



CHRIST CHURCH

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CELTIC HOLY EUCHARIST

WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 5 P.M. TWENTY THIRD 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: The Coming of God

Ann Weems

Our God is the One who comes to us
in a burning bush,
in an angel's song,
in a newborn child.

Our God is the One who cannot be found
locked in the church,
not even in the sanctuary.

Our God will be where God will be
with no constraints,
no predictability.

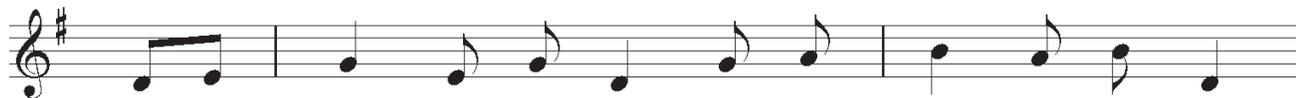
Our God lives where our God lives,
and destruction has no power
and even death cannot stop
the living.

Our God will be born where God will be born,
but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us.
When God is ready
God will come
even to a godforsaken place
like a stable in Bethlehem.
Watch...
for you know not when
God comes.

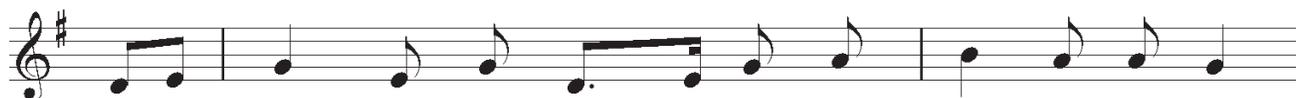
Watch, that you might be found
whenever
wherever
God comes.

HYMN: How firm a foundation

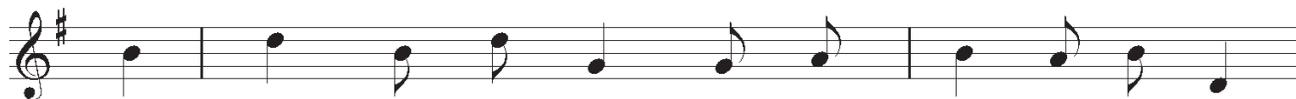
Please stand.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



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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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE READING: MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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: We commend to your gracious care and keeping all who have served, or are serving, in our armed forces at home and abroad.

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: When I survey the wondrous cross

Please stand.

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)

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.

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.
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: O Trinity of blessed light

Please stand.

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -

ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now
 eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
 saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). St. 3, Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)
 Music: *Bromley*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Morning Prayer Leader
Steve Hulme

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD

Group II - Catherine Maxwell & Muff Carr

VERGER

Charles Edwards, Donnie Womble

GREETERS

Ginny & Dick McKay
Hargrave & Rick McElroy
Juli & George Openshaw

ACOLYTE LEADERS

David Stahl, Rollie Tillman, Raiford
Garrabrant, Ramona Holdstock

USHERS

Tom Holder Team
Richard Moore Team
Mollie & Jim Rasor

LECTORS

Nell Joslin, Elizabeth Juzaitis, Alice
Knowles, Ronald Wenda, Robert McDowell

CHALICE BEARERS

Stannie Brewer, Mary Lewis James, Marti
Medford, Ann Daniel, Susie Small, Emmy
Moore, Harry McKinney, Bethany Pergerson,
Charles Burton, David Cozart

FLOWER GUILD

Martha Abernethy & Lillian Stroupe

CANDLE GUILD

Mollie & Jim Rasor

Next Sunday: Nov. 19

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: The Rev. Jennifer C. Brown

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Chapel
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist II - Church
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist I - Church
5 p.m. Celtic Eucharist - Church

Adult Christian Formation

This Sunday - 10:10 a.m. - Parish Hall

Organist and Choirmaster David Jernigan will discuss the service of Choral Evensong. He'll focus on its origins in the monastic offices of late antiquity and how it has evolved into the main service of the English Cathedrals. For details, [visit ccral.org/grow/acf](http://ccral.org/grow/acf).

On Nov. 19, Learn about The Hope of Jesus Children's Home

The Hope of Jesus Children's Home seeks to provide care and protection for orphaned, abandoned, and vulnerable children in Honduras. On Sunday, Nov. 19, Mike Miller, who with his wife Kim, founded the children's home, will present to the Adult Christian Formation class in Room 128 at 10:10 a.m. Christ Church parishioners have traveled to Honduras to volunteer at The Hope of Jesus Children's Home, and we also sell Hope Farm coffee at the church, which benefits this incredible ministry. The children's home is raising money to be able to continue to provide its critical services to the children of Honduras. Their goal is to raise \$100,000. Please come and learn more about this ministry on Nov. 19, and if you are able to, make a donation to support The Hope of Jesus Children's Home. If you'd like additional details about the children's home and/or the fundraising efforts, contact Stewart Marlowe – dsmarlowe@aol.com.

