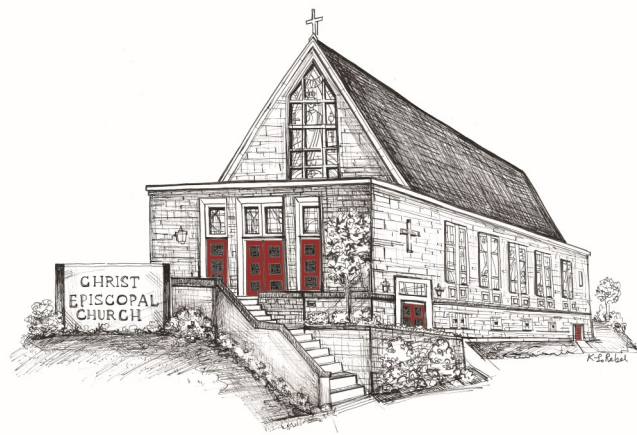
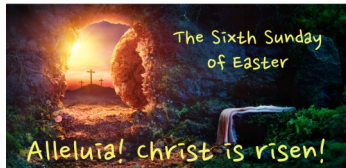


The Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 • 10:00 a.m.



Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN * 212 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

(The congregation stands and sings)

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

1 Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
and on his praises dwell.

those feet still free to move and bleed
for millions and for me.

2 Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,

4 His enemies had sealed the stone
as Pilate gave them leave,
lest dead and friendless and alone
he should their skill deceive.

3 those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,

5 O Dead arise! O Friendless stand
by seraphim adored!
O Solitude again command
your host from heaven restored!

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt

Tune: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Celebrant then continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord

People: Amen

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing.

GLORY TO GOD * S-278 *(The Hymnal 1982)*

(sung by all)

Gloria in excelsis *Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)*

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *(please remain standing)*

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON *(please be seated)*

(Acts 10:44-48)

Reader: A Reading From The Acts of the Apostles

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 (please remain seated)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the
sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victo-
ry of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

THE EPISTLE

(1 John 5:1-6)

Reader: A Reading From the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN * 450 (The Hymnal 1982)

(The congregation stands and sings)

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

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| 1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all! | 3 Hail him, the Heir of David's line,
whom David Lord did call,
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all!
the God incarnate, Man divine,
and crown him Lord of all! | 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all!
go, spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all! |
| 2 Crown him ye martyrs of our God,
who from his altar call:
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all!
praise him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown him Lord of all! | 4 Ye heirs of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all! | 6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all! |

Words: Edward Perronet (1726-1792), alt.

Tune: *Coronation*, Oliver Holden (1765-1844), alt.; desc. Michael E. Young (b. 1939)

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THE GOSPEL

(John 15:9-17)

Then, all still standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

After the reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair

THE NICENE CREED

On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows, all standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(silence)*

Leader: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Leader: For *Joe*, our president; *Joshua*, our governor, and this community, the nation and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

Leader: For the peace and unity in the Church of God;

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

Leader: For *Michael*, our Presiding Bishop, *Ketlen*, our Bishop; *James, Brandon, and Christopher*, our priests; *Lorena and Christine*, our Deacons; and for Fr. Rich Witt and The Rural and Migrant Ministries; Bruce Robison and the people of All Saints', Brighton Heights; [*The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; Outreach Organization; The Parish Cycle of Prayer*]; for those who are deployed, [*especially _____*] and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, [*especially _____*]. I invite your own petitions, either out loud or in silence. (*The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.*)

Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life [*especially _____*]. I invite your own thanksgivings. (*The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.*)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom [*especially _____*]. I invite your own petitions. (*The people may add their petitions during this brief pause.*)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept

Leader 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 concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

THE PEACE

All stand. The celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION - RITE II

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Chancel Choir

Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymn Tune: *Old 100th*

**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.**

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: *Old 100th*; att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

SANCTUS * 747 (*CEC Hymnal Supplement*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hymn Tune: *Land of Rest*

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

People: Amen.

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

Celebrant and People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; all sing

FRACTION ANTHEM * S-164 (The Hymnal 1982)

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace,

give us your peace.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

You may opt to instinct (dip) in the small chalice, or you may drink from the common chalice.

FIRST COMMUNION HYMN * 748 (CEC Hymnal Supplement)

In Christ alone, my hope is found

In Christ Alone

1 In Christ alone, my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
here in the love of Christ I stand.

3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

2 In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the once he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

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SECOND COMMUNION HYMN * 751 (CEC Hymnal Supplement)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

2 Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain*

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain*

Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)

Tune: *Assurance*, Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)
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THIRD COMMUNION HYMN * 749 (CEC Hymnal Supplement)

God's Paschal Lamb is sacrificed for us

Sine Nomine

1 God's Paschal Lamb
is sacrificed for us;
therefore with joy
we keep the Easter feast;
forsaking sin
we share the bread of truth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Now Christ is raised
and will not die again;
death has no more
dominion over him.

