October 26, 2025

## Today

Blessing of the Pledges - During worship services this month we will bless pledges supporting the work of Christ Church in 2026. Please pray about your pledge and bring your pledge card with you on Sunday, pick one up at church, or pledge online. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Faith Forum: The Power of Generosity - 10 am | All Saints' Hall - A conversation about generosity as a spiritual practice: a way of aligning our lives with God's abundance and sustaining the life of the Church we love.

#### Children & Youth

- Sunday Nursery Care, 8:30 am 12:30 pm, Nursery Suites
- · Children's Sunday School, 10 am, various locations
- · Middle School Sunday School, 10 am, St. Francis C
- High School Bible Study, 10 am, M213
- Middle School EYC Halloween Party, 6 7:30 pm

Sunday Brunch - Weekly | 11 am - 1 pm | Blue Room - Don't miss Chef Andrea's famous brunch! \$14 adults; \$12 seniors; \$9 children ages 4 - 10; \$50 max per family. Credit/debit cards accepted. No reservations necessary. Volunteers are needed and eat free! Details & volunteer signup: christ-churchcharlotte.org/sunday-brunch-buffet.

## OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Parking Safety and Courtesy - As our church grows, please be mindful of safety and courtesy. On neighboring streets, please leave enough space for through traffic, especially emergency vehicles. Remember that you may park on Providence Road on Sunday mornings (not on weekdays). As always, watch carefully for pedestrians in the parking lot and crossing streets. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe and be good neighbors.

Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 28 | 5:30 - 7 pm | Church Circle & Parking Lot - Enjoy a chicken nugget supper, craft activity, and costume parade. Kids will "trunk or treat" among parishioners' Bible-themed or Hallow-een-adorned cars. Come show your "spirit" by hosting a trunk. All you need is a car, candy, and decorations. Details & trunk host signup link: christ-churchcharlotte.org/trunk-or-treat. If you would like to help by donating candy, please drop off a bag of individually wrapped candy (peanut free preferred) at the church offices by Monday, October 27.

ECW Greenery Orders - Now through November 5 - Deck your halls this holiday season with gorgeous wreaths and fresh garland from our partners at Laurel Farms in Western NC. Pick up on December 6 at the ECW Feast & Flora. Order online: christchurchcharlotte.org/greenery.

Faith Forum with the Sainted Trap Choir: Songs of Perseverance - Sunday, November 2 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - A soul-stirring morning of music and testimony, blending gospel, hip-hop, and sacred tradition.

Faith Forum: Hurricane Relief Update with The Reverend John Roberts - Sunday, November 9 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - The Reverend John Roberts will give an update about the ongoing disaster relief, recovery, and rebuilding following Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina.

Intergenerational Day of Service - Sunday, November 16 | 10 - 11 am | All Saints' Hall - Unique opportunity for our entire parish family to come together for a one-hour, all-ages service activity assembling care packages for families still recovering from Hurricane Helene in Bat Cave, NC. Details: christ-churchcharlotte.org/intergenerational-day-of-service.

Faith Forum: Digital Health & Wellness - Sunday, November 23 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Michael Rich, MD, MPH, is a pediatrician, media researcher, and founder of the Digital Wellness Lab who has become known as "The Mediatrician." How do we raise healthy, grounded kids in an

age of constant digital connection? With insight from both science and lived experience, Dr. Rich offers a thoughtful, hopeful vision for navigating screens, social media, and online culture. In a world of distraction and overload, this conversation will speak to the deeper call to persevere in love, presence, and intentional living.

Advent Festival - Sunday, November 30 | 10 - 11 am | All Saints' Hall, Blue Room, & Green Room - All ages are invited to create Advent wreaths for your home, make Jesse Tree ornaments, and design placemats for our Room in the Inn neighbors. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/advent-festival.

**GoodNews Shop is Open!** - The GoodNews Shop is open with reduced hours. Come see our fresh look & new arrivals! **New Store Hours:** Sunday 9:30 am - 1 pm; Wednesday & Thursday 9 am - 4 pm.