Worship

Nov. 16 - Service of Hope and Remembrance

This worship service is an opportunity for those who experience grief to gather and remember the hope we have in God's Promise to all of us. Loved ones who have died are named before God, a chorus of bell ringers play music, scripture is read, a devotion is given, and prayers embrace all present. All the churches on Capitol Square participate, and this year the service will be on Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. at Edenton Street United Methodist Church. For more information, please contact Nell Joslin (nelljoslin@gmail.com) or Sandra Smith (sandraps@bellsouth.net)

Midweek Worship

Join us each Tuesday for the 8:05 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel. This service includes a brief homily and is a perfect way to start your day. There is also a monthly noon Service of Holy Eucharist that takes place in the Chapel on the second Wednesday of each month.

2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“MINDS TO THINK, HEARTS TO LOVE, HANDS TO SERVE”

Our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, “Minds to Think, Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve,” is underway. If you have already turned in your pledge, we thank you for your generosity!

If you have not yet made your 2018 pledge, we ask you to please consider what Christ Church means to you and your family and that you keep our parish in mind as a philanthropic priority for 2018. Ninety-five percent of our operating budget comes from your financial support. In order to plan for next year's budget and continue to bring you all our ministries and programs, we are asking you to help support Christ Church by making a pledge for 2018.

You may submit your pledge online at www.ccral.org/give/stewardship. You can also mail the pledge card from your stewardship packet directly to the church.

Grow

Bible Works: The Book of Genesis

Led by The Rev. Jim Adams

The Rev. Jim Adams is leading an in-depth exploration of Genesis, the fascinating first book of the Bible. Bible Works will be offered each week at 7 a.m. and noon, in the Parish Hall. The same, one-hour lecture is offered twice for the convenience of participants. On Tuesday mornings, we'll have biscuits and coffee; we serve chips and beverages at noon and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. For details or to hear the audio recording of each session, visit <http://ccral.org/grow/bible-works>.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Come as you are with your questions, doubts, hopes and dreams as beloved children of God to talk about following Jesus. The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn will lead this study. Each Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. 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.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group

Please join The Rev. Mary Davila for a Bible study based on the new book, *The Path: A Journey through the Bible*. This resource presents Scripture in an accessible and easy-to-read format, highlighting 24 of the "great landmark" Bible stories and their overarching themes. We gather weekly from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in Room 128. Participants will want to buy the book; please contact Mary - mdavila@ccral.org - to sign up. A weekly commitment is not required.

Serve

Calling All Cooks! Volunteers Needed to Help with Pantry Sale Baking

The Greenery Sale Pantry needs your help, from your home kitchen, to prepare and freeze the following items:

Sunday Night Chicken Casserole
Elegant Breakfast Casserole
Lemon Blueberry Coffee Cake
Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

The Kitchen Guild will provide the recipes, containers, labels, and delivery instructions. All casseroles need to be frozen and delivered to Christ Church kitchen by Monday, Nov. 27. Please email Cindy Henderson - cindyhenderson@nc.rr.com - if you are interested in helping.

Use Amazon Smile and Your Holiday Shopping Could Benefit Christ Church

Help Christ Church earn extra dollars when you make purchases through Amazon. There is no change to your shopping experience, and no added cost to you. Amazon will donate a percentage of all purchase amounts made through this link - <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/560530247> - to our church every quarter.

Wake Relief Food Drive

Wake Relief is an all-volunteer run emergency food pantry that has provided food for those in need in Wake County since 1975. Much of the food we distribute comes from community food drives. Grocery bags with a list of suggested food items will be placed in the pews and in Sunday School rooms on Sundays, Nov. 5, 12, and 19. Please return your donations to Christ Church (in the Commons or Sunday School rooms) on either Sunday, Nov. 12 or 19. Thank you for helping us stock our shelves for the upcoming holiday season!

Buy Pies from Raleigh Top Chefs to Benefit StepUp and Alliance Medical Ministries

StepUp and Alliance Medical Ministries' "Share the Pie" fundraiser is underway. Buy a chocolate, pecan, or pumpkin pie baked by some of Raleigh's top pastry chefs to benefit these organizations. Pie pickup will take place Thanksgiving week. Visit sharethepie.org to place your order. Contact Carryl Tinsley at StepUp, 919-781-0156 ext. 104, if you have any questions.

