



ENTER, REST, AND PRAY

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## SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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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@christchurchraleigh.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.

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 11**.

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

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

**Text - Spoken by congregation**

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◆ **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** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Saint Augustine’s University, its President Dr. Everett B. Ward, and the students, faculty, and staff. The flowers are also in memory of the founders of the University affiliated with Christ Church in 1867 and now - Dr. Kemp P. Battle, William R. Cox, the Rev. Dr. Richard Mason, the Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, the Rev. Aldert Smedes, Dr. Armand J. DeRossett, and Richard H. Smith.

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

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VOLUNTARY

◆ PROCESSION

Now thank we all our God

Hymn 397

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

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SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 | *Printed on page 9*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

◆ GOSPEL HYMN

The Church's one foundation

Hymn 525

Philip Valera, Organist

GOSPEL READING

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

Matthew 5:21-26, 33-37 | *Printed on page 10*

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SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

**The Rev. James P. Adams**

◆ BAPTISMAL HYMN

Come down, O Love divine (v. 1)

Hymn 516

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Elizabeth Grace Andrews, daughter of Ashley & Billy

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 ANTHEM

**The Light in Me** | *B. Wilson and J. Brown LeDoux*

*Sung by the Cherub Choir*

◆ 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 367

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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, recalling Christ's words in the blessing of the bread and wine, then says:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant concludes the prayer, saying:*

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.

All: 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

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

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

Feed my Lambs | *Natalie Sleeth*

Be Still and Know That I Am God | *Michael Bedford*

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let us break bread together on our knees

Hymn 325

King of glory, King of peace

Hymn 382

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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cup.

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**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

Thou, whose almighty word

Hymn 371

DISMISSAL

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

### PSALM 119:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they who observe his decrees  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- <sup>3</sup> Who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in his ways.
- <sup>4</sup> You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.
- <sup>5</sup> Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!
- <sup>6</sup> Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.
- <sup>7</sup> I will thank you with an unfeigned heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- <sup>8</sup> I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

## I CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## MATTHEW 5:21-26, 33-37

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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**Charles Fitzgerald Bean**, son of Lauren & Alex  
**Wilson Hugh Finch**, son of Frances & Carlton  
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Way over in Beulah Lan' | *Arr. Stacey V. Gibbs*

*Sung by the St. Augustine's Choir  
Kimberly Dunn, Director*

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COMMUNION ANTHEM

Ain'a that good news | Arr. William Dawson

1. I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,  
Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
gonna to shoulder up-a my cross,  
Gonna to take it home-a to my Jesus,  
Ain't-a that good news!

2. I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,  
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Ain't-a that good news!  
I'm-a gonna lay down this world,  
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3. *I got a Savior in-a that kingdom,  
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#### COMMUNION HYMNS

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Hymn 325

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#### SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

BCP 365

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**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

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Hymn 371

#### DISMISSAL

The People respond: Thanks be to God.

#### VOLUNTARY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

*Priest*

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*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this city, 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*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

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*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for those expecting the birth of a child; **Nancy and Thorne Harvin**. We pray for our Stephen Ministers-in-Training, **Kelly Burkhardt** and **Stephanie Poole**; and for all who serve in the armed forces. 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*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We pray for our diocese as we seek a new bishop. Look favorably upon your Church, and guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a bishop to be a pastor to this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful leader, who will go with us out in the world, making disciples who make a difference.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal **Richard Cansler, Tom Gnesda, Jo Hughes, Katie Williams, Kristin Kash, Kathy & Larry Matthews, Steve Hoar, Thelma Jarvis, Terry Simpson, Jim Connell, Mary Chambers, Alice Choma, Susan Smith, Bette Cobb, Karen Gnesda, Margie Johnson, Vivian Burr, Peggy Crowder**, and 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*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially **Ronald Lee Garland; Billie Jean Hensley Rosenquist**, mother of Sara Rosenquist; **Julie Stanger**, mother of Cynthia Franken; **William Golden Simpson**, father of Suzie Koonce. We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

# Christ Church PARISH WEEKLY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## Vestry Person of the Week

David Cozart • 919.782.3439  
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## Morning Prayer Leader

Steve Hulme

## SERVING TODAY

### ALTAR GUILD

Group III - Margaret Martin &  
Meg Venters, Co-Chairs

### VERGERS

Jay Alley  
Kaye Culp

### ACOLYTE LEADERS

Kinnan Schline, Kinnan Schline,  
Megan Adkins, Thomas Nisbet

### USHERS

Bill Kline Team  
Bob Grabarek Team  
Lin & Tom Boyle

### LECTORS

Redmond Self, Greg Parsons, Tony Maupin,  
Robert McDowell

### CHALICE BEARERS

John Adams, Bain Jones, Charles Edwards,  
Kevin McLaughlin, Hearon Dickson, Luke  
Harvin, Donnie Womble, Bethany Pergerson,  
Doug Holbrook