Be the Smile That Makes a Difference! We're looking for friendly faces to serve as greeters before and after worship (any service you prefer). It's a simple but powerful way to share God's love and make everyone feel at home. Interested? Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org.

## ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Men's Mt. LeConte Hike & Retreat - October 29 - 31 | LeConte Lodge, Sevierville, TN - Make a pilgrimage, find new friends, and enjoy the beauty of nature with men from Christ Church. We will hike to the top of Mt. LeConte to get a new perspective and create meaningful bonds with each other. Led by Stuart Garner and The Reverend Allen Pruitt. Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/mt-leconte-hike.

Men's BIG Breakfast - Tuesday, November 4 | 7 - 8:15 am | Blue Room - Men of all ages are invited for breakfast and conversation, usually on the first Tuesday of each month, October through June. Cash donations for breakfast can be made at the door (\$10 suggested). Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/mens-breakfast.

Newcomer Dinner - Wednesday, November 5 | 5:30 pm | Green Room - We invite newcomers for dinner and a chance to meet other newcomers and some of our clergy and staff. Join us for a casual and rewarding evening of fellowship and hear a speaker who will share a little of what's going on around Christ Church. Free childcare is available upon request. Contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org to RSVP or ask questions.

Wonderfully Made - Wednesdays, November 5 - 19 | 5:30 - 7 pm | M205 - Three-week journey designed to help uncover your God-given gifts — the unique talents, passions, and perspectives that make you who you are. Space is limited. Details & registration (\$10): christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made.

Book Club: A Wizard of Earthsea - Sunday, November 9 | 6 - 8 pm | Green Room - The Reverend Allen Pruitt and Jennifer Bennett lead a discussion on the modern classic, A Wizard of Earthsea. Explore themes of identity, humility, and the lifelong work of becoming fully ourselves. Details: christ-churchcharlotte.org/earthsea.

## Giving

Make a Pledge: If you would like to make a pledge for 2026, please use this QR code (christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge).

Make a Gift: To make a gift to Christ Church, including a payment on your pledge, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/give or use this QR code.





Day Trip to Old Salem - Wednesday, November 19 | 10:30 am - 6:30 pm | Winston-Salem, NC - Travel by charter bus with friends to explore history, architecture, and hands-on exhibits that bring the Moravian community's story to life. Tour and have lunch at your own pace. Details & registration (deadline: October 20): christchurchcharlotte.org/old-salem.

ECW Feast & Flora - Saturday, December 6 | 9 am - 1 pm | All Saints' Hall - Pick up your your gorgeous wreaths and fresh garland, shop handmade bows, frozen casseroles, holiday treats, and more! New this year: Mahjong Merriment! Gather a friend (or three) and sign up to play mahjong. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/feast-and-flora.

From Stonehenge to Canterbury: A Sacred Journey - May 24 - June 3, 2026 - Explore the spiritual landscape of southern England on this pilgrimage that includes Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral, the New Forest, and Canterbury. Details & registration (deadline: December 31): christchurchcharlotte.org/canterbury.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Children's Sunday School Teen Helpers - Sundays Weekly | 10 - 10:50 am | Various Classrooms - Christ Church youth are encouraged to sign up to serve as a teen volunteer in Children's Sunday School classes. Details & sign up: christchurchcharlotte.org/teen-helpers.

Raising Generous Kids Drop-In Small Group - Wednesdays Weekly, Now - December 10 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm | Contemplation Room - A drop-in small group for parents exploring how to raise generous, compassionate, kind kids. Each week we will engage with a resource and share wisdom in the room. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/generous-kids.

**Wednesday Night Childcare** - Wednesday night childcare is available for ages six weeks through six years old while parents are onsite. Details: christ-churchcharlotte.org/wednesday-night-nursery-care.

Youth Coffee Office Hours – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 3 - 5 pm | Amelie's French Bakery & Café (4321 Park Rd) - A chance for youth (grades 6 - 12) to hang out and catch up - no agenda. Come when you can!

