), grade level specific to the 2017-2018 year. Meet youth leaders from EYC, Bible studies, retreats and more. Enjoy a BBQ dinner with friends, old and new! Forms and calendars will be available. Learn how to navigate the youth section of our NEW website including many registrations that will be live and ready for sign-up! Please RSVP using the link above, so we can plan accordingly for dinner. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Dinner is \$6/person with a \$30 family cap.

Welcome to the Table: 6th grade parents and youth

Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. - <http://bit.ly/6table>

We are excited to have the 6th grade students and families join the youth ministry at Christ Church! There are many exciting offerings to learn about at this meeting, as well as enjoying dinner among friends. Meet youth leaders from EYC, Sunday School, Bible studies, retreats and more. Forms and calendars will be available. Learn how to navigate the youth section of our NEW website including many registrations that will be live and ready to sign-up! Please RSVP here so we can plan accordingly for dinner. Vegetarian and gluten-free options available. Dinner is \$5/person with a \$20 family cap.

Confirmation Registration for Rising 8th Grade Students

Confirmation is a sacramental rite where you affirm your covenant from baptism that was made by your parents. Confirmation is your turn to prepare and renew or strengthen your beliefs. In Confirmation we ask for God's help in our relationship with God and with the Church. There is not a set time in life to be confirmed. Everyone must answer for themselves "I do," "I Believe," and "I will with God's Help." Your church and family provide the support but it is your decision. We begin to offer confirmation as a class for students during their 8th grade year; however, you can be confirmed at other ages as well. Confirmation registration and information is on the Christ Church website under the youth page. For any questions, please contact Liz Stroff, Director of Youth Ministry. We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Confirmation registration are due now! - <http://bit.ly/confirmation18>; and sponsor registration is due by Sept. 15 - <http://bit.ly/sponsors18>.

Wake Relief Youth Summer Service | Registration - <http://bit.ly/wakerelief17> (rising 8th grade and older)

Wake Relief is a food pantry that provides a week's worth of groceries to families in need. Some of the volunteer help that's needed includes stocking shelves with canned food items, carrying groceries to client's cars, unloading deliveries from the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, taking out trash and recycling, and light cleaning. A waiver will be on site for each participant to sign. Two youths can sign up for each date. Work will take place at Saint Saviour's Center - 616 Tucker Street.

Diaper Train Youth Summer Service (rising 7th grade and older)

Sign up here - <http://bit.ly/diaper17>

The Diaper Train provides diapers to low-income families in Wake County, improving the lives of babies and toddlers. The program is run by volunteers and serves 1,000 children each month. Duties may include wrapping, stocking and carrying diapers for clients. This takes place at Saint Saviour's Center - 616 Tucker Street.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

FOUND ON PAGE 836 IN THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

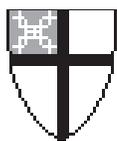
Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*



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