### FLOWER GUILD

Susan Johnson & Lillian Stroupe

### CANDLE GUILD

Lin & Tom Boyle

### GREETERS

John and Julie Growney  
Beau and Heather Brewer

## Next Sunday: February 19

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Preacher: 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

## Grow

### Adult Christian Formation - Offerings for This Morning (10:10 a.m.)

#### Preserving the Legacy and Ensuring the Future: Celebrating 150 Years of Scholarship at Saint Augustine's University

As Saint Augustine's University celebrates 150 years of academic excellence, leadership development and spiritual formation, President Everett B. Ward will highlight the university's future. Saint Augustine's University, founded in 1867, is one of only two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Parishioners will have an opportunity to gain additional knowledge of the university and its academic priorities.

### Bible Works: Tools for Living - The Gospel of John

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. and noon.

The current Bible Works series is an in-depth exploration of the beautiful and poetic Gospel of John which draws us into the mystery and love of the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Through Bible Works we learn what this Gospel meant to those who heard it in the 1st century and what it has to say to us today. Bible Works is offered each Tuesday: 7 - 8 a.m. and noon - 1 p.m.; the same lecture is presented at these two different times for the convenience of participants.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Led by The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. in Classroom 128 at Christ Church

All are invited as we study the Bible and seek a deepening of the faith we share. Come as you are with your questions, doubts, hopes and dreams as we come together to talk about following Jesus. We will discuss two of the readings assigned for the following Sunday, given the context of our lives and our culture.

## Connect

### Grief Support Group (Winter 2017)

This group meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m., through February 23. Each session stands on its own, so you may attend as many or as few classes as suit your needs and wishes. The co-facilitators of this group are two amazing, beloved parishioners: Nell Joslin and Jenny Skinner. If you are interested or wish to sign up, please contact The Rev. Jenny Brown ([jbrown@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:jbrown@christchurchraleigh.org), 919.834.6259).

### Raising Spirits 2017 - Our One Word with Martha Bourlakas

Come celebrate, share, and be fed with women of all ages and in all stages of life at Raising Spirits on **Sat., Mar. 11**. Raising Spirits is a full or half-day retreat for women that offers time to focus and seek the presence of the Holy Spirit. Raising Spirits will be led by author and speaker Martha Bourlakas. Martha writes about life with a special needs child, the complexities of faith, and the beauty of food. She authored and leads *Our One Word* spiritual workshops and retreats for women across the country. She loves the holy chaos of mothering, writing, teaching, baking, and being married to an Episcopal bishop who travels. Join us for the morning, the afternoon, or all day. Register online <http://bit.ly/RaisingSpirits17> or in the Christ Church commons.

### Join the Women of Christ Church for February Fellowship

Invite your friends and join the women of Christ Church for a night of fun and fellowship on Tues., Feb. 21 at Oak & Dagger at Seaboard Station in downtown Raleigh. The event will take place from 6-8 p.m., with a cost of \$20 per person. Register online at <http://bit.ly/CCWfeb17>, or contact Cooper Bratton for more info.

## Connect

### **Cherished Members Luncheon - Feb. 15**

In celebration of the gift of friendship, our Cherished Members (Senior Adults) are invited to join the clergy and parishioners for a luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 15. There will be a Eucharist at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon in the Parish Hall. To RSVP, please contact Lin Boyle, 919.834.6259.

### **Lunch and Learn - NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine - Feb. 22**

The Lunch and Learn group will tour the NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine. The world-class CVM, situated on 250 acres, enhances animals and human health and well-being through the education and advanced training of veterinarians and comparative biomedical scientists. For the two-hour walking tour, wear comfortable shoes suitable for indoors and outdoors. Meet at the University Club parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to carpool to the vet school. Dutch treat lunch (\$10+) following tour at the University Club. RSVP to Lin Boyle by Feb. 20 - [lboyle@ccral.org](mailto:lboyle@ccral.org) or 919.834.6259.

### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Feb. 28, 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.**

#### **Crafts - Great Food - Fellowship**

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is a meal of celebration and indulgence before we begin the season of Lent, often a time of fasting and personal sacrifice. This is a wonderful way to gather with our parish in the new Christ Church Commons as we celebrate this feast day with lots of pancakes. This year's event will feature a Burning of the Palms Liturgy with Mary Davila, in the South Courtyard, beginning at 5:15 p.m. There will also be crafts and Lenten stations, face painters, and balloon animals for children. All proceeds go toward the 2017 Youth Summer Mission to Belize. Pay online or at the door - <http://bit.ly/pancake17>; prices: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-11, and \$3 for children ages 3 and younger. Family cap of \$30.

