

# CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLUMBIA, MD

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

### The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2019 | 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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#### WELCOME!

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here,  
we are glad to have you join in our praises of God today.  
We hope you will feel comfortable here, and fulfilled and strengthened spiritually  
to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We welcome you to join us in fellowship every Sunday prior to the service.  
Please fill out a newcomer or office request form located on the table in the Narthex  
so that we may have a record of your time with us.

Please return your form to the office request box on the Narthex table.

#### WHILE WORSHIPPING WITH US

Please remember to silence your cell phone or other electronic devices.  
You can find the complete order of worship in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

#### LATECOMERS, PLEASE ENTER:

1. after the Collect of the Day, before the first reading; or 2. during the Sequence Hymn;  
or 3. after the Peace, before the Announcements. Please find a seat in the lower level rather than in the choir loft.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WITH HOLY EUCHARIST

Please join us every Wednesday for Bible Study with Eucharistic Healing.  
The service takes place from 10:30am - 12pm in the New Brick Lower Level Vestry Room.

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*At the 8:00 AM Service, all music is omitted, except the closing hymn.*

#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### PRELUDE

*The people stand as able.*

##### HYMN IN PROCESSION 423

*St. Denio*

##### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

##### *At 8:00 AM:* THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant:* 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.**

At 10:30 AM:

*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**People:** **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**People:** **One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

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

PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

At 8:00 AM: spoken

At 10:30 AM: chanted by the congregation

*Qui habitat*

Book of Common Prayer, page 719

Chant: Robert Knox Kennedy (1945-)



(✓ indicates a breath)

He who dwells in the shelter of the | **Most High,** \*  
abides under the shadow of the Al- | **mighty.**

He shall say to the LORD, ✓  
"You are my refuge and my | **stronghold,** \*  
my God in whom I put my | **trust."**

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He shall deliver you from the snare of the | **hunter** \*  
and from the deadly | **pestilence.**

He shall cover you with his pinions, ✓  
and you shall find refuge under his | **wings;** \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and | **buckler.**

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You shall not be afraid of any terror by | **night,** \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by | **day;**

Of the plague that stalks in the | **darkness,** \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at | **mid-day.**

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Because he is bound to me in love, ✓  
therefore will I de- | **live him;** \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my | **Name.**

He shall call upon me, and I will **answer him;** \*  
I am with him in trouble; ✓  
I will rescue him and bring him to | **honor.**

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With long life will I | **satisfy him,** \*  
and show him my sal- | **vation.**

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

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

*The people stand as able for the singing of the hymn and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 552

Rushford

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

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

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

SERMON

The Rev'd Emmanuel Ato Mercer

*The people stand as able.*

*At 8:00 AM:*

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Book of Common Prayer, page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(see page ?)*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Book of Common Prayer, page 360

*At 10:30 AM:*

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

*Celebrant:* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and  
Godparents:* I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and  
Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and  
Godparents:* I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the Spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce all the sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* I do.

*The celebrant then addresses the congregation:*

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

***People:* We will.**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

***People:* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***People:* I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***People:* I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

***People:* I will, with God's help.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

- Celebrant:* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
- Intercessor:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

- Celebrant:* The Lord be with you
- People:* **And also with you.**
- Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- Celebrant:* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.
- We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*
- Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.
- To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who pours water upon the candidate, saying:*

*Celebrant:* I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The celebrant continues:*

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the candidate's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:*

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says:*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All:** **We receive you into the household of God.  
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,  
proclaim his resurrection,  
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* 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 and then be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support Christ Church's work of showing God's love.*

### ANTHEM *(with congregational refrain)*

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas (1951-)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

#### Refrain:



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield. **Refrain...**

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain...**

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain...**

And hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Psalm 91, Michael Joncas

*The people stand as able.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN 380, v. 3

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Book of Common Prayer, page 361

*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.**

*The people remain standing as the Celebrant continues with a prayer of thanks to God. In response we proclaim:*

SANCTUS

At 8:00 AM: Spoken  
 At 10:30 AM: Sung

Book of Common Prayer, page 362  
 from *Mass in the Lydian Mode* (Richard Webster)

