



Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 6, 2024 · 8:45 AM & 11:15 AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Welcome to worship in your Spiritual Home.

Special greetings to our visitors! We invite you to chat with one of our clergy, check in with a greeter, or email visitor@christchurchcharlotte.org so we can connect with you.

This bulletin is designed for use with the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Hymnal in your pew rack. Text in **bold italics** is read aloud or sung by the congregation. Text in *regular italics* provides directions or details.

Prelude Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 448 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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. Amen.

Glory to you S-236

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

(hymn continues on the next page)

you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be -
5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; _____ in the high vault of
depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, _____
you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Reading Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

At the 8:45 am service, Children may now follow the banner for Children's Chapel in room M212. They will return during The Peace.

Sequence Hymn 480 When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Elizabeth Walker

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

BCP 358

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 Ordinary Times Prayers of the People *(standing)*

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; Sam and Jennifer, our Bishops; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. Almighty God, grant that all who confess your Name may live together in love and serve as channels of your grace and glory. God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of 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. We pray for the leaders of all nations, for Joe, our President; Roy, our Governor; Vi, our Mayor; the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority. God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for people of all religions, that we might share a spirit of respect, understanding and cooperation for the welfare and peace of the world. Make us instruments of peace, generosity, and kindness towards those we love and those who differ from us. We pray for our community partners in mission and outreach including Carolina Trust Farm. God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Protect and defend all those in any kind of danger. Give courage and hope to the poor, the oppressed, those in prison, and all who care for them. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit including Marsh Newton-Graham, Jane McIntyre, Elaine Lorenz, Jane Myers, Marilynn Bellmann, Nancy Appleby, Stuart "Chip" Hemingway, Randy Vaughn, Mary Beth Adams, Fay Becnel, Daryl McCollum, John Rodgers, Tommy Lyle, Leila White Thomas, Reaves Thompson, Grace Bailey, Louise Comeau, Ann Stewman, Kenneth Bauer, Phil Thompson, Rebecca Schriber, Robert Pressley, Karah Prokay, Ann Venuto, Joe Turner, Ann Lockhart, Anna Clifford, Judy Atwell, and for those we name silently or aloud. God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us to see and rejoice in the mystery and wonder of all creation. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for the blessings that surround us. We give thanks for the birth of Lydia Neilson Laffond, daughter of Jeff and Brittany Laffond. We pray for those who long to have children and for the expectant mothers in our parish (Anne Carroll Ratcliffe Mascavage, Morgan Thompson, Lauren Lapp, Elizabeth Cullen, Kacie Baker, Sarah Armfield, Julianna Spose, Jocelyn Cassada Harder, Christina Jacobs, Mary Peyton Harner, Elizabeth Merritt Rodrigues, Heather Sullivan, Sally Burke, Chris Allen, Mariah Gajewski, Sarah Blackwell, Kate Deacon and Mary Johnson). God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have died and their families including Trawick "Buzzy" Hamilton Stubbs, father of Jane Harrell; Donald Horry Bedell, brother of Martha Bedell Alexander; Richard Van Bray, Jr; Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. House, Mr. Roy F. House, Jr., and Patti J. House, in whose memory the altar flowers are given. May your kingdom come on earth as in heaven and all your children live in peace. God of grace and mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says this concluding collect,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The clergy stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory and Reception of Pledges to the Annual Stewardship Campaign

Please place your pledge cards in the offertory plates during the offering.

Blank pledge cards are available in the pew racks or you may pledge online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge. If you would like to make a gift online as part of the offering, please use the "I gave online" cards found in the pew racks.

Offertory Anthem O come, let us sing unto the Lord

Anthony Piccolo

O come, let us sing to the Lord, to Him our voices raise;
with joyful noise let us the Rock Of our salvation praise.
let us before His presence come with praise and thankful voice;
let us sing psalms to Him with grace, and make a joyful noise.
For God's a great God and great King; Above all gods He is.
The depths of earth are in His hand; the heights of hills are His.
To Him the spacious sea belongs, For He the same did make;
the dry land also from His hands Its form at first did take.
O come, and let us worship Him; let us bow down withal,
and on our knees before the Lord, Our Maker, let us fall.