### **20s/30s Shrove Tuesday Gathering - Feb. 28**

The Christ Church 20s/30s group is meeting with the 20s/30s group from St. Michael's for drinks and conversation at Person Street Bar - 805 N. Person Street - on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There is no fee but please let us know that you're coming here - <http://bit.ly/20s30sFatTues>.

## Al Purrington Concert Series

### **Chamber Music with Wine and Hors d'oeuvres - Feb. 24, 7 p.m.**

This first concert in the newly renovated Christ Church Commons features North Carolina Symphony principal second violinist Elizabeth Phelps and harpsichordist Beverly Biggs in an evening of baroque chamber music. Experience this music as it was meant to be heard, with friends, wine and hors d'oeuvres. **Tickets for this event are \$25** and can be purchased online at <http://bit.ly/SMOTSFeb24>.

#### **"Episcopally Speaking"**

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

#### **Baptismal Sunday**

Holy Baptism is now to be understood as full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the church. This bond that God established in baptism is indissoluble. We can reject and/or distort it, but we can never deny who and whose we are. It is God who is the prior actor in baptism, an action to which we can only respond. This should explain why a baptism can never be repeated, for while we may break our covenant with God, God never breaks God's covenant with us. Our appropriate response, therefore, is to renew our promises by reaffirming our baptismal vows and covenant over and over again. — *Excerpt from Holy Baptism, A Guide for Parents and Godparents by The Rev. John H. Westerhoff*

## Children's Ministry

### **Vacation Bible School 2017 Begins June 19**

Vacation Bible School 2017—Holy Moses! will be a week not to miss. Rising 4-year-olds through 5th graders are invited to be part of this fun-filled, educational week.

VBS will take place this year from **June 19-23**, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The children will present what they learned about Moses in church on Sunday, June 25. Online registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/CCVBS17>. Also, please note, rising 6th graders and older are invited to volunteer. Sign up on the Youth Ministry page on the Christ Church website.

We hope to see you all there!

## Children's Ministry

### Ash Wednesday Family Service - March 1

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a period of 40 days in which we remember the temptations that Jesus faced in the wilderness. Ash Wednesday begins our own season of prayer and fasting, and again this year, we are offering a worship service at 5:00 p.m. that is especially appropriate for children and families. The liturgy includes a brief Homily and the Imposition of Ashes. We hope this will be a meaningful way for our young people to mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

### Baby Brunch - March 5

Are you a new or expectant parent? Do you have questions about who will care for your newest addition on Sunday mornings? Please join us in Room 126 on March 5, at 10:15 a.m. for brunch, a nursery information session and a tour of the Baker Wing. Please take this opportunity to meet our staff, learn about our nursery procedures, talk about Baptism and meet other parishioners experiencing the joys of new parenthood.

For more information contact Sloane Brooks, [sbrooks@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:sbrooks@christchurchraleigh.org).

### Fourth Grade Sunday School Book Study of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

During the season of Lent, from March 5 until April 2, the fourth grade Sunday school class will study the book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." The group will read a couple of chapters each week and discuss them on Sunday mornings. No need to worry if your child hasn't had a chance to read during the week, as we will also show a short movie clip each Sunday to get the ball rolling. We hope the children will join us in reading this allegory and find it important in relating to the Bible, especially appropriate during this Lenten season. We think they will enjoy studying the correlations.

## Youth Ministry

### Youth News

- EYC this **Sunday, Feb. 12.**
- Student volunteers are needed for the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and Mardi Gras event. we have two shifts available - 4:45 p.m. until 6 p.m., where you will decorate, cook and serve; or 6 p.m. until 7:15 p.m., where you will serve, cook and clean up. Sign-up sheets are outside the Youth Ministry Office. Contact Sandy Anthony, [santhony@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:santhony@christchurchraleigh.org), with any questions about volunteering.
- Middle and high school winter basketball leagues are underway. All games are played at First Presbyterian Church, 120 W. Hargett Street. Schedules are posted on the youth page of the Christ Church website.
- The final Run for Young committee meeting will be held **Monday, Feb. 13**, at 6 p.m. in the HS Sunday School classroom. Please join us for this important wrap up meeting as we prepare for 2018.
- Youth Confirmands and Sponsors are invited to make Communion Bread together **Ash Wednesday March 1**, 6 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. in the Christ Church kitchen. To sign up, contact Sandy Anthony, [santhony@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:santhony@christchurchraleigh.org).

### Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

EYC supplements the Sunday School program by providing fellowship and outreach activities to create a peer-based community, featuring open dialogue about faith and spirituality and opportunities for ministry in the church, as well as the broader Raleigh community. EYC takes place on Sunday nights and allows for the different grades to join together.