*All voices*

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. Bless - ed is he who

*High voices*

*Low voices*

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na,  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God and prays over the bread and wine.*

*Celebrant:* ... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**All:** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

*Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome at God's table.*

*You may receive just the bread if you prefer.*

*If you wish, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice.*

*If you do not wish to take Communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.*

*If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

*Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available.*

HYMN AT COMMUNION 475

*Tysk*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer, page 365

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People:** **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING

*The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond **Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN 625

*Darwall's 148th*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intervessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

St. Paul cautions us and he calls to us, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness." His words are "fight the good fight!" May we strive for this with each new day and lift ourselves beyond our own worries, cares and concerns this morning. May we reach beyond our own lives in this world and into God's calling for us and may we promise anew to live a godly life and care for all of God's children.

Father God; each of us was created by you. For all people on this earth:

**People: Call me Lord, to your service, this day and every day.**

*Intervessor:* We pray for and we give thanks for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Manny, our Rector, Adam, our Music Director, and for our dedicated choir and for all who give of their time and talents so generously in so many ways to Christ Church, we thank God and we pray: **For all who work to serve you, Lord, we give thanks.**

*Intervessor:* We give thanks this morning for all who are new to Christ Church or who are visiting with us today. We rejoice in your presence and we pray that you will stay long enough after the service for us to greet you. **Welcome! You bless us with your presence.**

*Intervessor:* For all who work for justice, freedom and peace: **We give thanks for your example in following Christ and we pray.**

*Intervessor:* We pray for your church, especially this morning, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for The Episcopal Church and in our Diocese we lift in prayer our sister churches; Good Shepherd, Towson, Holy Comforter, Lutherville and Holy Nativity, Baltimore. **Lord, let your loving-kindness be with them always.**

*Intervessor:* For the victims in this world of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression: **Father God, savior Christ, they are our sisters and our brothers on this earth. Call on each of us to serve and to love others as you have loved us.**

*Intervessor:* For all who are ill and all who suffer on this earth in any way: **We pray for each one of them heavenly father, as we give thanks for every one of the hands and the hearts that commit their lives to healing and helping.**

*Intervessor:* For the special needs and concerns in our church community, especially George, Michael, Matthew, Nell, Ashley, Diana, Richard, Madrainne and those you name, we pray: **Hear us, Lord. Your mercy is great.**

*Intervessor:* We pray for those who have died, and those you name. **Hold them closely, we pray, as you welcome them home into their new and eternal dwelling place.**

*Intervessor:* Father God, Savior Christ, we pray for those who grieve. Ease their pain, we pray. **Lord, shelter those with your love who put their trust in you.**

*Intervessor:* We give thanks heavenly father for occasions and opportunities in our lives to celebrate. We give thanks for the birth of Malcom Leeman, son of John and Andrea Leeman. We joyfully share this morning in celebrating the Birthdays and Anniversaries of Weddings and Baptisms of Cyril, Zachary, Shannon, Thomas, Harry, Rebecca, Mike, Harrington, Dominic, Daniel, Gavin and Isla. **For all the blessings of this life; we give thanks.**

*Intervessor:* **For all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the truth, we give thanks. Amen**

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

### 8 AM Service

*Readings:* Joan Harvey  
*Prayers of the People:* Sonni Aribiah  
*Chalice Bearers:* Joan Harvey, Sonni Aribiah  
*Ministry Prayer Station:* Victoria Herring  
*Ushers:* Dee Bauer, Patricia Henlon

### 10:30 AM Service

*Readings:* Ivy Amponsah  
*Prayers of the People:* Al Bracey  
*Chalice Bearers:* Ivy Amponsah, Al Bracey  
*Ministry Prayer Station:* Simone Kolnik  
*Acolytes:* Emmanuel Olajide, Elena Nagbe  
*Crucifer:* Violet Smith  
*Ushers:* Samuel Jackson, Rose Kirby  
*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* Donna Naberhuis  
*Altar Guild:* Nesta Henlon  
*Tellers:* Mary Vail, JB Hanson

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## PARISH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 29 TO OCTOBER 5

