



Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 10, 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 *Récit and Dialogue, from Suite du Premier Ton*

Jean-Adam Guilain

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda Anima

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
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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

The Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Chip Edens

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; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; 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 Church of South India (United). 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,

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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,

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Leader: We pray for those who have died and their families including Edward Tennent Taylor II, father of Julia Taylor Ellison. May your kingdom come on earth as in heaven and all your children live in peace. God of grace and mercy,

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Leader: O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. 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.

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Offertory Anthem Cantate Domino (8:45 am service)

Michael Bedford

sung by the children's choirs and Hannah Kain, soloist

Refrain: Cantate Domino canticum novum! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Shout with joy to the Lord, you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Refrain

Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
With the trumpet and sound of horn
oh, shout with joy before the Lord.

Refrain

The House of Faith has many rooms (11:15 am service)

Craig Phillips

The house of faith has many rooms
where we have never been;
there is more space within God's scope
than we have ever seen.

The way to God is not escape,
though truth does make us free:
the life of chosen servanthood
is perfect liberty.

We dare not limit God's domain
to what our creeds declare,
or shrink from probing things unknown
lest God should not be there.

Yet still we seek at journey's end
the last and sweetest grace,
the gift of room to turn around
and know God face to face.

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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:

Sanctus S-125 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

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 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Communion Motet Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me (8:45 am service)

arr. Mary Kay Parrish

sung by the children's choirs

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be.
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee.
And with words that help and heal, thy life in mine reveal,
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be.
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee.
And with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear.
And with actions kind and true, speak Christ's eternity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be.
Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee.
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good.
And whatever I can be, give him who gave me thee.

We are held (11:15 am service)

Jessica French

As the sunset by the sky,
And as all the birds that fly,
By His arms, both you and I,
We are held.

As a tune rung clear and fair,
And the silence trailing there,
As this music, by the air:

Refrain

As the ship is by the sea,
And the nest upon the tree,
Ever cradled, ever free,
We are held.

As our life is by its span,
So we rest in His own hand,
And are bold to sing again

*Refrain: We are held, we are held,
By His arms, by His arms, we are held.*

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 pledges. Give wisdom to all who continue to discern gifts 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 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude on *Nettleton*

Joel Raney

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
John Walker Layne and Catherine Layne Lewis by their family.*

Music Notes

We Are Held, Jessica French

Jessica French is a contemporary American composer based in the Pacific Northwest, who is especially known for her output of sacred choral music. French has a rare condition known as synesthesia, where certain notes and musical sounds are innately linked to colors in her brain. This quality comes through in the stunningly colorful, shimmering textures of her music. *We Are Held* is a recent piece, composed during the pandemic, when so many of us longed for the connection of physical, emotional, and spiritual closeness. We hope that this moving piece gives you a warm musical embrace in these anxious times, and reminds you that you are held, always, in God's loving arms.



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The First Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Sequence Hymn 705 As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Connor Gwin

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Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

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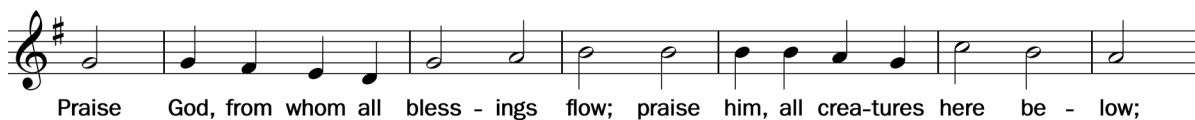
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Offertory Hymn TFWS (The Faith We Sing) 2187 Now it is evening

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth



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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 WLP (Wonder, Love, and Praise) 858 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, —
 hea - ven and earth are ful of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed 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

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

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 2171 Make me a channel of your peace

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 pledges. Give wisdom to all who continue to discern gifts 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 686 Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

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 John Walker Layne and Catherine Layne Lewis by their family.



Today

Faith Forum on Community Wellbeing: A Wholistic Perspective, 10 am, All Saints' Hall (or online) - Join us for a panel discussion with Chuck Jones of Common Wealth and The R.O.C. (Rebuilding Opportunities in Construction), Sil Ganzo of ourBridge for Kids (and Charlotte is Home), Avery Payne of the North Carolina Diaper Bank, and Tina Postel of Nourish Up (formerly Loaves & Fishes). Our guests will help us appreciate that there are many aspects to wellbeing that are deeply interconnected. What embodies care for the whole person? What, in turn, strengthens the broader community?

Soul Care: Contemplative Prayer, 10 am, M206 - Join The Reverend Connor Gwin for a time of silent, contemplative prayer with an introduction to the practice. This ancient prayer style can help anyone "be still and know God."

