



Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 31, 2025 · 8:30 AM & 10:30 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 and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555

Johann Sebastian Bach

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

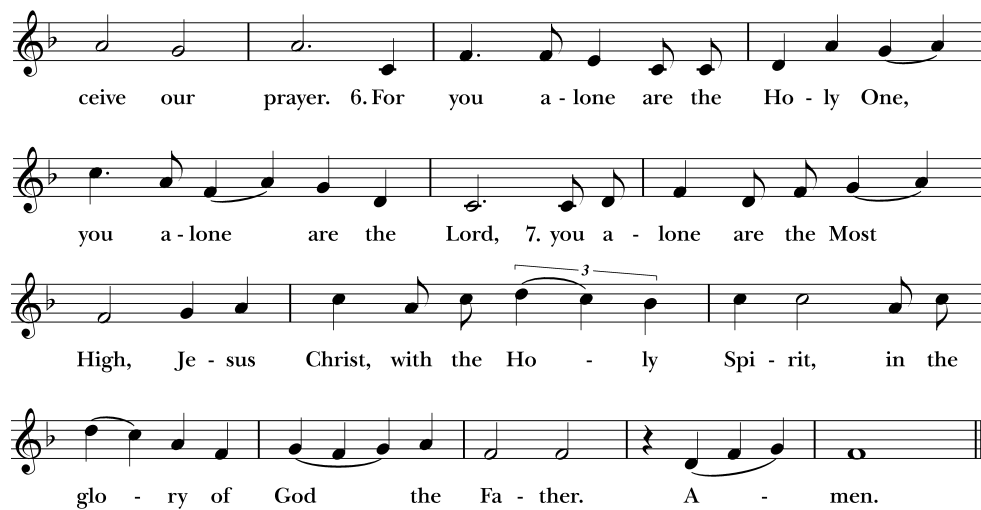
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis S-280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

(hymn continues on the next page)



The Collect of the Day

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Allen Pruitt

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.

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The Prayers of the People Form III *(standing)*

BCP 387

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That your Name may be glorified by all people.

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And praise your Name for ever and ever.

The Celebrant says this concluding collect,

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **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.*

The Peace

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Ride on, King Jesus (8:30 am service)

Hall Johnson

*Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus,
No man can a-hinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on,
No man can a-hinder me.
For He is King of kings,
He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last,
No man works like him.*

King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
No man works like him.
The river of Jordan he did frost,
No man works like him.
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,
No man works like him.
He calls his saints from everywhere,
No man works like him.

Refrain

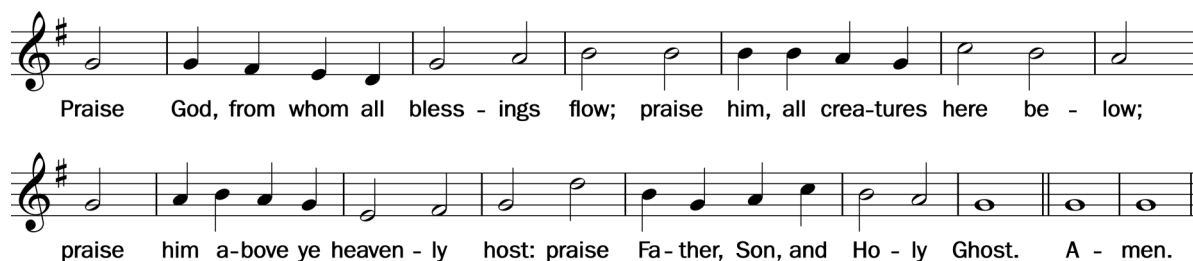
O sing joyfully (10:30 am service)

Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:
Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up, blow up the trumpet in the new moon:
In the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel:
And a law of the God of Jacob.