### **Sunday, September 29th**

8:00 – 9:00 am	Eucharist
9:00 – 10:00 am	Bible Study
9:30 – 10:00 am	Breakfast
9:30 – 10:15 am	Parenting Group – Parish Hall, lower level
9:30 – 10:30 am	Adult Forum
10:00 – 10:45 am	Sunday School
10:30 – 11:30 am	Baptism – New Brick, upper level
10:30 – 11:30 am	Eucharist – New Brick, upper level
12:30 – 3:30 pm	Elim Korean Church Service – Old Brick
4:00 – 12:00 am	Jones Wedding Reception – New Brick, lower level

### **Monday, September 30th**

4:30 – 6:00 pm	Lumen Christi Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
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### **Tuesday, October 1st**

11:00 – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Parish Hall Conference Room
12:30 – 2:45 pm	Japanese Play Group – New Brick, lower level
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Chorister Snack – New Brick, lower level
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Chorister Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Chorister Rehearsal Vocal Coachings – New Brick, piano room
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Chorister Dinner – New Brick, lower level
6:30 – 9:00 pm	WOCC Dinner – New Brick, lower level

### **Wednesday, October 2nd**

10:00 – 11:00 am	Bible Study – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Elim Korean Church Bible Study – Old Brick
8:00 – 9:00 pm	AA - Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Al-Anon – New Brick, elevator room

### **Thursday, October 3rd**

12:30 – 2:45 pm	Japanese Play Group – New Brick, lower level
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Chorister Snack – New Brick, lower level
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Chorister Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Chorister Rehearsal Vocal Coachings – New Brick, piano room
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Chorister Dinner – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Troop 617 – New Brick, lower level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level

### **Friday, October 4th**

9:30 – 12:30 pm	Ho Co Homeschooling Cooperative – New Brick, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA - Parish Hall, lower level

### **Saturday, October 5th**

8:00 – 10:00 am	Yoga Session – New Brick, lower level
2:00 – 3:00 pm	AA - Parish Hall, lower level
2:00 – 11:00 pm	Youth Group International Dinner – New Brick, lower level
6:00 – 7:00 pm	NA Step Study Mtg - Parish Hall, lower level
8:00 – 9:00 pm	NA - Parish Hall, lower level

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send all submissions to: [announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org)

Do you have something that you wish to share with the Christ Church family? Please email them all to [announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:announcements@christchurchcolumbia.org) instead of phoning or emailing the church office. Include as much information as possible: your name and phone number, the event name and location, its date and time, event coordinator contact information, a few sentences describing your event, and any other info you feel necessary. In order to be included in that week's parish correspondence, all submissions should be emailed to us no later than 12:00 noon each Wednesday. Thank you.

• **Today's Adult Forum: *Rediscovering Our True Selves*** | The Bible reminds us that we are created in the image of God. Wherever we are and whoever we are, we bear this unique character. Over time, however, we lose that true self that is in God's image. This Adult Forum series takes place today in-between services, and is presented by Lesley DiFrancisco, Professor of Theology at Loyola University. Professor DiFrancisco will help us unravel how we can rediscover that core identity we share as being God's creation and the true identity in Christ. The entire Fall Adult Formation schedule is available now. You can find Adult Forum tri-fold brochures in the narthex.

• **Sunday School News** | We are so excited that our program year is underway! You can find the registration forms on our website, or you can ask one of the Sunday School teachers. The forms need to be filled out and sent to the appropriate email address on the website, or you can bring them to the church office.

Here are some updates to the Sunday School program:

- Breakfast will be served from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. each Sunday that classes are held.
- Students ages 3 through 5th grade will meet in the Lower Level of New Brick.
- We are using the curriculum "Weaving God's Promise" and are on year 2 of a 3-year cycle.
- Students will gather together and in age-specific groups during Sunday School, from 10:00 – 11:10 a.m.
- At 11:10 a.m., the students will process into church, and be welcomed by the congregation.
- **NEW THIS YEAR: students must be signed in prior to entering class.** A sign-in sheet will be available beginning at breakfast time. Please sign your child in so that we have an accurate record of who is in our care.
- Our dedicated teachers spend time planning lessons each week – please be timely when dropping off your child! Late arrivals are very disruptive to the Sunday School environment. Thank you.

