



Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King Day
Sunday, November 24, 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 Rondeau from *Abdelazer*

Henry Purcell

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 435 At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

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 -

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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

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high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! _____

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The Collect of the Day

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The First Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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 388 O Worship the King, all glorious above

Hanover

The Gospel: John 18:33-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Sermon

The Reverend Joan Kilian

A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

BCP 358

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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.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons including the Anglican Communion; 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 Anglican Church of South America.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joe, our President; Roy, our Governor; Vi, our Mayor; the Congress, and the Courts.

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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We give you praise and thanks, O God.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; We pray for those who have died and their families including John A. Rodgers, III.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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 Peace

BCP 360

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

People: And also with you.

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Refrain: Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low;
His praises there may grow.

Refrain

The Church with psalms must shout;
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Refrain

Presentation Hymn

Old Hundredth

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

The Great Thanksgiving (standing)

BCP 361

The Celebrant, faces the people and says

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

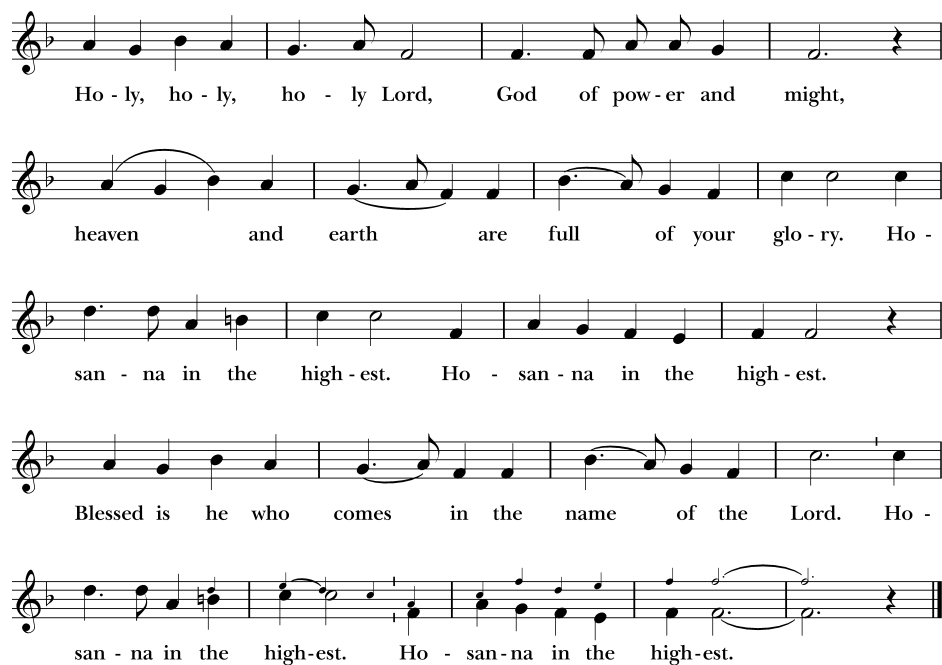
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

A Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant.

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



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

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

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

Communion Hymn 328 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Song 46

Communion Motet Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Edward Bairstow

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling,
And lift itself above all earthly thought.

For the King of kings and Lord of lords,
Christ our God,
cometh forth to be our oblation,
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels,
with every principality and power;
the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim,
who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and stand with fear and trembling.

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 544 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Duke Street

The Dismissal

BCP 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata on *King's Weston*

Marilyn Biery

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in thanksgiving for the marriage of Stewart Armstrong Parkhurst to Christopher Lanier Eveleth, and in loving memory of Catherine Stulz Mayo, William Frederick Mayo, Richard Granville Parkhurst and Claude Armstrong Plumlee, junior, grandparents of the bride and groom.

Music Notes

Let all the world in every corner sing, Ralph Vaughan Williams

Today's Offertory anthem is a triumphant burst of joy, punctuated with the refrain 'Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!' Composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams early in his career, in 1911, the anthem is based on a poem by metaphysical poet George Herbert. Although a self-proclaimed agnostic, Vaughan Williams was nonetheless inspired throughout his life by much of the liturgy and music of the Anglican Church, the language of the King James Bible, and the visionary qualities of religious verse such as Herbert's.



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Opening Hymn TFWS (*The Faith We Sing*) 2221 In unity we lift our song

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BCP 387

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Offertory Hymn TFWS 2009 O God beyond all praising

Thaxted

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Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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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.
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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

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The Communion

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Communion Hymn TFWS 2132 You who are thirsty

The Postcommunion Prayer *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 365

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn 544 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

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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, in thanksgiving for the marriage of Stewart Armstrong Parkhurst to Christopher Lanier Eveleth, and in loving memory of Catherine Stulz Mayo, William Frederick Mayo, Richard Granville Parkhurst and Claude Armstrong Plumlee, junior, grandparents of the bride and groom.



