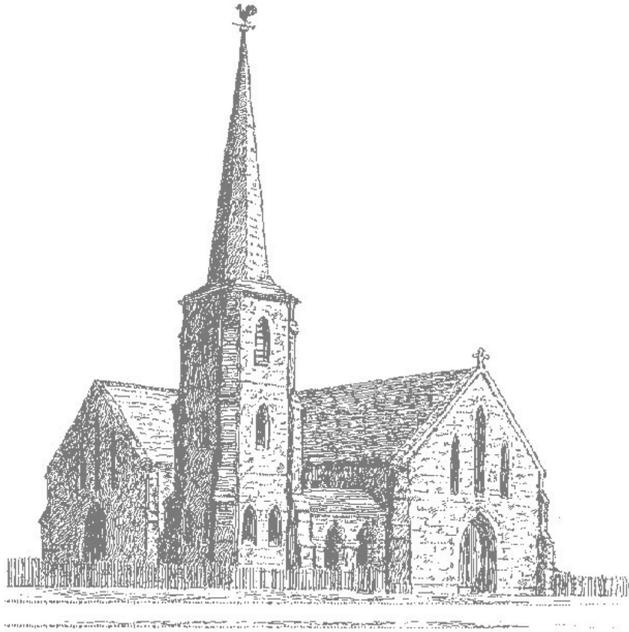




CHRIST CHURCH

ON CAPITOL SQUARE



CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

5 P.M.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE ADULT CHOIR

BRIAN SCHMIDT, GUEST CONDUCTOR

JOSHUA DUMBLETON, ORGANIST

Welcome to Choral Evensong. We hope that you will enter into a time of prayer by letting the voices of the Choir lift your thoughts and prayers to the throne of God's grace. While the Choir will pray most of the responses and canticles on your behalf, you are invited to participate heartily in the singing of the hymns. Please silence electronic devices.

Sit **Voluntary**

Sit **Introit: When Mary to the Temple went** Paul Eccard

1 Mary made a pilgrimage to the temple and brought her child there, who was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold. Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang:

Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen You, Savior —
comfort of Israel, light of the World.

2 O dear Jesus, grant now that we at all times
find all our joy in Thee, just as Simeon did,
and that, when the time comes, we pass away gently and thus sing gladly:

Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen You, Savior —
comfort of Israel, light of the World.

Stand **Procession: O Zion, open wide thy gates**

Hymn 257

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.
 Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
 Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.
 Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
 Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
 shall be: world without end. Amen.
 Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.
 Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Sit **The Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9**

Anglican Chant

- ¹ Hallelujah!
 Happy are they who fear the Lord
 and have great delight in his commandments!
- ² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
 the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
 and their righteousness will last for ever.
- ⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
 the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- ⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
 and to manage their affairs with justice.
- ⁶ For they will never be shaken;
 the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
 their heart is right;
 they put their trust in the Lord.
- ⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
 until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- ⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will hold up their head with honor.

Glory to be the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

This passage tells the story of the life and faith of God's people before the coming of Christ.

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Kneel

Magnificat

Evening Service in B Minor, T. Tertius Noble

This is the song of Mary when she was told that she was to be the mother of Christ; forming a bridge between the two lessons.

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

The New Testament Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20

This passage tells the story of the life and faith of God's people after the coming of Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Kneel

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in B Minor, T. Tertius Noble

This hymn of praise was sung by the aged Simeon, who was promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of the people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sit

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Davila

Stand

The Apostles' Creed - Our Baptismal Creed (*Intoned by all*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in
the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life
everlasting. Amen.

Kneel

The Prayers (*Sung by the Choir*)

Humphrey Clucas

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

*Note: We do not say the final part of the Lord's Prayer, called the
Doxology, because the Gloria has been sung by the Choir.*

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. Amen.

Suffrages *(Prayers sung responsorially by the Choir and Officiant)*

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the state.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue the ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,
O God.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

*Collects are intoned by the Officiant; the Choir responds by singing
“Amen.”*

Collect for the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Aid against Perils

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

1. O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the
everliving Father in heaven.
O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!

2. Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

3. thou art worthy at all times
to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The text of today's anthem is from Greece in the third century and is considered the oldest non-scriptural prayer in existence. A prayer for light, it echo's the Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) and is normally sung at choral evensong. Today's setting is written by our Organist/Choirmaster and is dedicated to The Rev. James P. Adams.