As always, we are looking for more teachers! The ideal commitment would be to teach once a month – especially if more people volunteer! Please contact Jennifer Atkins ([info@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:info@christchurchcolumbia.org)) for more information.

• **Coffee Hour: A Ministry of Welcome** | Thank you to those who have signed up to help provide food and support for our Sunday Coffee Hours. We are always looking for more people to host, so please contact the church office. Each Sunday, one host is needed for the 8:00 service, and one person for the 10:30 service. The food is served in the Hospitality (Elevator) Room after each service. The church staff will provide and set up the coffee, tea, utensils, plates and napkins. If you are the volunteer for that Coffee Hour, one large bottle of juice or lemonade should be brought, and some examples of store-bought food you can provide are: cookies, cakes (banana, pumpkin, pound), cheese & crackers, muffins (mini-sized; nut-free), mini bagels (or regular ones cut in half or quartered) and cream cheese, yogurt, or a selection of fresh fruit such as apples, grapes and strawberries that are washed and plated, or larger fruit items such as melons cut into bite-sized pieces. You can choose a selection of a couple different items, or feel free to keep it simple and bring just one type.

• **Women of Christ Church News** | Our monthly meeting is October 1st at 6:30 p.m. in LLNB. This is the 2nd evening meeting of WOCC, with this one comprised of a potluck and card-making session. We will have a very brief meeting and appoint a nomination committee while enjoying the delicious potluck dishes. Then, Emily Aubin will be instructing us how to make beautiful cards for the clients of Grassroots. If you can bring your own scissors, that would be helpful but not necessary.

• **MOCC News** | Men of Christ Church, I want to continue to encourage you to join us in our efforts to develop and expand our ministry, so that we can be a resource to the members of our local community and beyond. Our service to our neighbors in Columbia will take the form of providing "***Random Acts of Kindness.***" Please support our first Act of Kindness, as we provide coffee and donuts to the men and women of Fire Station 9, 5950 Tamar Drive, Columbia, MD. You can help us raise funds, as well (checks can be made payable to Men of Christ Church; please put "Acts of Kindness" in the memo line). If you have any questions, please [contact Duane Smith](#). Our next MOCC gathering is a dinner on Friday, October 4th @6 p.m. at Cjazbar, 9400 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia.

• **Join Us for Our International Dinner – Saturday, October 5th** | Join us Saturday evening, October 5th at 6:00 p.m. for an International Dinner hosted by the High School Youth Group. The menu will be based on family recipes from our high school and middle school youth (with the help of their parents and family). Cost is \$15. per adult, \$5.00 for youth 10 and younger (maximum family cost is \$40.), and all proceeds benefit the High School and Middle School Youth Group programs. Dinner includes appetizers, main course, desserts, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Please sign up after services on Sundays prior to the dinner, or send an email to [yg@christchurchcolumbia.org](mailto:yg@christchurchcolumbia.org). Thank you for your support of the Christ Church Youth Groups!

• **Our "Christ Church, Today and Tomorrow" Series Continues** | The next Town Hall Meeting takes place on Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 a.m., in-between services. The next Home Meeting takes place on Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00 p.m. The Home Meeting address and further details will be in next week's *Gatherings* email as well as our October *Gathered Together* newsletter. If you would like to join our mailing list, [email us](#).

• **Our Annual Parish Retreat - October 11th-13th** | Christ Church Rehoboth Family Retreat will be held at the Felix DuPont Retreat House in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware over Columbus Day weekend. Our retreat leader will be the Rev. Kirk Kubicek, and our theme for the retreat will be based on our theme for the next year: "***Arise, for the task is yours... take courage and do it!***". There will be an interactive program with discussions and music on Friday evening, as well as Saturday morning and evening. Evening Prayer service or Compline will be celebrated on Friday and Saturday evenings, with Eucharist in the Chapel on Sunday morning. There is free time for all scheduled on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Any questions, please speak with Ellen Hoke. Full payment is due on arrival to DuPont House on the 11th of October. Please join us for a fun and rewarding time together!

