

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, 2020 | 10:00 AM

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 28, no. 57

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

The People stand as able.

OPENING HYMN, VERSES 1, 3, 4, AND 5

St. George's, Windsor



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of
2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal

1. har - vest - home: All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the
2. praise to yield; Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to
3. har - vest home; From his field shall in that day All of -
4. har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from

1. win - ter storms be - gin; God, our Mak - er, does pro - vide
2. joy or sor - row grown; First the blade, and then the ear,
3. fens - es purge a - way; Give his an - gels charge at last
4. sor - row, free from sin; There, for ev - er pu - ri - fied,

1. For our wants to be sup - plied; Come to God's own
2. Then the full corn shall ap - pear: Grant, O har - vest
3. In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruit - ful
4. In your pres - ence to a - bide: Come, with all your

1. tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest - home.
2. Lord, that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
3. ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
4. an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Deacon: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Deacon: 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.
People: **Amen.**

GLORIA

Read in unison

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season
and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your
great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the
glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

Moses said to all Israel: For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The following Psalm is read responsively by half-verse.

PSALM 65

Te decet hymnus

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.

Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
 by the holiness of your temple.**

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation, *
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the seas that are far away.**

You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.

You still the roaring of the seas, *
**the roaring of their waves,
 and the clamor of the peoples.**

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Durham



- 1 When all thy mer - cies, O my God, my ris - ing soul sur - veys,
- 2 O how shall words with e - qual warmth the grat - i - tude de - clare,
- 3 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my dai - ly thanks em - ploy;
- 4 When na - ture fails, and day and night di - vide thy works no more,
- 5 Through all e - ter - ni - ty, to thee a joy - ful song I'll raise;



- 1 trans - port - ed with the view, I'm lost in won - der, love, and praise.
- 2 that glows with - in my fer - vent heart? But thou canst read it there.
- 3 nor is the least a cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.
- 4 my ev - er grate - ful heart, O Lord, thy mer - cy shall a - dore.
- 5 but oh, e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ut - ter all thy praise!

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON

Kathy Lyon

THE NICENE CREED

All:

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervessor: During this season of Thanksgiving, we remind ourselves of Your countless gifts of love to all your children, especially the gift of life. We are deeply grateful for your Son and His gift of salvation. We reside in a bountiful land, where your people live in freedom to build a nation serving all mankind. Your goodness and love are never changing, immeasurable in depth and spread throughout all creation. We exclaim,

***People:* All thanks to God for His goodness and love!**

Intervessor: When we seek you, Lord, we find truth. When we act as Your body in the world, we execute justice tempered with mercy and experience, through ever-present grace. May we exist in perfect harmony with your creation. May we choose to follow Your ways and reject fear, hatred and self-interest. Help us to minister to those most in need in our community and our world: those suffering from food insecurity, homelessness, unemployment; those imprisoned; and those suffering from addiction. We pray,

***People:* God of Truth, empower us with clarity of sight.**

Intervessor: During these turbulent times, falsehood and truth swirl about almost inseparably. We earnestly pray for strength to care for future generations. We pray for our elected leaders, present and future, that they seek to do Your will and be free from the forces of corruption. Guide them to serve all their people. We pray,

***People:* God of Justice, help us to keep integrity in our hearts.**

Intervessor: We pray for our faith leaders, that their words and actions may serve, by quelling fear, focusing on truth and justice, and encouraging grace and peace. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Eugene and Robert, our Diocesan Bishops; Emmanuel and Denise, our Rector and Deacon; and James and Richard, our Rectors Emeriti. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church in Saskatchewan, Canada, the Diocese of East Ruwenzori, Uganda, and the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee. We pray,

***People:* Graciously pour Your Spirit into those who proclaim and teach Your Way.**

Intervessor: The world is ravaged by the COVID pandemic. Help us to reduce suffering and restore wholeness. Help us to separate politics from public health. We pray for those who are ill, especially Nell, Alta, Pamela, Chad, Joan, Richard, Rebecca, Jean, Alfred, Stan, Brady, Paul, Nick, Ashley, Anthony, Jim, Patrick, Bill and those you now name. We pray for the departed, including those you now name. For those mourning personal loss, may they find peace in the knowledge that this separation is but a moment in God's eternity. We pray,

***People:* God of Life, restore and harbor your children.**

Intervessor: Our greatest thanksgiving lies in the Love of Christ. We share love with all whom we encounter on this journey. We welcome all who join us in worship today. We give thanks for days of celebration, such as the birthdays and anniversaries of those you now name. We exclaim,

***People:* God of Love, we thank you for those who surround us in Love!**

Intervessor: May our lives be dedicated to the pursuit of Your Way and be a thanksgiving worthy of Your Love.