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be low;
praise him above ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

The Great Thanksgiving *(standing)*

BCP 361

The Celebrant, faces the people and says

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.

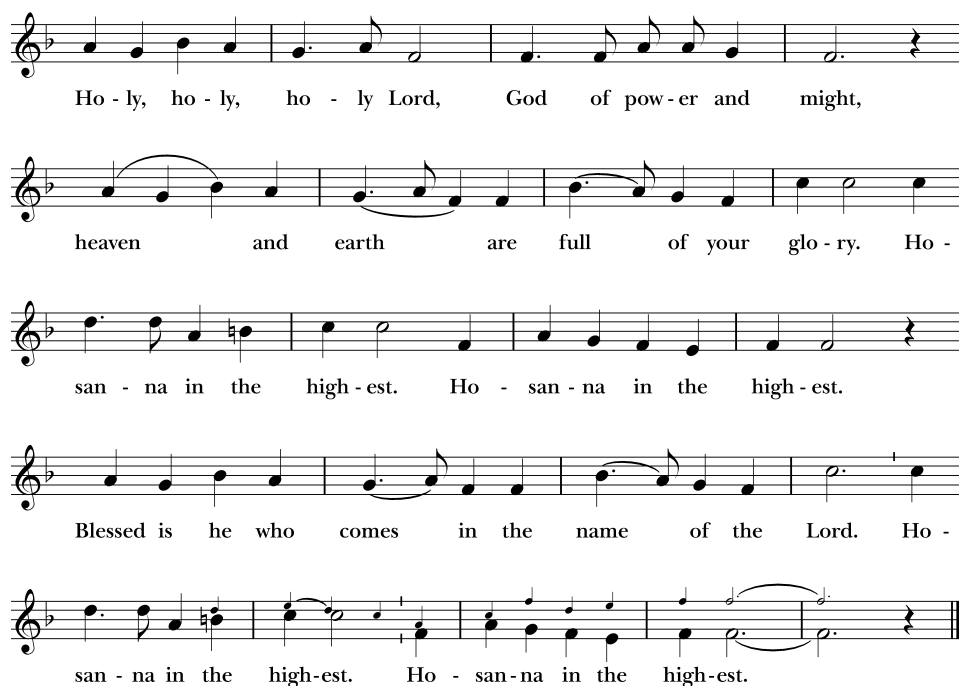
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. 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:

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. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Wine is served from a common cup, from which you may drink or intinct. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail.

Communion Hymn 306 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Sursum Corda

Communion Motet *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night:
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

*Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!*

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people,
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to Your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with Your gifts.

The Postcommunion Prayer *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 365

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 of Pledges and Gifts

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good, true, beautiful and life-giving. These cards are a symbol of our faithful commitment to invest a portion of who we are in your on going work in the world.

Bless these gifts and all others that have been made separately or online. Give wisdom to all who continue to discern what commitments they may offer. Make them abound that all people may know the transforming power of your love in their lives. All this we ask of you, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 495 Hail, thou once despised Jesus

In Babilone

The Dismissal

BCP 366

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Carillon

Herbert Merrill

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Morgan, parents of Hayward Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. House, parents of Nancy Morgan, Mr. Roy F. House, Jr., brother of Nancy Morgan, and Patti J. House, niece of Nancy Morgan.

Music Notes

Cantique de Jean Racine, Gabriel Fauré

Cantique de Jean Racine (Op. 11) is a sacred choral work composed by Gabriel Fauré in 1865 when he was just 19 years old. The piece is a setting of a French paraphrase of a Latin hymn from the breviary, written by Jean Racine in the 17th century. Fauré composed it as part of his final assignment at the École Niedermeyer, a school dedicated to the study of sacred music, and it won him first prize upon graduation.

The piece is written for mixed choir and organ, although it is often performed with additional orchestration. It is marked by Fauré's characteristic lyrical elegance and clarity, with a serene, flowing melody that beautifully complements the prayerful text. The music unfolds in a rich harmonic language, creating a tranquil and uplifting atmosphere, reflective of Fauré's preference for subtle emotion over dramatic intensity.