Four Volunteers Needed for StepUp's Life Skills Program

Four volunteers are needed for children and adult StepUp Ministry's Life Skills Program. Become a mentor and help change someone's life. The program begins Jan. 3, 2018. Volunteer training sessions begin this month. If you would like additional information, please contact Emmett Haywood, at 919-801-4081, or Tammy Peatross, at 919-781-0156 ext. 111.

Connect

Nov. 12: Guns to Garden Tools

Today, Colorado-based RAW Tools will lead a demonstration of turning guns into garden tools with an anvil and donated guns. The event begins at noon, at Raleigh Mennonite Church (1116 N. Blount Street). There will also be a worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. to lament victims of gun violence.

Connect

Nov. 12: Theology Lite

Theology Lite will meet at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12, to discuss "Having our Say," by Sarah and Elizabeth Delaney. Bill Gilkeson will lead the discussion in the Parlor. All are welcome to join. This book reveals the history of Bishop and Mrs. Delaney's family, and the 10 years they spent with their 10 children living on the St. Augustine campus in Raleigh, in the early 1900s.

Nov. 15: Lunch & Learn

Located less than two miles from Christ Church, the Methodist Home for Children has been serving families and young people in crisis for more than 115 years. MHC works throughout North Carolina with programs in juvenile justice, foster care and adoption, early childhood education and much more. Last month, this faith-based agency was inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame and received a neighborhood recognition award from the Five Points Citizens Advisory Council.

MHC President and CEO The Rev. Bruce Stanley will talk about MHC at our next Lunch & Learn event on Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Christ Church Parish Hall. The event will begin at noon. Please RSVP to Lin Boyle at 919-834-6259, by Monday, Nov. 13.

Nov. 21: Thanksgiving Outreach Project for All Ages

Bring yourself or the whole family! On Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. Christ Church Youth will host an intergenerational outreach project. The event will take place in the Christ Church Parish Hall. We'll have three work stations helping to serve the Raleigh Rescue Mission's Holiday outreach projects for Groceries to Go and Gobbles to Go. We will prepare 100 packed grocery bags, as well as bake holiday cookies, and make festive place mats to be delivered to families throughout Wake County during the holiday season. All ages are welcome to attend. However, spaces are limited, so register early! Registration - <http://bit.ly/thx2017>

Dec. 2: ECW Greenery Sale

Come celebrate the holiday season at the 2017 Christ Church Greenery Sale on Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Christ Church Commons and Parish Hall. We will have gorgeous greenery, unique holiday decorations and gifts by Rena Earnhardt, and scrumptious pantry items such as casseroles, soups and pies, all perfectly packaged for gift giving. Kids can visit with Santa and shop at Santa's workshop while you stock up on all your holiday needs. All proceeds benefit the ECW outreach ministries.

Pre-sale ordering is now available! Avoid the holiday rush by pre-ordering your trees, wreaths, bows and garland by Nov. 20 and we will have your items ready to pick up at the sale on Dec. 2. Trees will be available for pick up from the Shepherd's Way Farm lot conveniently located in the North Hills Shopping Center beginning Saturday, Nov 18. Order online at <http://christ-church-raleigh.myshopify.com> or in the flier in today's bulletin.

Greenery Sale Pantry Sampler on Nov. 19

Join us Nov. 19, for the Greenery Sale Pantry Sampler. We will have limited quantities of our delicious offerings available for purchase after each service, including Brunswick stew, butternut squash soup, elegant breakfast casserole, lemon blueberry coffee cake, Martha's rosemary cheese biscuits, and chocolate chess pie. More items and quantities will be available at the Greenery Sale on Dec. 2.

Waitlist Spots Still Available for the Inaugural Women's Retreat - <http://bit.ly/2018ccrr>

More than 100 women have signed up to participate in the first-ever Christ Church Retreat & Renew (R&R) weekend, Feb. 9-11, at The Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. We are still accepting registrations for waitlist spots, using the link above. The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, who is the associate rector at St. Andrew's in Norfolk and former chaplain at St. Mary's School, will lead the program. Our program will begin Friday evening with a kickoff, dinner and social. Program will continue Saturday morning and there will be free time in the afternoon for rest and renewal. We'll wrap up Sunday morning with Holy Eucharist. If you have any questions, please contact the event chairs - Sara Katherine Little, 919-523-8728; Courtney Sewell, 919-606-5318; and/or Susan Watson, 919-946-2789.

