



ENTER, REST, AND PRAY

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



CHRIST CHURCH
ON CAPITOL SQUARE

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH!

We're glad you're here. **Please help us get to know you by filling out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.** At Christ Church, we are delighted to have visitors join us for worship, education and fellowship.

On Sundays, please visit the Welcome Center just inside the narthex (at the Wilmington Street entrance) before or after any service and look for a friendly greeter to answer any questions or point you in the right direction.

Interested in becoming involved or feeling connected? Please contact Cooper Bratton, our Parish Life Coordinator (cbratton@ccral.org, 919.834.6259).

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PASTORAL CARE

During regular office hours, please contact Sarah Johnson (919.834.6259 x106) or one of the clergy about events needing pastoral response. During non-business hours, emergency contact numbers for clergy are available at the number above.

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness are offered each Tuesday during the 8:05 a.m. Service of Holy Eucharist, and on the second Sunday of each month during the 5 p.m. Celtic Eucharist.

There is a Service of Holy Eucharist on the second Wednesday of each month at noon.

We also invite you to fill out a welcome card with your prayer request and place it in the offering plate.

ABOUT THIS SERVICE

The Bible is a foundational part of our church. Our outline of faith states, "We understand the meaning of the Bible by the help of the Holy Spirit, who guides the Church in the true interpretation of the Scriptures." The Bible is the epic, challenging, and life-changing story of God's relationship with humanity.

This service will include readings from Holy Scripture following the lectionary, a guide of biblical readings for Sundays and Holy Days. We take very seriously the role of Holy Scripture in our spiritual life and our worship.

The **Book of Common Prayer (or BCP, the red book found in your pew)** contains our prayers and services for our life as a church. We call these our liturgies. Our liturgies for Holy Eucharist, Baptism, marriages and burials, daily prayers, and for prayers and worship over almost any human experience live deep within the words of the BCP.

These liturgies span thousands of years of Christian faith and human experiences of celebration, sin, grief, and joy. What ties us together as Episcopalians is not a particular confession, a hierarchy of religious authority, or a particular dogma, but our common prayers. Our prayers shape our beliefs.

(Adapted from The Rev. Laurie Brock, used with permission.)

LITURGY GUIDE

8 A.M. (spoken) follows Rite I Order of Service on **page 10**.

9 A.M. Order of Service begins on **page 4**.

11 A.M. Order of Service begins on **page 10**.

Text - Spoken by congregation

Text - Spoken by leader

◆ **Indicates when to stand as you are able.**

“BCP” references are found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (red book) in the church pews.

Hymn references are found in *The Hymnal 1982* (blue book) in the church pews.

Service Music (S) references are found in the front of *The Hymnal 1982*.

Large print versions of *The Book of Common Prayer*
are available from any member of the usher team.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR in the Church are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elisabeth Thrasher McBride, Rebekah Jane Bush McBride, Rebekah Ann McBride, Guy Thornton McBride Jr., and Paul Vincent Logue.

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II (9 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

◆ PROCESSION

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymn 436

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE 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.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY *(Please be seated.)*

Children are invited to come forward and sit in the crossing (on the carpet) for the children's homily. This week's homily is given by Parrish Hinton & Smith Brewer.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | *Printed on page 8*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL HYMN

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymn 68

GOSPEL READING

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

◆ Indicates when to stand as you are able.

Matthew 25:1-13 | *Printed on page 9*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Rev. Mary Davila

◆ NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & CONFESSION | *Printed on page 14.*

◆ THE PEACE

Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymn 304

◆ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: 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:

SANCTUS

S 125

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant: 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 LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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

BCP 364

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Please be seated.)*

*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.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
My God, the table now is spread

Hymn 324
Hymn 321

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Please stand or kneel.*)

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

BLESSING

◆ PROCESSION

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn 135

DISMISSAL

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

PSALM 70

¹ Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

² Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

³ Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back,
because they are ashamed.

⁴ Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
“Great is the Lord!”

⁵ But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me speedily, O God.

⁶ You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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.”

SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE I (11 A.M.)

VOLUNTARY

◆ PROCESSION

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymn 436

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 323

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY & SUMMARY OF THE LAW

CANTICLE: GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *(Please be seated.)*

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 | *Printed on page 8*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Sung by the choir; Chant: Flintoff in f)*

Psalm 70 | *Printed on page 8*

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

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◆ GOSPEL HYMN

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymn 68

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated.*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

arr. Andre Thomas

The text of this anthem is based upon the Gospel reading for today.

◆ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues, offering prayers recalling God's love for humanity, then says:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

(Please remain standing or kneel.)

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding by saying:

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee O Father Almighty, world without end.

All: AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 336

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us we are bold to say,

**All: 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 (FRACTION ANTHEM)

S 158

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT *(Please be seated.)*

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EUCCHARIST ANTHEM

I know my soul hath power

Parry

*I know my soul hath power to know all things,
Yet she is blind and ignorant in all:
I know I'm one of Nature's little kings,
Yet to the least and vilest things am thrall.
I know my life's a pain and but a span;
I know my sense is mock'd in ev'rything;
And, to conclude, I know myself a Man,
Which is a proud and yet a wretched thing.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymn 324

My God, the table now is spread

Hymn 321

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Priest: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____ that *they* may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: Because we who are many are one body in Christ, we share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Please stand or kneel.*)

BCP 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

◆ PROCESSION

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymn 135

DISMISSAL

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all those impacted by natural disasters; and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sam and Anne, our Bishops, and all other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all who have served, or are serving, in our armed forces at home and abroad; especially **Jefferson Griffin**. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

Lord, in your mercy; *Hear our prayer.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **Barbara Chaffee, Dianne**

Dougherty, Dave Smith, Bernie Reeves, Mac Martin, Mike Parker, Douglas Bagley, Betsy Hicks,

Marianne Ford, Richard Cansler, Jo Hughes, Bette Cobb, Jim Connell, Margie Johnson. We also pray for those expecting the birth of a child: **Rankin & Bill McGugin, Sarah & Hunter Wyche.**

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; especially for the birth of **Mary Hargrave McElroy**, daughter of **Molly & Will**, granddaughter of **Hargrave & Rick McElroy**, great-granddaughter of **Dabney McElroy**; and for the marriage of **Susan Barwick MacGill & John Mason Harris.**

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, especially those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given:

Elisabeth Thrasher McBride, Rebekah Jane Bush McBride, Rebekah Ann McBride, Guy Thornton McBride Jr., and Paul Vincent Logue.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

Celebrant

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

The people kneel.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant offers the absolution.

Christ Church PARISH WEEKLY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Vestry Person of the Week

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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://visit.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.

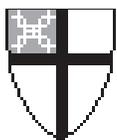
To sign up, or for more information, contact Cooper Bratton - cbratton@ccral.org, or 919-834-6259 ext. 114.

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