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth



The Great Thanksgiving (standing)

BCP 367

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

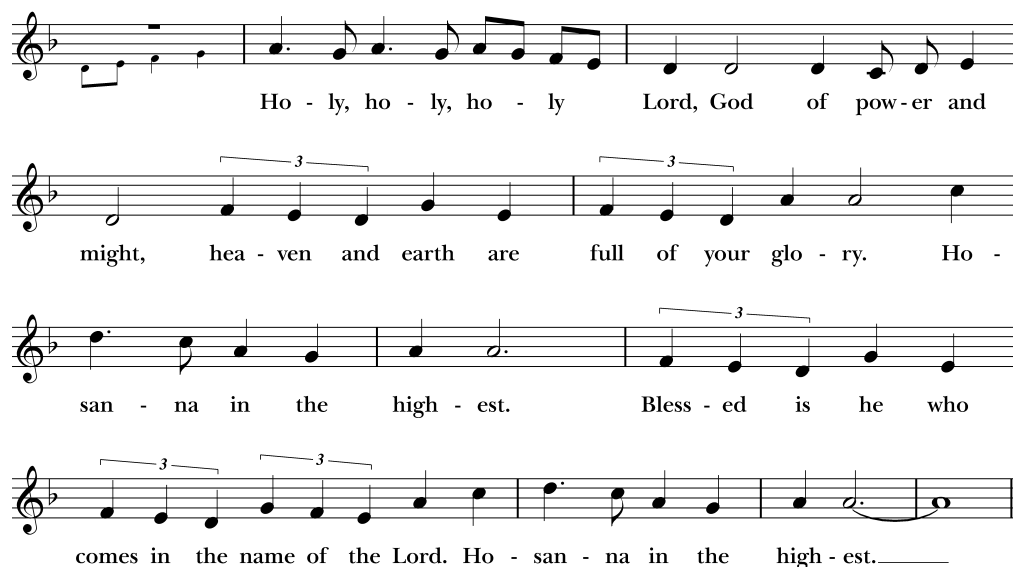
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Sanctus S-129 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell



The people may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues,

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

BCP 364

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 670 Lord, forever at thy side

Song 13

Communion Motet

Cry no more (8:30 am service)

Dan Forrest

In the shadow where we linger,
In this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful
And our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, Beloved,
Our travail is not unknown.

*Refrain: Christ within us, Christ among us,
Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love Incarnate, hold Your children
Till the storm of life is past.*

Though we have not faith to seek Him,
Christ Himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy

Cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary,
Our redeeming Lord is here.

Refrain

Sure defender, never failing,
Radiant Savior, Holy Friend,
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven,
Call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion,
Grace is shining without end!

Refrain

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (10:30 am service)

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 437 Tell out my soul

Birmingham

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 559

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God with gratitude and appreciation for our parish and clergy
by Mary and Fletcher Gregory.*

Music Notes

Our Voluntaries today, BWV (JS Bach works catalogue number) 555 and 559 are harmonically and rhythmically rich. Both preludes exude virtuosity. BWV 555, in e minor, demonstrates the composer's ability to travel seamlessly through long series of harmonic changes leaving the impression of movement and abundance. BWV 559, in a minor, is virtuosic in its keyboard figurations. 559 is like a fantasia where musical gestures and flourishes, are set apart with moments of silence to add drama. Both fugues are both constructed with 3 beats in each measure but give very different impressions. 555's fugue subject uses long notes (notes held over many beats) to slow the pace of the music and broadening the scope of the harmonic movement. 559's subject moves in the opposite direction using quick notes (notes played on the divisions of the beat) to give a sense of rollicking motion. With their many similarities, the composer has given us one Prelude and Fugue that sets a serious yet colorful tone and another that uses flair to energize the listener, which, in our context, are those going out into the world refreshed and renewed.



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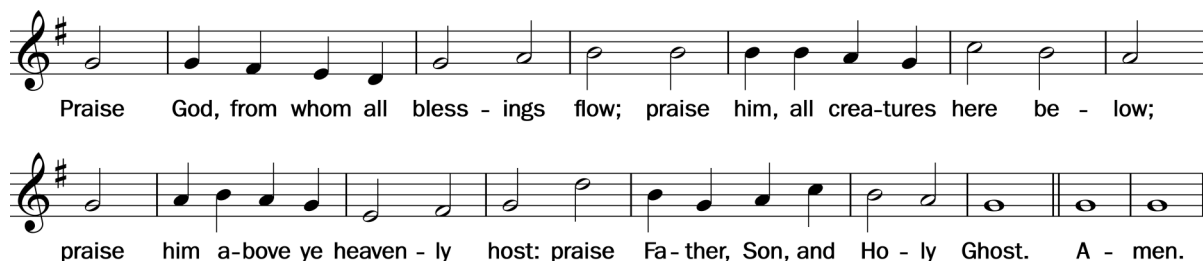
Offertory