Save the Date: Savor the Season Advent Dinners

All ages are invited to join us Dec. 6, 13, and 20, to taste and see as we prepare our hearts for the Christmastide. Be on the lookout for more details, to be published next week.

Run for Young Registration is LIVE!

The 11th Annual Run for Young will take place on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, at 2 p.m. With bands along the race course, raffled door prizes, and finish line treats, this Sunday afternoon 5k run/walk is a family-friendly event that raises money for safe driving education programs in local high schools as well as the Christ Church Youth Ministry Endowment Fund. Planned and managed by the youth of Christ Church, the Run for Young was founded to honor the memory of Sadiki Young, a Christ Church member and acolyte, who was a senior at Wakefield High School when he died as the passenger in an alcohol-related car accident in 2007. For more information about the race, or to register, visit our website -

www.runforyoung.org.

Children's Ministry

4th & 5th Grade Artists - Your Drawing Could be the Cover of the Christmas Pageant Bulletin

We are looking for some talented artists to help us with the cover of the Christmas Pageant bulletin. Please submit your drawing on a standard sheet of white paper and in black and white drawing. Make sure to leave a clean margin around the picture and sign your drawing on the front. Submit all artwork to Sloane Brooks by dropping by the church, or mailing to 120 E. Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27601 (do not fold), by Monday, Dec. 4.

Christmas Pageant Practice

We are on our way to another special Christmas Pageant. The 4th and 5th graders have their leading roles and will practice each week until Dec. 16. Please have the lead cast report to the Parish Hall each Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon. If you are in the 4th or 5th grade and have not been given a role, contact Sloane Brooks - sbrooks@ccral.org. We would love for everyone to participate.

All others from ages 3 through 3rd grade who would like to sign up, please do so outside of your Sunday school classroom.

3 and 4-year-olds are cast as angels. Kindergarten children are stable animals. First graders will play Heavenly Hosts, and 2nd graders will play shepherds. Third graders are townspeople of Bethlehem and Roman Soldiers. Costumes are provided and fun will be had by all. This year's pageant will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. and is a true gift to our parish from our children.

Donations Needed for Santa's Workshop

Do you have a gift closet that needs cleaning out? Bought a few extra picture frames you don't need? Children's Ministry will sponsor Santa's Workshop at the Greenery Sale again this year. Scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. until noon, Santa's workshop is a chance for children to shop for their families while their parents buy their greenery. The kids are so excited to pick out gifts for their loved ones... and at the Santa's Workshop price, who wouldn't be? We are looking for donations to sell, new or gently used small items we can re-gift. We need gifts for the whole family, men, women, boys and girls. Please label and bring donations to the Children's Ministry office. Who knows, you may see it under the tree again on Dec. 25!?

Sunday School and Nursery Care Registration

Is your child between the ages of 8 weeks old and 5th grade? If so, please take a few minutes to register them for nursery care/Sunday school classes for this year. Visit <http://bit.ly/CCSSReg> to provide the information needed. This greatly helps the children's ministry staff throughout the year. Nursery care is available year-round for ages 8 weeks to toddlers. Thank you so much.

Youth Ministry

YOUTH NEWS

- **Christian Formation** for youth and children each Sunday morning throughout the school year. Middle and high school students meet in the basement of the Baker Wing at 10:10 a.m. All are invited and welcome to attend whenever!
- **Episcopal Youth Community AND Pre-EYC for 6th grade** tonight, Nov. 12.
- **Our next Run For Young Committee meeting** will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. in Room 128. Contact: Martha Cox at mcox@ccral.org.
- **On Sunday, Nov. 19, we will have another acolyte training** at 12:15 p.m. in the church. All new acolytes are required to attend a training session and all existing acolytes are encouraged to attend training, especially if you want to learn more about first and second server positions.

Upcoming Confirmand/Sponsor Activity - 8th grade class

Our first Christ Church Sponsor/Confirmand activity will be Sunday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. until noon at Saint Saviour's Center. We will organize and sort items from the Christ Church food drive for Wake Relief. This is a great way to have an activity with your sponsor that will hopefully help open the door to many more activities, and time spent together. The goal of the sponsor confirmand relationship is that it is another place of support outside of the family for spiritual formation; it is not a required piece of confirmation. If your sponsor cannot join that date but you would like to help out, you can invite a parent to join you as well. To sign up to serve at the event, please contact Martha Cox at mcox@ccral.org.

Youth Volunteers Needed for Santa's Workshop at the Greenery Sale

Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry needs youth volunteers to help with the younger children - assist with shopping in Santa's Workshop for their families; help hang out with the younger children in the waiting room (serve snacks and do crafts); and/or bag, tag, wrap gifts and get them ready for the children to put under their tree.