The Weekly Word: Samson, Strength and Struggles (Judges 13-16), 10 am, M204 - We will examine the life of one of Israel's most intriguing judges; his extraordinary strength, personal struggles, and complex relationship with God. Discover what Samson's story reveals about divine purpose and human weakness, led by The Reverend Allen Pruitt. This study follows the same stories as our children's Sunday school, allowing cross-generational Bible learning.

Family Matters: Healthy Sleep for Children and Teens, 10 am, M207 - Join us for this informative class, facilitated by pediatricians (and church members) Preeti Matkins, MD and Anna Schmelzer, MD. They will lead a discussion about sleep hygiene and how it impacts the mind, body, and soul, as well as practical tips for implementation.

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
- 8th Grade Confirmation, 10 am, St. Francis A/B
- High School Bible Study, 10 am, M213
- Middle School EYC, 6 - 7:30 pm, St. Francis C

Sunday Brunch: 11 am - 1pm, Blue Room - You won't find a better deal or a more delicious array of food than our beloved buffet! \$14 adults; \$12 seniors; \$9 children ages 4 - 12; \$50 max per family. Credit and debit cards accepted. Offered weekly; no reservations needed.

Men's Golf Outing - Men of all ages and golf experience levels are invited to enjoy fellowship and friendly competition today at Topgolf Charlotte-Southwest from 3 - 5 pm (8024 Savoy Corporate Dr., Charlotte, NC 28273). Email lackeyr@christchurchcharlotte.org to RSVP.

GoodNews Shop - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at GoodNews! Come see our wonderful new advent books to help prepare for the season! Our shop hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm and Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm.

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

New Construction Starts Soon! Tomorrow, our campus will begin to change in exciting ways as the construction fence goes up and our new building gets underway, thanks to your amazing generosity through the Transforming Hearts, Changing Lives campaign. Visit christchurchhearts.org/spaces-updates for parking and more details.

Wednesday Dinner Buffet: 5:30-7 pm, Blue Room - Make your week easier and leave the cooking to us! Enjoy this family-friendly meal at an excellent value (\$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 children ages 4 - 12; \$40 max per family). Credit/debit cards accepted. No reservations needed.

Parish Choir is for those who want to experience the joy and connection of singing without the weekly time commitment. Upcoming Wednesday rehearsals are November 13 and December 11 from 7 - 8:30 pm, and we will sing the following Sundays during 8:45 am worship in the Church. Email Ben Outen at outenb@christchurchcharlotte.org if you can attend.

The Bridge - On Sunday, November 24 at 8:45 am in All Saints' Hall, we will offer an intergenerational service where our "tween-age" parishioners and their families can attend 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@christchurch-charlotte.org

Service of Thanksgiving and Healing - At 12 noon on Wednesday, November 27, join us for this special worship service in the Church or online. We will celebrate the Eucharist and offer prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for healing.

Advent Festival - Start Advent with us! 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. We will have wreath forms and candles for sale (cash, check and cards accepted), plus greenery galore. Families can also pick an ornament from our tree, which will list a request for a gift card and Christmas ornament to support families impacted by Hurricane Helene in Western NC. We'll collect gift cards and family ornaments from December 1 through December 15.

Christmas Memorials - Every Christmas we adorn our spiritual home with wreaths and poinsettias in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for special people in our lives. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/christmas-memorials to make your gift (\$40 per memorial suggested) online. Submissions received by Monday, December 9 will be included in the Christmas worship bulletin.

Prayers of the People Update - Beginning in Advent, you will notice a new cadence to our prayers for those sick in mind, body, and spirit during Sunday worship. Traditionally the names listed are people directly connected to Christ Church parishioners. Going forward, we will read aloud first names only (highlighted in bold) allowing us to include more people. In addition to Sundays, we also pray for all who are enduring a long course of illness each Wednesday at the Noon Healing Service. If you have questions or would like to add someone to a prayer list, contact Jennifer Hamm at hammj@christchurchcharlotte.org.

In-Depth Outreach and Wellbeing Newsletters - Did you know that our Outreach and Wellbeing teams send monthly emails with in-depth information specific to their ministries? If you would like to receive these or any ministry-specific newsletter, visit christchurchcharlotte.org and click "Subscribe to Emails" at bottom of the page.

Holiday Fraud Warning - This is a reminder that we will NEVER contact you personally asking for money, gift cards, or other forms of financial assistance. If you receive emails or text messages that appear to be from our clergy or staff, DO NOT RESPOND and delete. Learn more about this problem at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams>.

SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

Simple Presence takes place every Monday, 11 - 11:30 am in our beautiful new Contemplation Room. Come experience Centering Prayer, an ancient practice that uses silence and meditation to deepen our connection to the presence of God. No experience needed; all are welcome. Contact The Reverend Connor Gwin with questions.

The Well - On Wednesday evenings through November 20, all are invited to a special worship experience in the Church with music, prayers for healing, and time for contemplation and reflection. This 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Navigators Afternoon of Service - Sunday, November 17, fourth and fifth graders will gather for lunch and an afternoon of outreach and fellowship. We need your hands and hearts for two service projects that benefit fellow parishioners and our local community. Register (\$10 per child) at christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators-service.

Family Faith Talk: Faithful Communication - Sunday, November 17, 6 - 7:30 pm - A special evening of food and fellowship that explores the highly requested topic of faithful communication as a tool to deepen your family's faith. This event is required for confirmation families, but all are welcome! To register, contact Genie Richards, richardsg@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Cookies for Kids' Cancer Bake Sale - A special part of our preschool curriculum is service, including a bake sale to benefit Cookies for Kids' Cancer (CFKC), a national non-profit that funds research grants to develop new, improved, and less toxic treatments for children battling cancer. Stop by Wednesday, November 20 from 9 - 10:30 am to purchase treats, or donate via Venmo @Cookies4kids and write "CCK" in the notes. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/cfkc-bake-sale to learn more.

June 2025 Youth Pilgrimage to Spain - We are excited to invite 10th and 11th graders to a life-changing journey on the Camino de Santiago! From June 12-21, 2025, this is a sacred opportunity to reflect on faith and self, while exploring the beauty and history of Spain. Only 19 spots remain. Register by email to richardsg@christchurchcharlotte.org.

ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Women's Mahjong - Tuesdays through December 17, women of all ages are invited to St. Francis B for fun and fellowship from 10 am - 12 pm. Mahjong beginners to experts are invited to play. Go to christchurchcharlotte.org/events/womens-mahjong/ to register for the dates when you would like to play. Questions? Please contact Scottie Stamper at stampers@christchurchcharlotte.org.

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 and has lovely new furnishings.
- The new Center for Wellbeing & Care is open! All are invited to tour and explore its many offerings.
- The Blue Room and new Green Room are open and available for use.
- Construction on the new building begins mid-November!

Tech Teaching Tuesdays - An hourlong "help desk" for those seeking answers to daily tech frustrations and to learn new skills. Bring your questions and preferred device (smartphone, etc.) to the Blue Room at 12 noon, offered weekly through December 17.

Poetry Circle - Interested in good conversation? Enjoy reading poetry? Join The Reverend Allen Pruitt and Stuart Bonner on the second Tuesday of each month, 6 - 7 pm in St. Francis C to discuss favorite poems and poets. You don't need to be an expert, just have a love of words and beauty. Our next meeting is on November 12. Email Stuart Bonner at jasbonner18@gmail.com with questions.

Wednesday Night Book Discussion - Join us November 13 at 6:30 pm, in the 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.

Sages Conversation and Lunch: Hospice & Palliative Care - Wednesday, November 20 - These services provide comfort, dignity, and emotional support for patients and families navigating challenging healthcare times. Representatives from VIA Health Partners will discuss the similarities and differences between hospice and palliative care. Sages (men & women, ages 65+) and all who are interested are invited to join us from 10:30 - 11:45 am in the Blue Room. Register for lunch (\$10) at christchurchcharlotte.org/sages-november.

Wonderfully Made Workshops are a meaningful opportunity to recognize one's self as a child of God who is created with a multitude of gifts. Learn about upcoming workshops and register at christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made-december. The next 3-week session begins December 4.

SERVE THE WORLD

November Food Drive - During this season of gratitude, let's come together to ensure that everyone in our community has the food they need. Each Sunday, we will collect specific non-perishable food items for NourishUp & Lydia's Pantry (see list of items at christchurchcharlotte.org/events/hoiiday-food-drive-collection). Look for collection bins in the Rotunda behind the reception desk.

Jubilee Store Holiday Drive - Every December, Charlotte Family Housing (CFH) hosts this holiday shopping experience for its client families, offering them the autonomy to purchase gifts they know their children will love. You can support by purchasing specific items on this Amazon Wishlist (christchurchcharlotte.org/jubilee-store-drive) and have them delivered to the Church by November 17.

Rama Road Thanksgiving Meals - Can you help us provide Thanksgiving dinners for 40 Rama Road Elementary School families who, without our help, may go without? Go to christchurchcharlotte.org/rama-thanksgiving to learn more and sign up to purchase and/or deliver a meal. Contact Lesley Peace at peacel@christchurchcharlotte.org with questions.

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