Offertory Hymn TFWS (*The Faith We Sing*) 2103 We have come at Christ's own bidding

Hyfrydol

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth



The Great Thanksgiving (standing)

BCP 367

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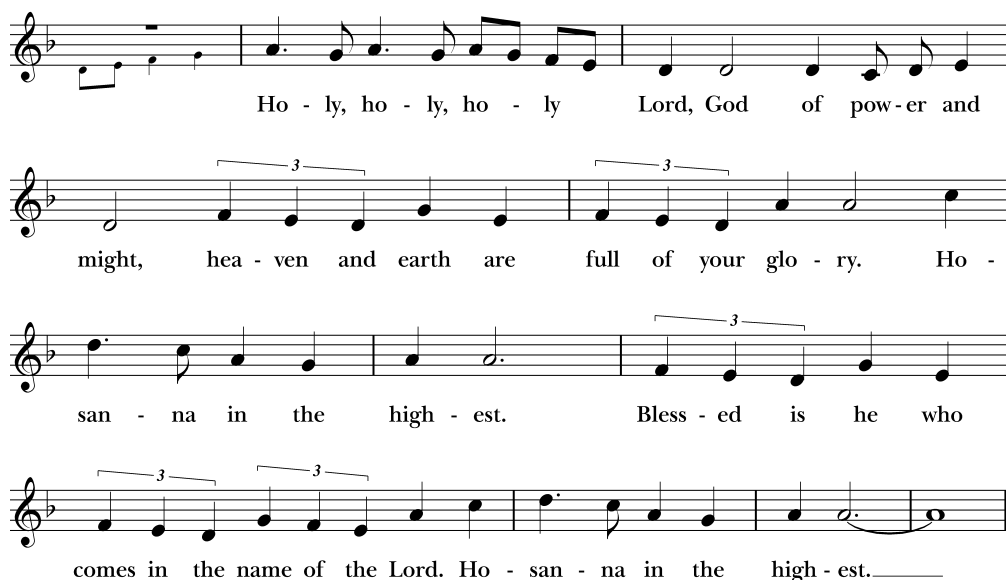
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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all, presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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

Tom Belt

Our Fa - ther in heav-en, ho - ly is your Name, your king-dom come, your
will be done, on Earth as in heav-en. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
King-dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours now and for -
ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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 TFWS 2202 Come away with me

Recreation

The Postcommunion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 366



Today

Lemonade on the Lawn | Rotunda Patio - After the 10:30 am service enjoy refreshing lemonade and fellowship.

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

The GoodNews Shop is currently closed to give the shop a summer refresh. Watch for details about our reopening this fall!

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Labor Day Holiday - In observance of Labor Day, the Christ Church offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.

Fall Parish Day - Sunday, September 7 | 10 am - 1 pm | All Saints' Hall & Lawn - Kick off the program year with a festive Eucharist, buffet lunch by Chef Andrea, live bluegrass music, and fun activities for the kids! Details & volunteer signup link: christchurchcharlotte.org/fall-parish-day.

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes Sunday, September 14 - Join us in the Church, All Saints' Hall, or Online at 8:45 & 11:15 am. The 5 pm service will continue as well. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/this-sunday.

Intergenerational Handbell Ensemble - Wednesdays Weekly beginning September 10 | 7 - 8 pm | Choir Room - Adults and children 5th grade and up are invited to ring handbells together in this new ensemble. No experience necessary. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/handbells.

Faith Forum: Sounding Hope - Sunday, September 21 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Theologian and musician Jeremy Begbie reflects on how our creativity, faith, and imagination can sustain us through challenge and change, helping us persevere with hope that rings true.

Faith Forum: What is Wellbeing? - Sunday, September 28 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall - Join us for a conversation about the mission and vision behind The Center for Wellbeing & Care, the resources it offers, and how wellbeing is deeply tied to faith, community, and the quiet power of perseverance.