***People:* Amen.**

*The Deacon concludes with a collect, to which the People respond **Amen.***

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord **with a wave or nod** and then be seated.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev'd Denise Schiavone, *Deacon*

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY HYMN

Wir pflügen

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

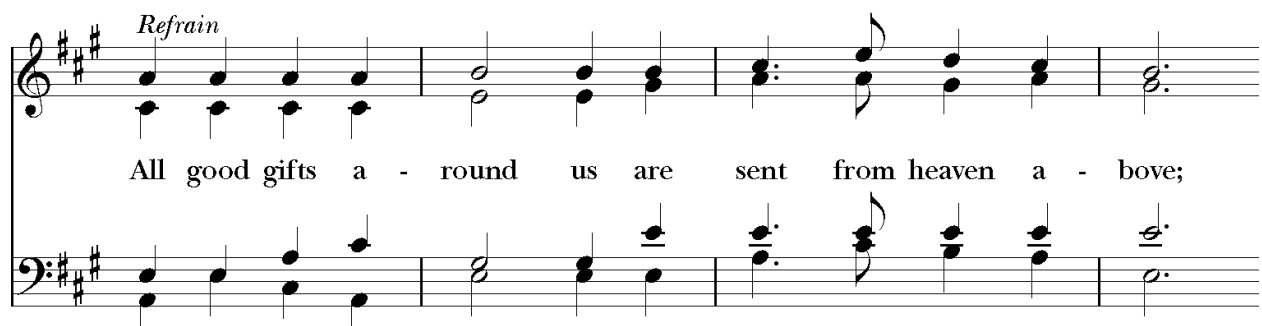
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil-dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;



then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' great sacrifice for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **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.**

Deacon: The gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

All: **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving.
I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection;
I await your coming in glory.
And since I cannot receive you today
in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,
and let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
 2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
 guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
 formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Deacon: Let us pray.

All: 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.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

All: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Nun danket alle Gott

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody and includes the final lines of the hymn. The notation includes treble and bass staves with notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal parts.

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who from our mo-ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
e-ter-nal, Tri-une God, whom earth and heaven a-dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev-er-more.

DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, who respond:
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Georg Friedrich Kaufmann (1679-1735)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit your announcements, email: announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org

Holy Eucharist Livestreams - Sunday at 10 a.m. | Due to updated directives from the Diocese of Maryland and recent increases in confirmed cases in Howard County and elsewhere, Christ Episcopal Church will provide online-only worship until further notice. This is effective for the remainder of 2020, and so we invite you to join us online this Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Deacon Denise will lead us in worship, with hymns and musical accompaniment from our Director of Music, Adam Detzner and Cantor, Kareem Mack. Everyone is welcome to safely worship online

as we host these Sunday livestreams on our [Christ Church website](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#) pages. Broadcasts will go live a few minutes prior to the start of service, and the links for the livestream, our Virtual Coffee Hour which follows, and the Sunday bulletin will be in an email sent this weekend. Please note that there are no online Sunday School or Confirmation sessions this Sunday. Both will resume next weekend.

Diocesan Update - In-Person Attendance | The Diocese of Maryland has made the decision to suspend all indoor worship for the remainder of this year. As case and positivity rates continue to increase throughout most of the state of Maryland, this was a necessary step. We will continue to provide livestreams of all services and provide another update as soon as we have one. If you have any questions, please email us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Pastoral Emergencies | Fr. Manny will be away until December 12th. For all pastoral emergencies, please reach out to Reverend Denise Schiavone at 443-745-4277. Thank you.

Giving Tuesday - Next Tuesday, December 1st | Next Tuesday is known as [Giving Tuesday](#) - a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. This year, Christ Church is inviting all of you to consider supporting your favorite CEC ministry. This support will help us to better serve as many people as possible during these perilous times. From Outreach to Music ministries, from Rector's Discretionary Fund to LEMS, and from Liturgy & Worship to Buildings & Grounds - each facet of Christ Episcopal Church is represented on the form at <https://onrealm.org/christchurchcolumbia/give/givingtuesday>, so you'll be able to direct your gift to the ministry you'd like to help. You can also give using your mobile phone by texting CECGIVING TUESDAY to 73256 (this number will never send unsolicited texts to you).

Lectionary Bible Study - Wednesdays | Bible Study takes place on Zoom each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is a discussion on the readings for that coming Sunday. You do not have to know much about the Bible; just join in and let's all study together. If you're interested, simply gather with us online next Wednesday. Email us if you're interested – info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Our Conversations on Race Series – Tuesdays | Our multi-week book discussion series that centers on *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown continues on December 1st, 8th, & 15th. We invite everyone to take part in this insightful and engaging gathering. If you would like to join us for this Zoom discussion series, sign up for our weekly Gatherings email by emailing us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org and you'll then receive the links in an email each week, as well as details about Christ Church's other online gatherings and services.