Today

The Bridge, 8:45 am, All Saints' Hall - Today, we will offer an experimental, intergenerational service where our "tween-age" parishioners and their families as they grow up and out of our Discovery Service. If you would like to participate in leading worship, contact Emily Skinner at skinnere@christchurchcharlotte.org

Faith Forum: Becoming Beloved Community, 10 am, All Saints' Hall (or online) - The Episcopal Church's work includes a focus on Becoming Beloved Community through Truth Telling, Proclaiming the Dream, Practicing the Way, and Repairing the Breach. Panelists from St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church and Christ Church will share personal stories that invite us to fellowship and action.

Basics of Faith: Diocesan Convention Recap, 10 am, M207 - Every year, Christ Church clergy and a number of parishioner delegates attend the Diocese of North Carolina Convention to participate in the governance and life of the diocese. Join The Reverend Allen Pruitt and our delegates to learn about our diocese and the larger church.

The Weekly Word: John the Baptist, 10 am, M204 - Come learn about this forerunner of Jesus, whose powerful message of repentance prepared the way for the Messiah. We'll discuss his mission, his message, and his role in the unfolding of God's plan. This study follows the same stories as our children's Sunday school, allowing cross-generational Bible learning.

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 (see details below)

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.

EYC Tonight! All middle schoolers are invited to join us from 6 - 7:30 pm for dinner, games, small groups, and compline in St. Francis C. No registration required. Contact Savannah Jane at williamsS@christchurchcharlotte.org with any questions.

OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

Service of Thanksgiving and Healing - Join us Wednesday, November 27, for a special worship service at noon in the Church or online. We will celebrate the Eucharist and offer prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for healing.

No Wednesday Dinner this Week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Offices Closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 - 29 for Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend.

GoodNews Shop - It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at GoodNews! Our regular hours are Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 4 pm, and Sun, 9:30 am - 1 pm, but we are closed for Thanksgiving from Wed, November 27 - Sun, December 1.

Christmas Memorials - Each year 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. Memorials received by Monday, December 9 will be included in the Christmas worship bulletin.

Make your pledge - We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can support the ongoing ministries of Christ Church through the 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign. Pledge online at christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge.



Make a Pledge

Vestry Nominees - Thank you to Amanda Anders, Jose Costa, JD Ey, Randall Mountcastle, and Beeland Voellinger, who have agreed to be nominated for the Vestry Class of 2027. Other nominations may be made in writing and delivered to the Rector no later than Tuesday, November 26. The parish will vote for the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 8.

CCK Carpool Update - Due to construction, CCK carpool has temporarily shifted to the front circle. During drop-off (Mon - Fri, 8:40 - 9 am) and pick-up (Mon - Thur, 12:30 - 1 pm / Fri 11:30 - 12), access to the parking lot will be blocked at the Portland Ave. entrance and at the light at Colville and Providence. During these times, parking is still available in the small parking lot accessible from Providence Road. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience as we all navigate this construction together.

SERVE THE WORLD
NOVEMBER IS OUTREACH MONTH!

November Food Drive - During the season of gratitude, let's come together to ensure that everyone in our community has the food they need. Today we are collecting specific non-perishable food items for Nourish Up & Lydia's Pantry (see needed items at christchurchcharlotte.org/holiday-food-drive-collection). Collection bins are in the Rotunda behind the reception desk.

Winter Essentials Drive ends December 1 - LAST WEEK! Help us spread warmth by donating new coats, hats, gloves, socks, and blankets to support shelters in Charlotte and Western North Carolina. Collection bins are in the Rotunda behind the reception desk.

Pilgrimage: Remembering our Past: History & Race in the Carolinas - January 23 - 26, LAST WEEK TO REGISTER! Join us for a deep dive into the complex history of race, reconciliation, and celebration in the Carolinas. We will travel to historically significant sites in Charleston, Wilmington, Greensboro, Salisbury, and other impactful locations, guided by knowledgeable facilitators. View all details and register by December 1 at christchurchcharlotte.org/remembering-our-past.

Room in the Inn - Every Sunday, December through March, Christ Church (along with over 100 other churches and organizations) provides emergency winter shelter for 12 unsheltered neighbors (men, women, and/or families). Parishioners offer hospitality to those who have no place to call home. This is a great volunteer opportunity for families, especially those with young children. Learn more and sign up at christchurchcharlotte.org/room-in-the-inn.

Rama Road Holiday Gift Wrap Drive - Let's show our appreciation for the teachers and staff at Rama Road Elementary by collecting rolls of gift wrap, bows, gift bags, gift tags and tape for them. Collection bins are in the Rotunda behind the reception desk until December 15.

ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

Men's BIG Breakfast - On Wednesday, December 4 at 7 am, men of all ages are invited for breakfast and conversation around the topic "Faith of Our Fathers: How Do We Communicate Our Faith to Our Children?" Cash donations for breakfast accepted at the door (\$10 suggested). Come as you are and bring a friend! RSVP at christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-breakfast-december.