Volunteers Enrich Our Worship Experience - We are so grateful for our worship volunteers, and we need you! Commitments range from occasional to monthly to weekly. To serve on the altar guild or as an usher, greeter, chalice bearer, lector, or acolyte, visit christchurchcharlotte.org/find-your-place or contact Emily Skinner at skinnere@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Sacred Earth Sacred Soul: A Weekend with John Philip Newell

Saturday & Sunday, October 18 - 19

Saturday, October 18: Morning Retreat, Evening Talk & Book Signing
Details & registration at christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-soul.

Sunday, October 19: Preaching & Faith Forum

The wisdom teachings of John Philip Newell call us to be aware of the sacredness of Earth and every human being as key to the way of transformation and healing in our lives and the world. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to spend time with John Philip and learn spiritual practices from Cami Twilling.

ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Women's Mahjong - Tuesdays Weekly beginning September 9 | 10 am - 1 pm | St. Francis A & B - Women of all ages and stages (beginner to expert) play mahjong. Optional lunch (\$10) served at noon. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/womens-mahjong.

Poetry Circle - Wednesday, September 10 | 6 - 7 pm | Green Room - If you enjoy poetry and good conversation, The Reverend Allen Pruitt and Stuart Bonner invite you to this monthly discussion on favorite poems and poets. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/poetry-circle.

Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS): Revisiting Children's Bible Stories as Adults - Wednesdays Weekly | 6:30 - 7:30 pm | St. Francis C - Beginning September 10, all women are invited to explore children's Bible stories from an adult perspective. Come whenever you can. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/webs.

Christ Church Women's Bible Study (CCWBS): Women of the Bible - Thursdays Weekly | 10 am - 12 pm | Blue Room - Beginning September 11, all women are invited for our fall Bible study exploring the women of the Bible. One-hour clergy-led lecture, followed by small group discussions. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/ccwbs.

Men's Ministry Kickoff Event - Sunday, September 14 | 4 - 5:30 pm | All Saints' Hall - Join us for cold drinks, hot wings, and Panther's football and learn about this year's Men's Ministry plans. Most importantly, catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-kickoff.

New Member Orientation: Belonging and Beyond - Wednesday, September 17 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M207 - If you have recently joined Christ Church or are considering becoming a member, we invite you to this class. This session is currently at capacity, but there are upcoming sessions on October 15 & November 23. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/belonging-and-beyond.

New Member Orientation II: Exploring Next Steps - Sunday, September 21 | 10 - 10:50 am | M206 - Optional follow-up session to help you navigate and explore the many ways to engage in your spiritual home. All are welcome. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/exploring-next-steps.

School of Faith (Basics of Faith): The Gifts of God for the People of God - Sundays, September 21 - October 5 | 10 - 10:50 am | Green Room - These words invite us forward to receive communion each Sunday. Our liturgy is filled with gifts from God. Join The Reverend Allen Pruitt for this three-week instructed Eucharist. You'll never see worship the same way again.

Women's Friendship Feast - Tuesday, September 23 | 6 - 8:30 pm | All Saints' Hall - Come for dinner and a celebration of friendship. Guest speaker Blake Blankenbecler (who grew up at Christ Church) is a Friendship Educator and Licensed Trauma Therapist. Blake offers insights into navigating pivotal and foundational relationships. Register as an individual or a table of 8 (\$30 per person) by September 18 at christchurchcharlotte.org/friendship-feast.

Wonderfully Made - Three-session workshop to identify and explore our God-given gifts. This series will be offered three times this fall:

- Fridays, September 26 - October 10 | 9:30 - 11:30 am | M207
- Wednesdays, October 1 - 15 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M205
- Wednesdays, November 5 - 19 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | M205

Details & registration (\$10): christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made.

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: christchurchcharlotte.org/mt-leconte-hike.

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: christchurchcharlotte.org/old-salem.

SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

Sacred Stitches: Knitting/Crocheting - Tuesdays Weekly beginning September 9 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm | M206 - Stitchers gather for the spiritual practice of yarn arts and fellowship. This class is best suited for participants who already know how to knit or crochet. No signup — just drop in and stay as long as you like. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-stitches-tuesday.