The text, which is a prayer for divine grace and guidance, is imbued with a sense of reverence and quiet devotion, and Fauré's setting enhances these qualities through delicate, understated dynamics and seamless choral blending. *Cantique de Jean Racine* remains a staple of sacred choral repertoire, celebrated for its beauty and spiritual depth.



Today

Blessing of 2025 Pledges - On Sundays in October, pledges to the Annual Stewardship Campaign will be blessed in our worship services each week. You may bring your pledge card with you on Sundays, drop it off at the church during the week, or pledge online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Paulette Wilkes at wilkesp@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6970.



Make a Pledge

Faith Forum: Learning to Disagree (Better) with John Inazu, 10 am, All Saints' Hall (and online) - Are you discouraged by our divided, angry culture, where even listening to a different perspective sometimes feels impossible? If so, you're not alone, and it doesn't have to be this way. John Inazu and The Reverend Chip Edens will discuss the surprising path to disagreeing in ways that build new bridges with our neighbors, coworkers, and loved ones, and help us find better ways to live joyfully in a complex society.

Pathways to Faith: Practices and Wellbeing, 10 am, M205 - We are all on a journey of faith, but often find ourselves on unfamiliar paths. The Reverend Connor Gwin explores the major pathways to a deeper understanding of your faith through God's story of love, service to others, and practices that heal and sustain.

The Weekly Word: Jacob Meets Angels, 10 am, M204 - Experience Jacob's divine encounters as he meets angels on his journey. We'll discuss his transformative experiences and the powerful messages of reconciliation and faith that come with them. Led by The Reverend Elizabeth Walker.

Sunday Brunch is back! Starting today, enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family in the Blue Room on Sunday Mornings (brunch buffet, 11 am - 1pm). \$14 adults; \$12 seniors; \$9 children ages 4 - 12; \$50 family maximum. Credit and debit cards accepted. No reservations needed.

Children & Youth

- Nursery Care, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Nursery Suites
Children's Chapel during 8:45 am worship services
Children's Sunday School, 10 am, Various Rooms
Middle School Sunday School, 10 am, St. Francis C
Youth Council, 6 - 7:30 pm, St. Francis C

Blessing of the Animals - In celebration of the feast of St. Francis, we invite you to bring your pets (on a leash or in a carrier) and beloved stuffed animals to the Church Circle to receive a special prayer and blessing by the Christ Church clergy this afternoon at 4 pm.

Nametags are an expression of hospitality! We encourage parishioners to wear them when on campus. If you do not have a magnetic nametag (adults only, please), contact Ainslie Wall at walla@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-333-0378. Non-magnetic tags are also available. Replacement tags are \$5.

GoodNews Shop - Fall is here and our seasonal merchandise has arrived! Select items are now 60% off. Our shop hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm. Come see us!

SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

October 13 Faith Forum with Meg Jay, PhD: The Twenty-Something Treatment - There is a young adult mental health crisis in America. So many young adults are struggling—especially with anxiety, depression, and substance use—yet, as a culture, we are not sure what to do about it. Dr. Jay and The Reverend Elizabeth Walker will discuss why the 20's are the most challenging time of life, as well as essential skills for handling the uncertainties surrounding work, love, friendship, mental health, and more during that decade and beyond. Join us at 10 am in All Saints' Hall or online (live or later).

October 20 Faith Forum with Becca Stevens: Love Heals Our Community - As we celebrate the grand opening of our new Center for Wellbeing and Care, Becca Stevens will help us think about how we sharpen our focus on community wellbeing and what we as a church can do, based on her own story as a survivor, her experience with abused women, and her belief that love is the strongest force for change in the world. Join us at 10 am in All Saints' Hall or online (live or later).

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

The Well - On Wednesday evenings through November 20, all are invited to a special worship experience in the Church which includes music, prayers for healing, and time for contemplation and reflection. The service takes place from 6 - 6:30 pm, but all are invited for meditation and additional prayers from 5:30 - 6 pm or 6:30 - 7 pm. We hope these gatherings will ground us in God's presence and orient us to God's wisdom in our midst.