Please come catch some Christmas spirit and earn community service hours at the same time. Sign up outside the Children and Youth Ministry Office. Any questions, contact Sloane Brooks - sbrooks@ccral.org. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Freshman Fellows

Mondays in November (6, 13, 20, 27), 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

<http://bit.ly/fellows11>

This is our second series for this year, so anyone can join! We encourage those who participated in September to come back and we invite new members to participate. All material and content will be new.

Freshman Fellows is a four-week small group for high school freshmen facilitated by adults and high school seniors in the fall semester. As students enter high school their lives can be filled with new experiences and communities. This is an exciting and adventurous time, but can also be overwhelming. Freshman Fellows is designed to encourage and support students as they begin formation in high school. Our focus will be on how to balance spiritual, social, and academic life as well as our relationship with God, self, and others. The series will take place this fall on each Tuesday in September 6:30-7:45pm. A \$20 registration fee helps cover meals and other materials. Contact: Liz Stroff lstroff@ccral.org.

Middle School Bible Study

Mondays in November (6, 13, 20, 17), 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

<http://bit.ly/msbs11>

Middle school Bible Study provides a time of connection and fellowship for students in grades 6-8 in a small group setting. Starting with dinner, followed by a program, we explore topics and stories in the Bible and how they can relate to us today, incorporating games, activities, conversation and more. Our next series will take place each Monday in November. a \$20 fee helps with meal costs. Contact: Martha Cox, mcox@ccral.org.

High School Bible Study

HS Bible Study, grades 9-12, views movie segments each week followed by discussion using a verse or quote to learn about the Word by discovering the depth of how God is revealed to us through daily life. We rotate to different student's houses each Wednesday from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. This event is very casual; all you need to bring is yourself! Movie information, as well as address, is sent each week through our youth emails. Contact: Liz Stroff - lstroff@ccral.org.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC is a Sunday evening program that meets throughout the academic year. EYC gives students a space to explore, deepen, and sustain their relationship with Christ, learn more about the church, and find ways to connect with peers through food, fellowship, prayer, and fun!

Most Sunday evening's youth and volunteers will meet in the Baker Wing Basement Room 012. Junior and Senior EYCs are split for activities and games, but we all eat together between programs. Throughout the school year we'll take trips, do service work, and hang out around town. All are welcome to join us whenever possible!

Fall EYC Sundays at Church

November 5, 12, 19

December 3, 10, 17 (Giving Tree Party)

Jr. EYC grades 7-8 - 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Dinner (all grades) - 6:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Sr. EYC grades 9-12 - 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

6th Grade Pre EYC

Pre-EYC for sixth graders will meet this fall on Nov. 12, and Dec. 3, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church. The 6th graders also have a retreat to Camp Caraway in Nov. 4-5, 2017. Starting in January the 6th graders join Jr. EYC and meet each Sunday that regular EYC meets. We hope you will join our group for some fun and fellowship! We will have a special introductory Eucharist for parents and youth of 6th graders this Tuesday Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about all the ways to get involved with youth ministry!

"Episcopally Speaking" *A closer look at the language and movements of the Episcopal Liturgy.*

Diocesan Convention This coming week Christ Church clergy and delegates will attend the 202 Annual Diocese of North Carolina Convention in Winston Salem. The diocese is 50,000 people gathered into 111 congregations and 10 campus ministries throughout 38 counties in the central part of North Carolina, from Iredell County to Edgecombe County, and from Caswell County to Scotland County. This weekend, each of those 111 parishes will send representatives to focus on the work of the Diocese and how it relates to each parish and the National Church.

Join us for Fundamentals of Faith (Adult Confirmation Class) Beginning Wednesday, January 10

This five-session class with our clergy is a wonderful opportunity for those who seek to enrich their understanding of the fundamentals of faith. If you are a baptized Christian who wishes to be Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church, please consider joining this class. Typically, Fundamentals of Faith is offered the first quarter of each year, so don't miss out. If you are wishing to be confirmed this year when Bishop Samuel Rodman comes on April 29, sign up today.

In addition to those who are interested in the process of Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation into the church, Fundamentals of Faith is appropriate for anyone who would like to know more about the basics of what it means to be and Episcopalian. Reaffirmation can occur at any age or stage in your journey, so long as you possess the desire to deepen your faith.

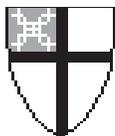
To sign up, or for more information, contact Cooper Bratton - cbratton@ccral.org, or 919-834-6259 ext. 114.

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