CEC Book Discussion Group - Fridays | With Thanksgiving on Thursday, we will suspend our Zoom session the following day. However, the Christ Church Book Discussion Group invites everyone to share your thoughts on a new read, *The Book of Joy*, with us next week. It is centered on how to achieve lasting happiness in a changing world, and is based on a 5-day conversation in India between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama in April 2015. The Christ Church discussions are conducted via Zoom weekly on Fridays from 7:30-9 p.m. through mid-December. If there are any questions, please contact Ellen Boudreau Hoke by cell phone at 301-452-7115, by text message at that number, or by email at efboudreau@gmail.com. We hope you that you can join us, as we are a friendly group and enjoy sharing our thoughts.

Advent Retreat: “Shining God’s Light in the World” - December 5th | This online retreat, open to all, will be a morning of respite and restoration. Exploring how we nurture the light within to allow us to shine forth in the world, we will share time in active reflection, discussion, and exercises. We’ll also participate in a guided meditation session, led by guest facilitator/yoga instructor Danielle Beyers. The retreat will conclude with an online Eucharist.

One of our hopes for this contemplative morning is to compile a Pandemic Journal, to explore how this 10-month period of semi-isolation has affected our lives. This retreat is a time to connect with each other expressing our concerns, our hopes, and our need for joy in our lives.

This takes place on Saturday, December 5th from 9-11 a.m., and we encourage all interested individuals - both parish members and visitors - to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Hoke by email at: efboudreau1@gmail.com or by cell phone at: 301-452-7115. For planning purposes, we would love to know if you plan on attending, so please send us an email or text message. However, a spontaneous decision to attend is also more than welcome. Zoom details will be published as the date approaches, and we hope you'll join us for this special day of centering, contemplation, and connection.

Women of Christ Church Celebration - December 7th | "Tis the season to make merry," so meet with the other women of Christ Church for some Christmas festivity online, December 7th from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Instead of a formal meeting, we will be celebrating the holidays together. Dress in your Christmas clothing if the spirit moves you. There will be games and merriment. All women ages 18 and above are automatically members of the WOCC. We hope that you will come celebrate the holidays with us! Once again, we will be meeting via the Zoom meeting app, which is free and available for sign up on [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us). We'll provide those details next week. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the members or officers: Suzanne Ziobro, president; Gail Braatlien, vice president; JoEmily Knox, secretary; Mary Vail, treasurer; and Pamela Brown, chaplain.

Christ Church's Christmas Pageant | This year's Christmas pageant, like most communal activities nowadays, will be virtual. Anyone 18 or under is invited to participate, and we hope that you will! We also need a volunteer or two to help with the technical side of production, so if you're even a bit tech savvy, let us know! If you're interested in being a part of this year's Christmas pageant, please contact Lynn Foor at platypusblooms@yahoo.com. Thank you very much!

We're Looking for More Volunteers to Assist with Our Prayer Services | Do you feel called to guide others in our common worship? Do you yearn for an opportunity to participate in ministry from the safety of your own home? Christ Church offers morning and evening prayer services—part of the Anglican tradition's Daily Offices—via Facebook Live. We're currently looking to expand our small, but dedicated, pool of Daily Office worship leaders. If you can commit to lead morning and/or evening prayer once or twice a week—or even to serving as an occasional substitute—please [email deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:deacondenise@christchurchcolumbia.org). If you'd like to start with a trial period to see what it's all about, we can make that happen. A short training session will be provided for all. Thank you for considering this call to ministry!

Baltimore International Seafarers' Center Donations | The Seafarers charity is again requesting donations from Christ Episcopal Church. The group is asking for warm hats for men, 2021 Calendars, and copies of the following magazines: Time, People, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic, Reader's Digest, Smithsonian, New Yorker, Baltimore Magazine, and travel magazines. These items may be placed in the bin marked 'Seafarers'. Because lower brick will be open for drop off and pick up of auction items this weekend, the bins will also be available during those times for donations. Please have your donations in by next Monday, November 30th. Thank you for your attention to this important community outreach.

Springfield Hospital Christmas Gifts | We will once again be collecting Christmas gifts for our friends at Springfield Hospital. This has been a particularly difficult year for them, as they have been unable to have visits due to the pandemic. Though we haven't been able to make our usual visits, we will be gathering gifts for them to bring a little Christmas Joy. If you would like to contribute, we have placed a large container in the Tower Room to accept your unwrapped donations, before December 14th. If that's inconvenient, please contact Cathy Gold and we will find a way. heycathy@verizon.net or (410) 440-4178.

The Christ Church Angel Tree Goes Virtual to Brighten Christmas for Howard County Children | It is that time of year when the Outreach Commission invites parishioners to collect toys and clothing before Christmas to complete gift "packages" for young angels. We are focusing our support on children ages 10 to 12 to meet a need identified by The Salvation Army. Since we are not physically in church together, our Angel Tree has gone online.