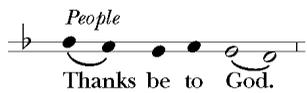
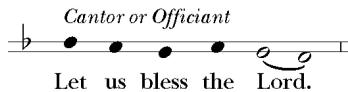
Stand

The General Thanksgiving (*said by all*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Stand

Closing Versicle and Grace



Stand

O Trinity of blessed light

Hymn 29

Sit

Voluntary

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

FEBRUARY 5, 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 give thanks for the birth of **Victoria Cheshire Webb**, daughter of Ashley & Cheshire, granddaughter of Vicky & Joe Webb. We pray for those expecting the birth of a child: **Nancy & 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 those in whose memory the altar flowers have been given: **Bettie Allison and William Goodyear Rand and Edith Allison Shelton**. 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

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Morning Prayer Leader

Steven Hill

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD

Group II - Catherine Maxwell &
Muff Carr, Co-Chairs

VERGERS

Donnie Womble
Jay Alley

ACOLYTE LEADERS

Kinnan Schline, Kinnan Schline,
Megan Adkins, Thomas Nisbet

USHERS

Tacker LeCarpentier Team
Don Finkbeiner Team
Dion Ousley & Billy Trott

LECTORS

Richard Barnes, Anna Bess Brown,
Ginger Calloway, Ellen Greaves,
Howard Ellington, Carolyn Zuttel,
Ronald Wenda

CHALICE BEARERS

Stannie Brewer, Gaye Hill,
Dane Huffman, Harry McKinney,
Al Conyers, Ann Daniel, Mary Lewis James

FLOWER GUILD

Lynnie Mitchell & Sandra Smith

CANDLE GUILD

Carole Scott & Dottie Benz

GREETERS

Beth Williamson and Valerie Cozart
Anne and Lee Hogewood

Next Sunday: February 12

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Preacher: The Rev. James P. Adams

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

Grow

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

Finishing Well Series - Dr. Farr Curlin - Parish Hall

The Adult Christian Education Committee is pleased to present our series, **Finishing Well**, during the months of February and March. Please join us in the Parish Hall during three Sundays in February for visits by innovative thinkers and practitioners in the world of medicine and palliative care. In March, we look forward to a study of Atul Gawande's inspiring book **Being Mortal** in room 128, led by our own Jenny Brown and Hargrave McElroy. Look for details of this series in the Parish Weekly and on the Adult Christian Formation page of the website!

This week we hear from Dr. Farr Curlin, Josiah C. Trent Professor of Medical Humanities and Co-Director of the Theology, Medicine and Culture Initiative (TMC) at Duke University. Here is Dr. Curlin's description of his talk:

The default pathway for dying in America—kept alive by technology as long as possible—does not seem congruent either with living well or dying faithfully. But what to do? The institutions of hospice and palliative medicine provide a helpful alternative. By mitigating distressing symptoms, maintaining function, locating dying in the home and community, and providing both realistic information and reassuring presence, hospice and palliative medicine can create conditions patients (and the members of their community) need to practice what Christians in the middle ages called "the art of dying" (ars moriendi). In this talk, we will consider how the practices of palliation can serve as modest but powerful tools to help patients, as well as clergy, family, and friends, recover the practices of living well, and faithfully, in the face of death.

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, 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.

20s/30s What's the Faith Series: Feb. 7

Join us every First Tuesday for conversation on scripture, spirituality, and church. Our series continues on Tues., Feb. 7, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at The Morning Times (10 E. Hargett St.). Call or text The Rev. Callie Swanlund (919-964-1804) with questions.

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

Prime Time

Prime Time will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lianda and Ben Taylor, 622 Daniels Street. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to Carleen Shaffer (lcjshaffer@yahoo.com) or by calling the church by February 10.

Grow

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.

Al Purrington Concert Series

Chamber Music with Wine and Hors d'oeuvres - Fri., 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>.

Celebrate

Mardi Gras/ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Crafts - Great Food – Fellowship

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a meal of celebrating as we indulge in the richness of sweets 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 our new Christ Church Commons as we celebrate this feast day with LOTS of pancakes. All proceeds go towards the 2017 Youth Summer Mission to Belize. Pay online or at the door. <http://bit.ly/pancake17> **Prices: \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 (children 4-11) and \$3(children 3 & under), Family cap of \$30**

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 including 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 Sotheby's International Realty, 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!

From Growing Together Preschool:

What a joyous Christmas celebration the EYC, Liz, Sandy and Martha planned for our Growing Together Preschool families! We had sixteen families with 21 adults and 46 children attend the festivities on the Sunday before Christmas. Everyone had a delightful time!

The parents were warmly greeted and hosted with delicious refreshments by Coles Jones, Elizabeth Hogan, Leslie Jandrain, and Landis St. George while the children enjoyed decorating cookies and working in fun centers with the Youth. My preschoolers were excited to be back at Christ Church again, and it was fun to celebrate Christmas in the beautiful newly renovated church building!