Through him we die
to sin and live to God.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 In Christ we see
the first fruits of the dead:
though Adam's sin
had doomed all flesh to die,
in Christ's new life
shall all be made alive.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Tune: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)

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Prayer For Spiritual Communion at Home

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to receive you into my soul. As I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you, knowing that you are already here, and unite myself wholly to you, secure that you will never let me go. Amen.

◆ Based on the prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION * 556 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

(Congregation sings)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Marion

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

4 Yes, on through life's long path,

still chanting as ye go,

from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice,

rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

5 Still lift your standard high,

still march in firm array,

as warriors through the darkness toil,
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

2 With all the angel choirs,

with all the saints of earth,

pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

6 At last the march shall end;

the wearied ones shall rest;

the pilgrims find their Father's house,
Jerusalem the blessed. *Refrain*

3 Your clear hosannas raise.

and alleluias loud;

while answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*

7 Then on, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Tune: *Marion*, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

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DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these (or similar) words

Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Link

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Welcome Everyone!

We are delighted to have you with us! If this is your first visit ever; first in a long-time; or you are here regularly - whether in-person or online - your presence is what makes us a church! If you are new here please join us for fellowship and refreshment after the 8:00 and 10:00 services so we can get to know one another.

We can't wait to meet you!



TODAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUN 05/05:	6 EASTER	11:15 a.m.	Mother's Day "Tea Hour"
	8:00 a.m.		Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:15 a.m.		Adult Forum (Types of Prayer)
	10:00 a.m.		Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10:00 a.m.		Sunday School & Children's Eucharist
		11:55 a.m.	The Third Service
		1:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Class

DEDICATIONS - THE ALTAR FLOWERS are offered to the glory of God by Jim & Sandra Shoucair in thanksgiving for Emma, Olivia, Madeleine, and Peter Shoucair; and by Janet & Jerry Stephenson in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. **THE AUMBRY CANDLE** is offered to the glory of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE -- FOR THOSE WHO ARE INFIRM OR FACE OTHER ADVERSITIES - Linda Fitzmaurice, Bruce Butler, Josh Keebler; **FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMEBOUND** - Evelyn Arlow, Ollie Fowler, Gretel Gormley, Jean Harrison, Edwina Hoard, Jim Stoessel, Carolyn Werley; **FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED** - Ford "Chip" Fuller, IV; **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** - Euniann Grove

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MON 05/06:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
	4:00 p.m.	Recovery
	4:00 p.m.	Erich Riebe Guitar Lessons
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study
TUE 05/07:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
	6:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer @ Cumberland Woods
WED 05/08:	12:00 Noon	AA Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Women in Discipleship
THU 05/09:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (IP & FB)
	4:00 p.m.	Erich Riebe Guitar Lessons
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
FRI 05/10:	9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer (FB)
SAT 05/11:	9:30 a.m.	Kindermusik by Lynda

A REMINDER ABOUT THE PRAYER LIST - As we have had a considerable number of names added to the prayer list this past week, we want to remind you that names will be kept on the spoken prayer list (read in the Prayers of the People in church) for 2-3 Sundays and will be listed on the prayer board in the Narthex for up to 2 months. This practice allows us to focus on the newer requests but by no means are we suggesting your request is less important. Please feel free to phone, email, or use the online form to renew your request any time.

ALTAR FLOWERS & AUMBRY CANDLES - Please don't forget, when the altar is not decked out for Easter (or Christmas) that you have the opportunity to sponsor the altar flowers each Sunday - you may dedicate them in memory of someone or in celebration of an occasion, etc. The cost is \$35 and you may sign up for them using the online form on the website or by going to the green book in The Little Gallery. You may also pay online (if you use the online form it will direct you where to go) or by check made out to **Christ Church Altar Guild**.

Similarly, if you would like to sponsor the Aumbry Candle, you may do that in very much the same fashion online or in the green book. The cost for the candle is \$5.00

NEXT SUNDAY AT CHRIST CHURCH

SUN 05/12:	7 EASTER - THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Forum
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	10:00 a.m.	The Last Day of Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Sundae Sunday
	11:55 a.m.	The Third Service
	1:00 p.m.	Inquirer's Class

SPECIAL EARLY MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE TEA HOUR - Today is our observation of Mother's Day with a special "Tea" at the Coffee Tea Hour after the 10:00 service in recognition of the moms in our parish.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS - The May - July 2024 Day By Day devotionals are available in The Little Gallery.

SPRING CLEANUP - On **Saturday, May 11**, the Warden's Gang is having a work party to spread mulch across the Memorial Garden and other spots as well as other miscellaneous outdoor projects. The event will take place from **9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Parishioners are encouraged to come at any time. Any help, even an hour of your time, will be greatly appreciated. Let's try to make everything look nice in preparation of Bishop Ketlen Solak's visit! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Bischoff at **DSBLMB@YAHOO.COM**.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL is next **Sunday, May 12**. We will recognize teachers as well as high school seniors at the 10:00 service. Following service we will have our traditional Sundae Sunday celebration on the patio with ice cream treats for all! The Summer Children's program will begin on June 2 during the 10:00 service.