(For those who prefer to go totally virtual, please skip to the “Hands Off” section below.) Instead of taking a tag with a child’s name and wish list as in the past, you can sign up as follows:

- Click [here](#) to choose an angel. A child’s complete package includes 3 toys and 2 clothing/shoes gifts (such as one outfit and a coat).
- You may sign up for as many — or as few — angels/gifts as you want. You will receive an email notification regarding each angel and gift you have selected.
- When you are ready to drop off gifts, please place them — unwrapped — inside a plastic bag and tie a tag or label on it that clearly states the name and identifying number of the angel. You may put multiple gifts for the same angel in one bag. Put gifts for a different angel(s) in separate bags.
- The bags can be dropped off in a marked bin at the church just inside the Parish Hall door on Mon. 11/30; Wed. 12/2; Fri. 12/ 4; Mon. 12/7; Wed. 12/9; Fri. 12/11. Please call the church office (410) 381-9365 to let them know when you are coming (same day is fine). The last day to drop off gifts is Friday, Dec. 11th.

Staying safe by keeping “Hands Off:” If you would like to participate but want to do everything (shopping and delivery) online, you may do so directly on The Salvation Army web page. Go to angeltreemd.org and click on the red bar that says “Adopt an Angel.” Go to Ellicott City (Howard County) and click on “Adopt an Angel” to choose an angel, order gifts online and have delivery made to the Howard County Angel Tree warehouse. Delivery instructions for Amazon should pop up automatically but you can also access them for future reference [at this link](#). Please tell us via email (outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org) so that we can keep track of how many children Christ Church supports this year.

Through either method, we will lift the hearts not only of the angels but of their families. Parents obtain the unwrapped gifts from The Salvation Army to prepare for a Christmas that will be much brighter than they could otherwise afford. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call Melanie Yaksich at (410) 908-3520 or email outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Gratitude to All Who Made the 2020 Thanksgiving Drive a Success | The makings of many Thanksgiving meals have gone from the big yellow bin at Christ Church to the homes of Howard County families. Dozens of parishioners dropped off delicious desserts and non-perishable side dishes by the end of the drive on Nov. 22. (see photo). Others contributed financially to help make the holiday special in 2020. Thanks to one and all!

In collaboration with the nonprofit organization, [FISH of Howard County](#), Christ Church once again collected sides such as potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, and cranberry sauce. To keep people safe during the pandemic, the Outreach Commission also arranged for online purchase by Christ Church of 25 frozen turkeys and five fresh chicken roasters that were delivered directly to the FISH pantry. FISH volunteers made the first visits to participating families on the weekend, and more visits were set to take place earlier this week. The bounty turned out to be even greater than the needs of the families, who are now in line for much anticipated menu assistance for the Christmas holiday.

For anyone who has suggestions about ways to help the community, would like to get involved, or if you need any assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

Stewardship Campaign for 2021 | On behalf of our Stewardship Committee, I’d like to thank you all for your wonderful and generous support to our beloved Christ Church. Your generosity sustains life and ministry at our beloved Christ Church. In as much as we give thanks for your pledges - especially during these difficult times - we also want you to know that we are very far from our targeted goal for 2021. I, therefore, appeal to all who have not as yet turned in their pledges to kindly consider [submitting a pledge online](#). Thank you very much.

Please Consider a Contribution to Christ Church.

Recent world events have been challenging for us all. It has also affected how we are able to continue to help others. Please consider contributing to Christ Church so that we may continue to support our parish staff, as well as those in need in our community and around the world. Christ Church has achieved much in the past because of everyone's generosity, and for that we are very grateful. We are still carrying out an amazing ministry for a moderate-sized church - even through this very challenging time - but it does require everyone's assistance. Each contribution helps greatly.

Text Giving

You can now give securely and conveniently by using your mobile phone! Simply text CECGIVING to 73256, and you'll receive a secure link to our page where you can set up a one-time or recurring gift.

Online Giving

You can also continue to pledge and give to Christ Church online. It's a safe and secure method of contributing towards your annual pledge or other offering. Whether it's a one-time donation or a recurring gift, you can go to our [overview page](#) for instructions and links. Signing up is fast and easy; if you need assistance doing so, or if you have any Stewardship-related questions, please contact us at info@christchurchcolumbia.org

Donate Through the Diocese

The Diocese of Maryland offers another way to give directly to Christ Church. You'll find that option here. Once on that secure page, simply choose "Christ Church, Columbia" from the list of parishes, and fill in the required fields.

Our 2021 Pledge Form is Online

The 2021 Pledge Form is on our website, for your convenience. You can complete the form by clicking here, and if you have any questions, please email stewardship@christchurchcolumbia.org

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