Thank you for the amazing collection of Christmas presents for the children. It was an awesome sight to see all the gifts gathered and ready to distribute that day. The preschoolers were thrilled to see so many gifts walking into their homes that afternoon personally delivered by the EYC. Huge "thank you's" and hugs for Liz, Sandy, Martha, the EYC, and Coles, Elizabeth, Leslie, Landis, and to the rest of our Christ Church family. The Growing Together parents and I are so very grateful for your warm support and generosity! Thank you for sharing your joyful Christmas spirit with the families of Growing Together Preschool. Happy New Year!

With joyful hearts.

Kathy Boos and the families of Growing Together Preschool

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Children's Ministry Committee this morning at **10:15 a.m.** in the room 126. We will cover Lent, Spring Offerings and Vacation Bible School. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendars Now!

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 9am to noon each day. The children will present what they learned about Moses in church on Sunday, June 25th. 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!

Youth Ministry

Youth News

- No EYC this Sunday, Feb. 5. We will resume next week Feb. 12.
- The high school make-up basketball games will take place this Sunday February 5, 1:00pm CC Maroon and 2:00pm CC Navy. All games are played at First Presbyterian Church.
- Middle & High School Winter Basketball league 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 6pm in the HS Sunday School classroom. Please join us for this important wrap up meeting as we prepare for 2018!

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.

Jr. EYC (Gr. 6 - 8) – 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner (All Grades) – 6:30 - 7 p.m.
Sr. EYC (Grades 9 - 12) – 7 - 8 p.m.

Spring EYC Sundays at Church

Feb. 12, 19, 26
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 23, 30

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., 7:30-8:30pm. 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 (lstroff@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 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), meeting at the church 6:30-7:45pm. More details about program topics and dinner offerings to come! A \$16 registration fee helps with meal costs.

Contact: Martha Cox mcox@christchurchraleigh.org

Registration: <http://bit.ly/msbs3>

Glory Ridge Weekend

Registration Deadline: April 5 | Registration: <http://bit.ly/ridge17>

This spring grades 8-12 are eligible to serve at Glory Ridge, May 12-14. Glory Ridge is a multi-denominational Christian camp founded in 1973. The camp is located in Madison County, North Carolina on 28 acres overlooking the French Broad River. Students work with the Madison County Housing Coalition providing services like painting, roof repair, or plumbing. Glory Ridge provides us with a staff member who serves as our daily site manager. We travel by vans to Glory Ridge and all meals will be made onsite by our kitchen crew. The trip cost \$125 and includes most meals, travel, and building materials.

Youth Ministry

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 (6:30-7:30pm) and Sundays (7:00-8:00pm) evenings, 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 much more. The classes are 10 points each for the five required and 15 points for any additional classes attended.

Focus Class schedule:

- 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
- Wednesday, April 19 – The Rev. Meg Hunn
- Sunday, April 23 – The Rev. Jenny Brown

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 is next to come 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. This four week group study will explore all those exciting and often nerve wracking decisions. We will focus on how to balance your spiritual, social, and academic life while away at school, looking at our relationship with God, self, and others. We will meet Tuesday evenings in March (7, 14, 21, 28) from 6:00-7:30pm at church. A \$25 fee helps to cover snacks and other materials.

Registration: <http://bit.ly/voyage17>

Contact: Liz Stroff (lstroff@christchurchraleigh.org)

Bishop's Ball (Diocesan Event)

February 17-19, 2017

Registration deadline: Feb. 8

Bishops' Ball is a weekend retreat, held at Camp Walter Johnson in Denton, for middle and high school (6-12 grade) youth, beginning Friday evening at 7:30pm and ending Sunday at 11:15am. The event is planned and led by youth from the Chartered Committee for Youth (CCY). During the event, youth and adults will participate in small group discussions and activities, large group presentations, games, music (led by a professional musician), worship and more, including a possible campfire or talent show. The uniqueness of Bishops' Ball is that the bishops of our diocese participate in the weekend and are presenters of the theme throughout the weekend. In addition, there is a formal dinner, followed by a celebration Eucharist and dance Saturday night. Registration for the weekend is \$100 and scholarship is available upon request. Diocesan event registration is completed through the youth Diocesan office.

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Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is a volunteer group of the parish whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members are responsible for preparing the sanctuary for all services of the church, which includes weddings, burials, baptisms, and week day Eucharist. Altar Guild members frequently supervise the decoration of the sanctuary for the various liturgical seasons as well. In most churches the altar guild uses the room adjoining to the sanctuary called a sacristy to store and prepare all the items needed for worship, however, here at Christ Church we have an altar guild room since the sacristy is shared by many guild of the church such as acolyte teams, flower guild, brass polishers and more.



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