### 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 from students houses to church basement every Wed., 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Very casual - all you need to bring is yourself! Movie information as well as locations is sent weekly through our youth emails. Contact Liz Stroff, [Istroff@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:Istroff@christchurchraleigh.org).

### Middle School Bible Study - Lenten Series

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 be held each Tuesday in March (7, 14, 21, 28) at the church from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. A \$16 registration fee helps with the cost of meals. Contact Martha Cox with questions, [mcox@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:mcox@christchurchraleigh.org). Register at <http://bit.ly/msbs3>.

Jr. EYC (Grds. 6 - 8) – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner (All Grades) – 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Sr. EYC (Grds. 9 - 12) – 7 - 8 p.m.

### Spring EYC Sundays at Church

Feb. 12, 19, 26

March 5, 12, 19, 26

April 2, 23, 30

## Youth Ministry

### Senior Voyage: A Lenten Study for High School Seniors

The Senior Voyage is a guided discussion allowing focus to discern, grow and study about what's next in your life. Senior year is a wonderful time of discovering what can lie ahead but can also be a time of stress and pressure as you try to navigate through applications, deadlines and expectations. We will focus on how to balance your spiritual, social and academic life while away at school, keeping in mind your relationship with God, self and others. We'll meet Tuesday evenings in March (7, 14, 21, 28) from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the church. A \$25 fee helps to cover snacks and other materials. Registration: <http://bit.ly/voyage17>. Contact: Liz Stroff, [Istroff@christchurchraleigh.org](mailto:Istroff@christchurchraleigh.org).

### Youth Confirmation Focus Classes (5 required for confirmation)

In addition to accumulating points for our youth confirmation process, students will need to attend five confirmation focus classes. The classes will be spread throughout the spring semester and will rotate between Wednesdays (6:30-7:30 p.m.) and Sundays (7-8:00 p.m.), there are no make-up classes. Focus classes are led by clergy or guests on various topics including Eucharist, prayer postures, church history, liturgical living and more. The classes are 10 points each for the five required and 15 points for any additional classes attended.

- **Sunday, Feb. 26** - Liz Stroff
- **Sunday, March 5** - The Rev. Callie Swanlund
- **Wednesday, March 15** - The Rev. Mary Davila
- **Sunday, March 19** - The Rev. Jim Adams
- **Wednesday, March 29** - Philip Isley
- **Sunday, April 2** - Fr. Josh Thomas, Kids4Peace, [www.k4p.org](http://www.k4p.org)
- **Wednesday, April 19** - The Rev. Meg Hunn
- **Sunday, April 23** - The Rev. Jenny Brown

## Thank you

### Thank you from the 10th annual Run for Young

It was certainly a different year for the Run for Young with a snow-cancelled race and added spaghetti dinner but through it all, we are so thankful for our participants, registrants and parish support. A huge thank you to the entire Run for Young committee included 37 high school students and 11 adults, particularly Bailey Anthony and Thomas Nisbet, adult co-chairs, and Janie Jackson and Evan Parsons, student co-chairs, for their hard work over the past year. We would also like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support - Atlantic Packaging, Dogwood Properties, Hodge and Kittrell, Holt Physical Therapy, Medalist Capital, Midatlantic Securities, Southern Crane, The Umstead Hotel and Spa, Wakestone Corporation, Williams Realty and Building Company, Winston's Grille, and Plexus Capital. We are grateful for the generous support of our community over the past ten years and look forward to the next ten.

## Community Event

### Open House at St. Paul AME Church

The Wake County Historical Society (WCHS) invites you to an open house at St. Paul AME Church on **Sunday, Feb. 19**, at 2 p.m. This historic downtown church is in the process of restoring its 75 stunning European art glass windows, and WCHS is adopting a window and hopes to encourage other organizations to do the same. St. Paul's was founded in 1848 by the African American membership of Edenton Street Methodist Church. The church's cornerstone was laid in 1884 and work was completed in 1909; however, that same year it was gutted by a fire, and subsequently rebuilt and rededicated in 1910. It is one of only three Raleigh churches on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the oldest African American church in Wake County. The church is located at 402 W. Edenton Street.

## Election of North Carolina's Next Bishop

The election of the XII Bishop Diocesan of North Carolina will take place on **March 4**, at a special convention in Greensboro. Clergy and lay delegates from Christ Church - Jay Alley, Charles Edwards, Jane Forde, John Gray, Libbie Ward and Tom Ziko - will take part in the election. During the second week of February, the nominees will make their way across the Diocese for a series of whistle stops and walkabouts, during which we will have a chance to meet them in person. On **Feb. 15**, the nominees for the XII Bishop Diocesan will be at St. Augustine's University - 1315 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh - on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Student Center, to meet with the public. Evensong will begin at 6 p.m. Before they arrive, make sure to review their profiles at <http://bishopsearch.dionc.org>, and check out their town hall recordings.