



# Christ Church Charlotte

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 27, 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](mailto: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** Two Pieces from *Judas Maccabeus*

George Frideric Handel

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn 199** Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

*St. Kevin*

**Easter Acclamation**

BCP 355

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**Gloria in excelsis S-278**

William Mathias

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

(Gloria continues on next page)

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
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John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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.

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*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.*

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The Reverend Joshua Case

## The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

BCP 358

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***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.***

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## The Peace

BCP 360

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

**People: And also with you.**

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory

**Offertory Anthem** Most glorious lord of life

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day  
didst make thy triumph over death and sin,  
and having harrowed hell, didst bring away  
captivity thence captive, us to win:

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,  
and grant that we for whom thou diddest die,  
being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,  
may live for ever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily,  
may likewise love thee for the same again;  
and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,  
with love may one another entertain;

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;  
love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

## Presentation Hymn

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be low;  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. O praise him, O praise him,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

## The Great Thanksgiving *(standing)*

BCP 367

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*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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 power 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 -  
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*The people may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues,*

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

BCP 364

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

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

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

BCP 364

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

***People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

## **The Communion**

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

## **Communion Hymn 328** Draw nigh and take

Song 46

## **Communion Motet** Lord of life and King of glory

Michaelangelo Grancini

Lord of life and King of glory, grant us thy blessing,  
grant us salvation, grant us thy blessing,  
O grant us salvation.  
Son of God, eternal Savior,  
grant us thy blessing, grant us salvation,  
Show us thy truth and thy light,  
We adore Thee, O Christ Jesu.

**The Postcommunion Prayer** (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 366

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

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 182** Christ is alive

*Truro*

**The Easter Dismissal**

BCP 366

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

***People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

**Postlude** Fugue on *Judas Maccabeus*

Alexandre Guilmant

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and for those who care for the sick or elderly, and for those mourning the loss of family and friends including Donald McCollum, Peggy Oliver, Mary Harrison Ranson, and Patricia Bice.*

**Music Notes**

*Most glorious Lord of life* - William H. Harris

“Most Glorious Lord of Life” was composed by Sir William Henry Harris (1883–1973) who held esteemed positions such as organist at St. George’s Chapel, Windsor, and professor at the Royal College of Music. His legacy includes a significant body of choral works that continue to be integral to the Anglican choral tradition. The text of the anthem is derived from a poem by Edmund Spenser, a prominent English poet of the 16th century, whose works often explore themes of spirituality and divine praise.



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When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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The Reverend Elizabeth Walker

*A moment of silent reflection follows the sermon.*

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BCP 358

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BCP 360

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## **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

## **Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) 97** Ride on, King Jesus

*Traditional Spiritual*

## Presentation Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host;  
praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. O\_\_\_ praise him, O\_\_\_ praise him,  
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## The Great Thanksgiving (standing)

BCP 367

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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.  
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Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Tom Belt

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

## The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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

**People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## The Communion

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

**Communion Hymn 178** Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 366

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

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn 182** Christ is alive

Truro

**The Easter Dismissal**

BCP 366

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

***People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

## Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and for those who care for the sick or elderly, and for those mourning the loss of family and friends including Donald McCollum, Peggy Oliver, Mary Harrison Ranson, and Patricia Bice.*



### Today

**Clergy Class: Dealing with Doubt - Sunday, April 27 | 10 - 10:50 am | All Saints' Hall & Online** - Clergy-led conversation about Doubting Thomas and practices that can help ground you during seasons of doubt.

**Weekly Word Bible Study: The Risen Jesus Comes to Dinner - 10 am | M204** - This week, witness the risen Jesus appearing to His disciples, bringing peace and reassurance. We'll discuss Thomas's doubts, the gift of faith, and the joy of knowing Christ's presence among us even today. (John 20:19-31)

#### Children & Youth

- Sunday 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 locations
- 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
- Navigators End of Year Celebration (see details below)
- Middle School EYC (see details below)

**Navigators End-of-Year Celebration - Sunday, April 27 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Green Room** - 4th & 5th graders eat brunch together (\$10) and play laser tag outside. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators-April](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/navigators-April).

**Last EYC of the Season! Sunday, April 27 | 6 - 7:30 pm | St. Francis C** - Middle school students are invited to gather for fun and fellowship as we wrap up the EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) season.

**Last Day for Sunday Brunch - 11 am - 1pm | 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: [christchurchcharlotte.org/sunday-brunch-buffet](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/sunday-brunch-buffet).

**Church Directory Help Desk - Sundays, April 27 - May 18 | 8:30 am - 1 pm | Rotunda** - Did you know we have an online directory for members that you can use to connect with friends, register for events, and make online contributions? Visit the front desk for help signing in and information about the directory and how to use it. We can also help you upload a photo or update your contact information. If you can't stop by in person, contact Ainslie Wall at 704-333-0378 or [walla@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:walla@christchurchcharlotte.org), or learn more at [christchurchcharlotte.org/members](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/members).

**GoodNews Shop** - Mother's Day and Graduation are just around the corner! Come by the Shop and see our wonderful selection of gifts for both your favorite Mother and Graduate! Our hours are Sunday, 9:30 am - 1 pm, and Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm. All proceeds are donated to local and international organizations that support women and children.