Wednesday Dinner Buffet - Enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family in All Saints' Hall on Wednesday evenings (5:30 - 7 pm). \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 children ages 4 - 12; \$40 family maximum. Credit and debit cards accepted. No reservations needed.

Vestry Election: How You Can Help - At our annual parish meeting on December 8, we will elect five persons to serve a three-year term on the Vestry. The nominating committee welcomes your assistance in identifying qualified potential candidates, who must be confirmed Episcopalians and communicants in good standing. Please send your suggestions no later than October 20 to Bill Lorenz at bill.lorenz@hotmail.com or 781-974-4389.

Parish Choir is an opportunity for those who want to experience the joy and connection of singing together without the weekly time commitment. We will rehearse on Wednesdays, October 23, November 13, and December 11 from 7 - 8:30 pm, and sing in worship in the Church the following Sundays. Join us for any or all of these dates. Email Ben Outen at outenb@christchurchcharlotte.org if you plan to attend.

SERVE THE WORLD

Hurricane Helene Relief - We urge you to pray for the victims of the devastation and to give and serve as generously as you are able. Find details about our relief efforts at christchurchcharlotte.org. Episcopal Relief & Development mobilizes in coordination with local partners to provide assistance to those affected by Hurricane Helene. Learn more and contribute to their relief and recovery efforts at episcopalrelief.org.

Remembering our Past: A Pilgrimage through History and Race in the Carolinas - We are planning a pilgrimage to explore the complex history of race in the Carolinas. This journey will help participants reflect on the past, engage in meaningful conversations, and explore paths toward healing and reconciliation. Join us for an interest meeting about this opportunity on Wednesday, October 23 at 6 pm OR Sunday, October 27 at 10 am in the Green Room.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Navigators Game Night - On Sunday, October 20 at 6 pm, all 4th & 5th graders are invited for a night of fellowship and fun! The evening will include dinner together followed by games with friends. Registration is required (\$10 per person) at christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators-game-night.

These Are Our Bodies - What does God have to do with changing bodies? Everything! This two-day program (October 26 - 27) for fifth and sixth graders and their parents helps connect our faith with the changing landscape of adolescence. The course helps parents and tweens start or continue practical and relevant conversations around faith and human sexuality. Registration is required at christchurchcharlotte.org/these-are-our-bodies.

The Bridge - On Sundays, October 27 and November 24, we will offer an inter-generational worship service at 8:45 am in All Saints' Hall, where our "tween-age" parishioners and their families can worship together and share in worship leadership as they grow up and out of our Discovery Service. If you would like to participate in leading worship, contact Emily Skinner at skinnere@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Trunk or Treat - Tuesday, October 29 from 5:30 - 7 pm we will enjoy a hot dog supper, craft activity, and parade around the Circle and through the parking lot, where kids can "trunk or treat" among parishioners' decorated cars. From high schoolers to grandparents, we need lots of help to make this event a success. All you need to host a trunk is a car, candy, and decorations. To learn more or sign up, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/trunk-or-treat.

Youth Pilgrimage to Spain - June 12 - 21, 10th and 11th graders will take a life-changing journey along the Camino de Santiago. This sacred pilgrimage is a unique opportunity to reflect on faith, self, and relationships with others, while exploring the beauty and history of Spain. Contact Genie Richards at richardsg@christchurchcharlotte.org to learn more and register.

Christ Church Preschool & Kindergarten (CCK) Tours for prospective families will be offered on designated Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning October 16. See dates and sign up at christchurchcharlotte.org/cck-tours. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be open January 8 - 31. Children must turn 1 by August 31, 2024 to be eligible.

Life After Preschool / Kindergarten Open House - Navigating school choices in Charlotte can be overwhelming. Wednesday, October 23 at 10 am, CCK invites you to a discussion in the Green Room about finding the right "fit" for your child as they prepare for the next steps in their educational journey, and an open house to learn more about CCK's Kindergarten program.

Hiring a Nursery Caregiver - Are you a personable, responsible, and dependable person who loves children? Join our nursery staff caring for children from birth through three years old, primarily on Sunday mornings from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, occasional weekday evenings, and Easter Sunday and Christmas Eve. Pay is \$17/hour. To learn more and apply, contact Sarah Ford at fords@christchurchcharlotte.org or 704-714-6941.

ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Tech Teaching Tuesdays - Every Tuesday in October, bring in your Smartphone to get assistance with day-to-day frustrations, and step-by-step answers to your questions at 12 noon in the Blue Room. Contact Katherine Vest for more details or for topics you would like to see covered: vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org or call 704-714-6947.

Book Discussion: Learning to Disagree - Are you discouraged by our divided, angry culture, where even listening to a different perspective sometimes feels impossible? Join us on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 pm in St. Francis A or online via Teams to discuss *Learning to Disagree: The Surprising Path to Navigating Differences with Empathy and Respect* by John Inazu. Learn more at christchurchcharlotte.org/learning-to-disagree.

Sages Conversation and Lunch - Sages (men & women, ages 65+) and all interested parishioners are invited to gather for conversation and lunch on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30 to 11:45 am. On October 23, we welcome Melissa Rubio, program manager for the National Kidney Foundation, who will present *Your Kidneys and You*. Register (\$10 for lunch) at christchurchcharlotte.org/sages-october.

Women's Lifeline is open to women of all ages and stages seeking fellowship through Bible and book studies, reflection, and shared life experience. On Wednesdays through October 23, from 9:15 - 11 am, we are studying *Suffer Strong* by Katherine Wolf. Katherine's insights and spiritual journey will resonate with any woman. Wolf will be our Faith Forum guest on Sunday, October 27. Sign up (no fee) at christchurchcharlotte.org/lifeline.

Movie Discussion Group - Adults of all ages are invited to a movie discussion on Wednesday, October 30 at 7 pm in M207. We will discuss the classic movie, *Lilies of the Field*, led by parishioner Wayne Ballard, PhD. Watch the movie before we meet by streaming it on Amazon Prime, Tubi TV, Apple TV, or YouTube Movies. (No registration required.)

Transforming Hearts Updates

We are making history together! Thanks to your generosity, big developments are underway in our ministries and on our campus. Recent updates:



- New parking area is finished and is usable.
- Nursery Suites have been renovated to create additional classroom space for CCK during the week.
- The Parlor has been moved to the former Yellow Room.
- M204 & M205 are being utilized as temporary office space for our staff therapists Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm. These rooms may be reserved for meetings outside of office hours.
- A new Center for Wellbeing & Care is being created in the former Green Room and adjacent spaces.
- The Blue Room is now open and available for use.

View information about the plans, frequently asked questions, and updates on our progress at christchurchcharlotte.org/hearts.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion - On Wednesday, November 13 at 6:30 pm, join us in the (new) Green Room to consider Viktor Frankl's experiences in *Man's Searching for Meaning*. Learn more and sign up (no cost) at christchurchcharlotte.org/wednesday-night-book-discussion.

WEBS (Women's Evening Bible Study) - This group meets on Wednesdays through November 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, both online and onsite in M206 to study the book of James' focus on ethical living and active faith, addressing topics like enduring trials, practicing humility, and demonstrating love through deeds. Register (no charge) at christchurchcharlotte.org/webs.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWS): Pondering the Perplexities of Biblical Prophecy: Isaiah to Revelation - Women of all ages are invited to gather at Christ Church on Thursday mornings through November 21 to study, learn, and grow together. Members of the clergy lead a lesson from 10 - 11 am, followed by optional small group discussions from 11 - 11:45 am. Register (\$10; includes all materials) at christchurchcharlotte.org/ccws.

Wonderfully Made Workshops are a meaningful opportunity to recognize one's self as a child of God and, as such, created with a multitude of gifts. On Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18 from 9:30 - 11:30 am OR Sundays, January 26, February 2 & 9 from 6 - 8 pm, we will more clearly define and identify our gifts so we can better use them and grow the ones we were not sure we had. Register (max 12 participants) at christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made-december.

Italy Pilgrimage Blog Link - Follow the adult Instruments of God's Peace Pilgrimage to Florence and Assisi by linking to the blog at christchurch-italy.wordpress.com. The group, led by The Reverends Allen Pruitt and Joan Kilian, departed on October 1, and returns October 12.

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