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 more and register at christchurchcharlotte.org/wonderfully-made-december. The next three -week session begins December 4.

Men's Greenway Bike Ride - On Saturday, December 7 join us for a bike ride along the Greenway by Park Road Shopping Center (park there). We'll depart after sunrise, around 7:30 am, then ride approximately 10-miles to the South Carolina border. After a stop for donuts and coffee, we will ride back. Bikers may do all or part of the ride; every age and ability level welcome! Questions? Contact Stuart Gamer at 704-996-9230.

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. Questions? Please contact Scottie Stamper at stampers@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Parish Choir is for those who want to experience the joy and connection of singing without the weekly time commitment. Join the rehearsal on Wednesday December 11 from 7 - 8:30 pm, and sing for the 8:45 am Eucharist in Church the next Sunday. Email Ben Outen at outenb@christchurchcharlotte.org if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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 will be 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.

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.

Holy Hike: Advent Prayer Walk - Friday, December 6 (9 am in the Church circle), all are invited for an approximately 4-mile stroll with moments to reflect and share as we visit seven churches in the Myers Park neighborhood. We will have a near-final stop at Higher Grounds by Manolo at MP Methodist Church before making our way back. We hope you will join us! Email Elizabeth Angerson at angersone@christchurchcharlotte.org if you plan to attend.

The Season of Advent is Almost Here

Sunday, December 1

Advent Festival (10 am in All Saints' Hall) - All ages are invited to create an Advent wreath, make Jesse Tree ornaments, and design placemats for our Room in the Inn neighbors. We will have wreath forms and candles for sale, plus greenery galore. Families can also pick an ornament from our giving tree to support families impacted by Hurricane Helene in Western NC.

Advent Lessons and Carols for Families (11:15 am in All Saints' Hall) - A special lessons and carols worship service for families, with four scriptures about the promise of the Messiah, with carols in between that further enrich the story.

Advent Lessons and Carols (5 pm in the Church) - This Festive Procession is a long-time tradition at Christ Church. Led by the Christ Church Choir, the St. Nicolas Choir, and Christ Church Choristers, this special service features carols, hymns, and anthems interspersed with scripture lessons read by leaders from each generation of our parish. A warm cider and cookie reception follows the service.

Youth Council Christmas Party (6 pm in All Saints' Hall) - High schoolers will gather for great food, games, and a festive time together.

Plan Ahead

ECW Christmas Pop-Up - Saturday, December 7 (9 am - 1 pm in All Saints' Hall & GoodNews Shop) - Do your holiday shopping, deck your halls, and stock your freezer while shopping locally to fund programs that support women and children in our community.

Love to Cook? Today is the LAST DAY to pick up containers from Welcome Center! Help prepare foods to be sold at the Christmas Pop-Up. Recipes are easy and come with step-by-step instructions. Frozen casseroles can be dropped off at the church on December 5 and 6. Visit christchurchcharlotte.org/pop-up to sign up. Questions? Contact Holly Hobson hehobson30@gmail.com.

EYC Christmas Party - Middle schoolers, it's time to celebrate the season on December 8 at 7pm! We'll have festive games, holiday treats, and plenty of fun as we celebrate Advent together. Bring your Christmas spirit and get ready for a joyful evening! More details to come.

Young Adult Christmas Party - Sunday, December 8 at 6 pm, all young adults (20s & 30s) are invited to celebrate the holidays together. If you did not receive an invite and would like to attend, please contact Kathryn Saunders at saundersk@christchurchcharlotte.org.

Yoga for the Spirit Advent - As Christmas approaches and our bodies, minds, and heartstrings are pulled in many directions, parishioner Joyce Cmiel offers a peaceful, calming, and grounding yoga practice on Wednesdays at 10 am. All levels of yoga are welcome and can participate onsite (M207) or online. This is an ongoing class adds a special focus during Advent. Email Joyce for Zoom link and more details at joycecmiel@aol.com.

Advent Quiet Day - Saturday, December 14, The Reverend Connor Gwin will lead a half-day retreat in The Center for Wellbeing and Care focused on rooting ourselves in the Presence of God and preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus. The day will feature teaching and spacious time for silence, prayer, and journaling, with a simple lunch. Register (\$25 for lunch and journaling supplies) at christchurchcharlotte.org/advent-quiet-day.

Adult Advent Class: Exploring the Lectionary - Thursday, December 5 (10 - 11 am in M207), The Reverend Allen Pruitt will uncover the lectionary, a time-honored guide that organizes Scripture readings throughout the church year. We'll explore its role in shaping worship and reflection, as well as how it enriches our understanding of Scripture's themes and narratives.

Adult Advent Class: Diverse Theological Perspectives - Thursday, December 12 (10 - 11 am in M207), The Reverend Joshua Case will explore how different traditions and approaches interpret and apply Scripture. We'll discuss how these viewpoints contribute to a richer understanding of faith and broaden our own approaches to reading the Bible.

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