**Nursing Mothers' Space** - A private space for parents to feed, care for, or calm their babies is available inside the Nursery lobby (look for signage). We hope this new space will make Sunday mornings a little easier for you and your baby.

#### OUR SPIRITUAL HOME

**Who is on the Vestry?** As the lay governing body of Christ Church, the Vestry's role is to help define and articulate our mission, ensure effective organization and planning, and manage finances. Our Vestry members devote a great deal of personal time to this work, and we are grateful! Visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/our-leadership/#vestry](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/our-leadership/#vestry) to see photos and bios of current Vestry members.

**Thursday Morning Eucharist & Bible Study - Weekly | 7 - 8:30 am | Chapel & M207** - This early morning Holy Eucharist is followed by a Bible study led by one of our clergy focused on the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading.

**Undergraduate and Seminary Scholarships** - The Christ Church Foundation makes annual scholarship grants to qualified college and seminary students, based on financial need, good citizenship, academic record, and involvement in extracurricular activities. Application deadline is April 30. View details and apply at [christchurchcharlotte.org/give/#ccf](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/give/#ccf).

**Parish Choir - Thursday, May 15 | 7 - 8:30 pm | Choir Room** - This group rehearses and sings in worship once a month. It's a wonderful opportunity to participate in our music ministry without the weekly time commitment. This month, the parish choir will join the Christ Church Choir practice and will sing in the 10 am Parish Day service. Email [pecko@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:pecko@christchurchcharlotte.org) with questions or to sign up.

**Spring Parish Day - Sunday, May 18 | 10 am - 1 pm** - Festive Eucharist in All Saints' Hall followed by fun, food, and fellowship on the lawn. We will enjoy a delicious lunch along with live bluegrass music, bounce houses, and much more to kick off the summer season. Dress is casual. Details & volunteer information: [christchurchcharlotte.org/spring-parish-day](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/spring-parish-day).

#### ADULT LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP

**The Good Book, Beginning to End | Mondays (1 - 2 pm) or Tuesdays (7:30 - 8:30 am) Weekly | Green Room or Online** - Explore the story of God's love from "In the beginning" to "a new heaven and a new earth." Includes a daily reading guide and questions for reflection, plus weekly fellowship and facilitated discussion. Learn more and register (no cost) for your preferred meeting time at [christchurchcharlotte.org/the-good-book-Monday-or-Tuesday](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/the-good-book-Monday-or-Tuesday).

**Women's Tuesday Morning Mahjong | 10 am - noon | St. Francis A** - Women of all ages are invited to play Mahjong on Tuesday mornings. Beginner to expert players gather for fun and fellowship. Due to space restrictions, this gathering is limited to Christ Church members. Learn more and sign up here: [christchurchcharlotte.org/events/womens-mahjong/](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/events/womens-mahjong/).

**Movie Discussion: Field of Dreams - Wednesday, April 30 | 6:30 - 8 pm | M207** - Watch the movie before we meet (stream on Amazon Prime Video, Google Play Movie, or Apple TV) and join others for a discussion on the themes of renewal and redemption, led by parishioner Wayne Ballard, PhD. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/movie-discussion-April](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/movie-discussion-April).

**Tech Teaching Tuesdays (Next Session: May 6) | 2 - 4 pm | M205** - Starting in May, offered each week by appointment. Bring your questions about everyday tech use and your device. To book an appointment contact Katherine Vest at [vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:vestk@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704-714-6947.

**Men's BIG Breakfast: Taking Care of Anger - Wednesday, May 7 | 7 - 8:15 am | Blue Room** - All men are invited for breakfast and conversation on the first Wednesday of each month. The Reverend Connor Gwin will lead a discussion on the roots of anger and frustration and share practical strategies to manage these emotions effectively. Cash donations for breakfast can be made at the door (\$10 suggested). RSVP by email to [lackeyr@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:lackeyr@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**EfM (Education for Ministry) Interest Session - Wednesday, May 7 | 7:30 - 8:30 pm | Virtual** - EfM is a Bible study and theological reflection group designed to help participants deepen their faith and connect the study of scripture with their lives. Come learn about the program. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/efm-interest](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/efm-interest).

**Ben & Friends: An Evening of Music & Fellowship - Friday, May 9 | 6:30 - 9:30 pm | Blue Room** - Special evening of entertainment and fellowship, featuring music from Broadway, Grand Opera, and popular favorites. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, desserts, and a raffle, all in support of our youth pilgrimage to Spain. Hosted by Director of Music Ben Outen and the Christ Church Friends of Music. Details & tickets: [christchurchcharlotte.org/ben-and-friends](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/ben-and-friends).

**Men's Bike Rides - Saturday, May 17 | 8:30 - 11:30 am | Little Sugar Creek Greenway** - Men of all ages enjoy a leisurely Greenway bike ride on the third Saturday of each month through September. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-bike-ride](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-bike-ride).

**EfM (Education for Ministry) Graduation & Reception - Sunday, May 18 | 5 - 7 pm | Church Circle** - EfM graduates will be recognized during the 5 pm Holy Eucharist, followed by a reception for all former EfM participants and anyone interested in EfM.