Sacred Stitches: Knitting/Crocheting - Wednesdays Weekly beginning September 10 | 6 - 7:30 pm | M206 - Stitchers of all levels gather as experienced stitchers teach the basics and help others enhance their skills. Patterns and practice yarn are supplied; needles/hooks available to purchase at cost or bring your own. All ages; no registration required; come when you can. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/sacred-stitches-learn.

Living with Grief and Hope - Mondays, October 13 - November 3 | 12 - 1:15 pm | St. Francis C - Four-week program to provide support and resources for those dealing with the death of a loved one, led by The Reverend Connor Gwin and Alex Bacon, LCSW. Consistent weekly attendance is encouraged. Contact Alex at bacona@christchurchcharlotte.org for more information or to register (required) by October 1.

Breast Cancer Support Group - For women who have experienced or are currently experiencing breast cancer, their loved ones, and caregivers. Whether you need support or can offer it based on your past experience, we want to connect with you to offer fellowship, resources, encouragement, and/or pastoral care. Contact Elizabeth Angerson at angesone@christchurchcharlotte.org.

OUTREACH & MISSION

Rama Road Curriculum Night - Tuesday, September 16 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | Rama Road Elementary School - Christ Church provides a pasta dinner for school staff before their fall Curriculum Night. We need volunteers to serve the teachers or drop off salad, cookies, brownies, or bottled water. It's a great way to connect with local educators, students, and families. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/curriculum-night.

Giving

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



Make a 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.



Give Online

Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 7 (Fall Parish Day)

10 am - Festive Eucharist - All Saints' Hall

5 pm - Holy Eucharist - Church

Sunday, September 14

Regular worship schedule resumes (8:45 am, 11:15 am & 5 pm)

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Registration is Open for Children & Youth Music Programming - Children age 4 - Grade 8 are invited to participate! There will be a Choir Kickoff Day filled with music and games on Saturday, September 6 for singers in Grades 1 - 8. Weekly rehearsals for all age groups will begin on Wednesday, September 10. Music Club (Age 4 & K) meets 5 - 5:30 pm. St. Nicolas Choir (Grades 1 & 2), St. Cecilia Choir (Grades 3 & 4), and Christ Church Choristers (Grades 5 - 8) meet 5:30 - 6:30 pm, with an optional music and liturgy class at 5 pm for singers in Grades 3 - 8. All are welcome, including new singers! To register visit christchurchcharlotte.org/music.

Youth Coffee Office Hours - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays beginning September 9 | 3 - 5 pm | Amelie's French Bakery & Café (4321 Park Rd) - Youth (grades 6 - 12) are invited to drop by. No agenda - just a chance to hang out and catch up. Details: christchurchcharlotte.org/youth-coffee.

Children's Sunday School Resumes - Sunday, September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am - Our Sunday School program encourages children ages 3 through 5th grade to explore their faith in exciting ways. To see your child's classroom assignment visit christchurchcharlotte.org/children/#sunday-school.

Middle School Sunday School Resumes - Sunday, September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am | St. Francis C - All 6th - 8th graders are invited to Sunday School! Each week, we'll dive into a different Bible story, exploring how it connects to our lives today. Come for the conversation, stay for the donuts!

High School Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Sundays beginning September 14 | 10 - 10:50 am | M213 - All high schoolers are invited for Bible study. Come for good conversation, meaningful questions, and a chance to dig deeper into scripture together. No prep needed - just show up!

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) - Sunday, September 14 | 6 - 7 pm | St. Francis A & B - All middle school students are invited for games, community, and meaningful connections. Come hang out, have fun, and grow in faith together.

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 Council Retreat - October 3 - 5 | Glory Ridge - Our high school retreat to Glory Ridge is a chance to step away from the noise, soak in the beauty of creation, and grow in faith alongside friends. Details & registration: christchurchcharlotte.org/glory-ridge-retreat.

Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed - We need volunteers for the 2025 - 2026 program year. If you feel led to serve in this way, contact Laquita Lindsay at lindsayl@christchurchcharlotte.org (Children) or Savannah Jane Williams at williamsS@christchurchcharlotte.org (Middle & High School).

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 (deadline October 1): christchurchcharlotte.org/events/youth-spain-pilgrimage.

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