

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 26, 2025 · 8:45 & 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 Variations on Adoro te

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THE WORD OF GOD

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Forest Green

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

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BCP 355

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Benedictus es, Domine S-236

John Rutter



(hymn continues on the next page)



The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

During 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 615 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

St. Flavian

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The Sermon The Reverend Chip Edens

The Nicene Creed (standing) BCP 358

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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*.

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Offertory Anthem Fight the good fight

John Gardner

Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

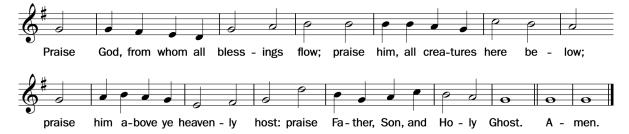
Run the straight race through God's good grace, Lift up thine eyes and seek his face; Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

> Cast care aside, lean on thy guide: His boundless mercy will provide; Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; He changeth not, and thou art dear; Only believe, and thou shalt see That Christ is all in all to thee. Amen.

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth



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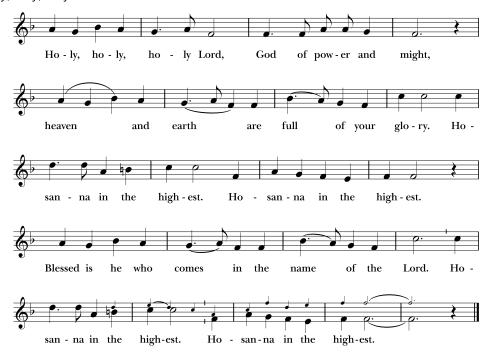
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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:



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.

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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 314 Humbly I adore thee

Adoro devote

Communion Motet Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Malcom Archer

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek, may ours this blessing be: give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for thee.

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 665 All my hope on God is founded

Michael

The Dismissal BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude The Jig Fugue (in C Major)

Dietrich Buxtehude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Carrington Coulter and Baby A.

The flowers on the altar last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Hood Schuth and of John Edward Marshall.

Music Notes

Fight the Good Fight by John Gardner

The poem "Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might" was originally written by John S. B. Monsell (1811-1875), a Church of Ireland minister, in 1871. The text encourages perseverance in Christian faith, drawing on the apostle Paul's exhortations to Timothy. It uses athletic imagery such as running a race and fighting a good fight to emphasize steadfastness, trust in God's unchanging mercy, and the Christian journey toward spiritual victory. John Gardner's choral setting, composed in 1963, is part of a set "Five Hymns in Popular Style" and is characterized by its neoclassical musical style, blending traditional and modern elements to evoke a sense of steadfastness and spiritual resilience.

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart by Malcolm Archer

Malcolm Archer's anthem is a choral setting of the well-known hymn text "Blest are the Pure in Heart" by John Keble. Archer, a noted English composer and former organist, creates a sensitive and lyrical accompaniment that underscores the hymn's theme of spiritual purity and the blessedness that comes from seeking God wholeheartedly.



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The First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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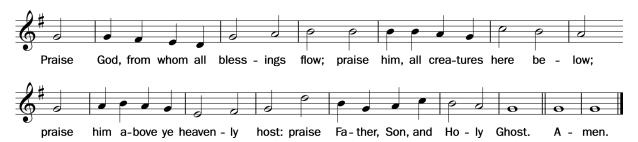
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Offertory Hymn TFWS (The Faith We Sing) 2177 Wounded world that cries for healing

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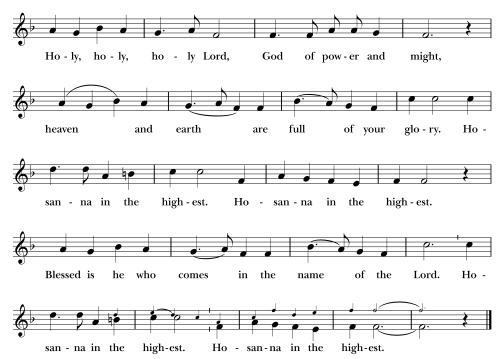
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Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx



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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 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henry Carrington Coulter and Baby A.

The flowers on the altar last Sunday were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Hood Schuth and of John Edward Marshall.

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 Halloween-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 | 10 - 10:50 am | 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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