**Sages Spring Lunch - Wednesday, May 28 | 10:30 am - 12 noon | Blue Room** - Sages and all interested parishioners are invited for lunch (\$10). Bring your friends for an opportunity to relax and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/sages-spring-lunch](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/sages-spring-lunch).

**ECW Mahjong Social - Tuesday, June 3 | 9 am - 12 noon | All Saints' Hall** - A morning full of fun and fellowship with great raffle prizes, all to support ECW Mission Fund grants. Sign up as a table of four or come on your own to be paired with new friends. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/mahjong-social](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/mahjong-social).

**Sages Day Trip: Churches of the Frescoes - Wednesday, June 25 | 9:15 am - 6:30 pm | West Jefferson, NC** - Day trip to West Jefferson, NC, to visit two Episcopal churches that house remarkable frescoes by renowned artist Ben Long. Sages and all others welcome. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/frescoes-day-trip](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/frescoes-day-trip).

## SERVE THE WORLD

**Visit the Galilee Center! Wednesday, April 30 | 11 am | 3601 Central Ave** - Come learn about the work of this special mission of the Diocese of NC. See details at [christchurchcharlotte.org/galilee-tours](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/galilee-tours).

**Freedom School Partners Supply Drive - May 4 - 18 | Rotunda Donation Bin** Help us combat summer learning loss for children grades K - 8 with limited means. Christ Church sponsors a Freedom School site at Rama Road Elementary School. Help us equip this summer's scholars and interns with the tools they need. See the list at [christchurchcharlotte.org/freedom-school-supply-drive](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/freedom-school-supply-drive).

**MVP (Moveable Volunteer Possibility) at Freedom School - Thursday, May 22 | 1 - 3 pm | Freedom School Warehouse** - As we prepare to host Freedom School at Rama Road Elementary for another summer, join us at the supply warehouse to learn about the organization's mission and participate in a service project to help the FS team get ready for summer learning. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/mvp-freedom-school](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/mvp-freedom-school).

**Men's Shelter Dinners - Fourth Thursdays Monthly (May 22) | 5:30 pm | Howard Levine Men's Shelter** - Consider preparing or serving dinner for some unhoused neighbors alongside other Christ Church volunteers. Find details and sign up at [christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-shelter-dinner](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/mens-shelter-dinner).

**Christ Church's 37th Habitat Build! Saturdays through May | 2413 Sir Julius Court** - We are helping Tonya Huntley and her family build their new home and need help with both construction and lunch provisions each week. Teens (16 and older) can volunteer with supervision and consent from parents. To see all build dates and sign up at [christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/habitat).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

**The Sacred Work of Growing Up - Sunday, May 4 | 10 am | All Saints' Hall & Online** - Faith Forum with Michelle Icard, a nationally recognized author, speaker, and educator working with middle schoolers, parents, and teachers, offering insight on how to navigate the complex world of adolescence with grace, humor, and clarity.

**Youth Coffee Office Hours - Every Other Tuesday (Next drop-in: May 6) 3 - 5 pm | Amelie's (4321 Park Rd)** - 6th - 12th grade students are invited to meet up with Alice and Savannah Jane for a check up from the neck up, to say hi, or grab a snack!

**High School Senior Celebration - Sunday, May 11 | 5 - 7 pm | Church** - Special worship service to honor and celebrate our high school seniors, followed by a family reception in the Circle.

**VBS Registration - June 23 - 26 | 9 am - 12 noon | Christ Church** - Vacation Bible School (VBS) is four days of faith-building, fun, and service for children, youth, and adults of all ages! Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/vbs). Registration closes May 2.

**Summer Children's Chapel Volunteers** - During the 10:30 am worship service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of June, July, and August, we need volunteers to lead or assist with Children's Chapel. Details & sign up link: [christchurchcharlotte.org/summer-childrens-chapel](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/summer-childrens-chapel).

**Family Wellbeing Retreat - August 29 - 31 | Kanuga Conference Center** - Activities and programs for adults and children ages 5 and up, plus time for rest and renewal. Details & registration: [christchurchcharlotte.org/family-retreat](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/family-retreat).

## SPIRITUAL WELLBEING & CARE

**Sacred Stitches: Lenten Lessons - Wednesdays through May 21 | 5:15 - 7 pm | Parlor** - Extended through May by popular demand, all are invited to learn to knit/crochet as part of our Sacred Stitches ministry; appropriate for first-timers and those wanting to enhance their skills.

**Mindful Mondays - Mondays weekly | 9 - 10 am | Zoom** - Start your week off right with mindfulness practices and fellowship. All are welcome to this online offering that features guided practices. Email Elizabeth Angerson at [angersonel@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:angersonel@christchurchcharlotte.org) for the invitation link.



Make a Pledge

**Make a Pledge** - if you have not made a pledge for 2025 and would like to share your intentions for the year, please visit [christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge](http://christchurchcharlotte.org/pledge).



Give Online

**Ways to Give** - To make a gift to Christ Church, including a payment on your 2025 pledge, use the QR code at right.

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