Youth Council - First Sundays Monthly, September - May | 6 - 7:30 pm | St. Francis C - High school students (grades 9 -12) are invited to apply. Take on leadership roles to plan events, share ideas, and make a difference in our community. Details & application: christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-council.

Youth Pilgrimage (June 2026) Registration Now Open - 10th & 11th graders are invited on a pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Space is limited; register now to secure your spot. Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/events/youth-spain-pilgrimage.

## SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

Yoga for the Spirit - Wednesdays Weekly | 10 - 11:15 am | M207 - All are welcome to join us for this calming, spirit-filled practice led by Joyce Cmiel. The class is slow flow in nature with attention to the breath and mindfulness. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/yoga-for-the-spirit.

Soul Care 101 - Sunday, November 2 | 10 - 10:50 am | The Center for Wellbeing & Care - This one-session workshop provides the foundation for understanding the spiritual life and equips participants with tools to nurture and grow their faith through accessible spiritual practices. Facilitated by Alice deVries and The Reverend Connor Gwin. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/soul-care-101.

Befriending Your Nervous System - Thursday, November 6 | 10 - 11:30 am | M207 - Amy Styers Bissette, LCSW, therapist in The Center for Wellbeing & Care, will lead a discussion on our nervous system and how we can use our minds and our bodies for calming. This program is being offered again following the July session, which reached capacity. Details & registration (required): christchurchcharlotte.org/nervous-system.

Navigating Grief Amidst the Holidays - Sunday, November 9  $\mid$  10 - 10:50 am  $\mid$  M207 - The Reverend Connor Gwin will host a conversation on navigating holiday rituals and seasonal expectations in the wake of loss and grief.

Kintsugi Experience - Saturday, November 15 | 9 am - 12 noon | Green Room - Kintsugi is the Japanese art of mending broken vessels to be stronger, more beautiful, and more valuable by highlighting the scars with gold. Bring your own broken or chipped item for a creative and healing morning led by local artist Eva Crawford. Details & registration (\$90): christchurchcharlotte.org/kintsugi.

## **OUTREACH & MISSION**

Jubilee Store Gift Wrap Drive - Now through October 30 | Donation Bin in Rotunda - Donate \$50 Visa gift cards, new holiday gift wrap supplies, and stocking stuffers to support the Jubilee Store hosted by Charlotte Family Housing for families transitioning out of homelessness. Details & Amazon Wishlist: christchurchcharlotte.org/jubilee-gift-wrap-drive.

Día de los Muertos Celebration at Shamrock Gardens - Thursday, October 30 | 3 - 5:30 pm | Shamrock Gardens Apartments - We will celebrate the Day of the Dead with seasonal crafts, games, and fellowship with our neighbors at Shamrock Gardens. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/Dia-de-los-muertos.

Rama Road Elementary Thanksgiving Meals - Provide and/or deliver a Thanksgiving dinner to a Rama Road Elementary School family on Monday, November 24. Details & sign-up link: christchurchcharlotte.org/rama-thanksgiving.

Jubilee Store Set-Up - Friday, November 7 | 1 - 4:30 pm | St. John's Baptist Church - Help set up the Charlotte Family Housing Jubilee Store, a holiday shopping experience for Charlotte Family Housing client families. This is a meaningful way to serve our neighbors and support families working toward housing stability and self-sufficiency. Details & registration: christ-churchcharlotte.org/jubilee-store.

The Work of Love: God's Love in Action - Wednesday, November 12 | 5:30 - 7 pm | All Saints' Hall - Intergenerational service and learning opportunity. Prepare for the upcoming meal-packing event to support those affected by Hurricane Helene. Families will reflect on what it means to serve our neighbors and how generosity can shape our lives from the inside out. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/the-work-of-love.

Time Out Youth Friendsgiving - Friday, November 21 | 5 - 7 pm | Time Out Youth Center - Volunteers are needed to prepare, deliver, and serve a holiday meal for the young adults visiting the Time Out Youth Center, which offers support to LGBTQ+ youth. Details & signup link: christchurchcharlotte.org/time-out-friendsgiving.

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