BISHOP'S VISIT - The Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak will make her annual visit on Pentecost **Sunday, May 19** at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. At 10:00, she will confirm those participating in this year's Confirmation Class as well as any adults who wish to be confirmed, received or reaffirmed. It will also be our next opportunity for baptism for those who desire. Please let the office know if you would like to receive any of these sacraments. A reception and brunch will follow the 10:00 service. There will not be an 11:55 service that day.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - Leading up to the Bishop's visit, Canon Jim will hold an Inquirer's Class for adults who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church - or for those needing a refresher course! They will resume today and next week at 1:00 p.m.

VBS 2024: Registration is open! See the separate insert.

YOUTH BOOK CLUB - Children ages 8-14 are invited to read and discuss *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis in a four-part discussion led by Canon Jim and Deacon Lorena on **Sundays, June 2, 9, 16 & 23**. See separate insert for more information.

MEAT & GREET COOKOUT: It's almost Sizzlin' Summer at Christ Church! The Newcomer Committee invites all Parishioners-- new and not as new-- to a First Sunday Cookout Potluck on **Sunday, June 2 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.** We will man the grill, you can bring the sides. Drinks will be provided. We plan to be outside but will move to the Undercroft if necessary. For questions, or to help set up or grill, please email Kelly Radomski at **KTRADOMSKI@HOTMAIL.COM**

FAMILY CAMPOUT - August 16-18, 2024 - Whether you join us for the entire weekend or just come for the day, please join us for fellowship and fun at Bear Run Campground. There are cabin and tent sites available plus all kinds of fun activities from swimming to volleyball! See the separate insert for more information.

MAY MINISTRIES OF THE MONTH

RAISING SAINTS COMMITTEE is a committee of grown ups dedicated to providing quality fellowship and formation programs for the children and families of Christ Church. We annually host the VBS, Storytime with Santa, Epiphany party, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday Sundaes and Summer Campout. We are looking for additional grown ups to join our planning committee, or our roster of program volunteers. If you are interested in joining the committee or helping with an event, please email Ellen Seagraves at **ELLEN.SEAGRAVES@CHRISTCHURCHPGH.ORG**.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES - Children and teens have a relationship with God and experience the holy in their lives just as adults do. Our mission is to help each other discern who God is calling us to be – no matter what our age. Each child's faith formation is fostered through storytelling, study, worship, prayer, friendship, service, and mission. Our Sunday school teachers and youth leaders are spiritual guides who point to the presence of God as teachers, mentors, and role models. Do you enjoy the company of children? Are you a storyteller? A musician? Are you eager to learn about your own faith? Do you like to have fun and laugh? Lead and guide? Nurture and learn? All in the company of other adults and children ... then please contact The Rev. Lorena Ringle, Deacon, Director of Christian Formation: **LORENA.RINGLE@CHRISTCHURCHPGH.ORG** We welcome everyone who wants to join us, and offer the following ways to support our children and youth on their journey of faith: -

· Summer 2024 – June 2 – August 25 – Nursery & Summer Pre/K – Grade 3 Kids Program – Adult and Teen volunteers to assist and/or lead fun, faith-based activities during the 10:00 service.

· 2024-2025 Program Year – September 8, 2024 – May 18, 2025 – Adults and Youth who are confirmed lead teachers at all levels: Nursery, Pre/K Chapel, Primary, Intermediate, and Teen Classes.

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Praying Hands are Helping Hands

FREE Service-Focused VBS

For ages 3 - 6th grade

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When: Aug. 5-9, 2023

5:00-7:30 pm

For Details:

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VOLUNTEER



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Ages 8-14

Four part discussion
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Register Here

June 2, 9, 16, 23

FAMILY CAMPOUT

Join us for a fun weekend of fellowship
Stay the weekend or come for the day
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Activities

- Playground
- Swimming
- GaGa Ball
- Swimming
- Nature Hike
- Boat, Canoe, Kayak, paddleboard
- Basketball
- Horseshoe Pitts
- Volleyball

And best of all, fun and fellowship with friends!

August 16-18

Bear Run
Campground



Interested? Let us know!

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant & Preacher.....	The Rev. Cn. James D. Shoucair
Assisting Minister.....	The Rev. Lorena Ringle
Organist & Choirmaster.....	Ed Kapsha
Acolyte.....	
Altar Guild.....	Gwyni Gilliland
Greeters.....	Karlyn Voss
Lay Readers.....	Joe & Carol Eiden
.....	Jim Scarnati
.....	Carol Behring
.....	Sandra Shoucair
Ushers.....	David Bischoff
.....	Rick Mathews
.....	John Winter
.....	Danny Kotson

Post-Worship Ministries

Altar Flower Delivery.....	Gwyni Gilliland
Coffee Hour.....	Megan Karn
Counters.....	Melissa Keebler
.....	Tracy Rearick
Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....	Susan Harchelroad
.....	John Winter

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