• **Our Beautiful Buildings and Grounds Need Your Help - Saturday, October 19th** | We need all hands to assist us during the next Beautification Day on Saturday, October 19th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We need help from all ages and skill levels. Bring work gloves and your favorite clothes to get dirty or to paint in. Just show up whenever you can!! [Contact Jan DeBoissiere](#) if you have any questions.

• **The 30th Annual Christ Church Auction – Donations Are Needed!** | It's hard to believe the time has come to put on our thinking caps for our thirtieth - 30<sup>th</sup>! - Annual Christ Church Auction, the church's largest fund-raiser, on Saturday, November 2nd. It's now time to think about a skill, talent, hobby, item, meal, vacation spot, or experience that you can use as a donation. We are looking for items for both Live and a Silent Auctions. No item is too small or too large. In the past, our generous donors have provided some many memorable Live and Silent auction items, so email us for some ideas, if you need. For more details, look at upcoming weekly Gatherings emails, the October Gathered Together newsletter, and the CEC website. A donation registration form link is on our website's front page. You can also pick up a donation form in the narthex. Please drop off forms in the drop box outside of Parish Hall. **Registration Deadline is Sunday, October 13th for time sensitive items and Sunday, October 20th for all other auction items.** [Please contact Suzanne Ziobro](#) with any questions.

• **Christ Church Hockey Night! – December 9th** | The Men of Christ Church group is inviting the entire Christ Church family to a December gathering. On December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we will attend the Washington Capitals hockey game at Capital One Arena in Washington DC. The cost of the game ticket is \$49. and includes a Capitals t-shirt. Tickets must be purchased by November 9th. Speak to Duane Smith if you are interested.

• **Buildings and Grounds Call List** | Christ Church's Buildings & Grounds Committee is looking for more volunteers who are willing to be on a call list (email and/or text list, really) for urgent or emergency needs at the Church. Our goal is to have 50 people signed up so that we will always have several people available. You will only be expected to help when you can - not for every event. When a tornado comes though and drops a lot of our branches, we'll need help clearing parking lot and grounds. When the sidewalks need shoveling or salting, we might call. Or when the funeral or wedding is expected to have over 300 guests, we'll need help directing parking, greeting, and directing visitors, etc. Please discuss with either [Father Manny](#) or [Jan DeBoissiere](#) to get on the list. We'll need your email(s) and phone numbers. All ages can be included. Thank you!

• **DreamBuilders Fall Projects: Save the Dates!** | After a successful summer of mission trips to Pittsburgh and Puerto Rico, DreamBuilders is back at work with some local projects. If you've been looking for an opportunity to get involved, here's a great way to do it! We'll be working to improve one of the homes in Ellicott City for the ARC of Howard County. It will require some demolition of the kitchen and two walls, and the installation of new cabinets. We'll do that on two upcoming Saturdays: October 5th and October 26th. We will also be supporting Rebuilding Together Howard County, rebuilding half of a duplex home in Ellicott City during weekends between September and December. Watch this space for more information. If you have any questions about these projects or DreamBuilders, you can ask Cathy Gold and Stacey Frith.

• **CCD-USA News** | CCD-USA, a Christian organization, serves disabled orphans and disabled poor in Thailand. Christ Episcopal Church supports the yearly salary for a therapist. Currently CCD-USA is having a 'micro-fundraising' campaign with a suggested donation of half what one would spend/child for going-back-to-school supplies. For more information, please click on the following link - <https://www.ccdusa.org/blank> - and share with your family and friends.

• **Current Leola Dorsey Community Resource Center (Rt. 1)** | Right now, the Dorsey Center needs paper towels, 4 lbs. of sugar, chocolate syrup, canned meats (no tuna), canned Chunky brand and Progresso brand soups, canned meals (like Chef Boyardee and Dinty Moore), beef hash, and all types of canned fruits. Thank you very much for your contributions.

• **The 2020 West African Journey** | Preparations have begun! Come and join Christ Episcopal Church as we embark on a cultural heritage immersion journey into Africa. In 2020, Father Manny will lead our group to Ghana and West Africa, where we will tour various cultural and historical sites as well as worship in an Anglican church for a unique liturgical experience. More details will be in future editions of our weekly and monthly newsletters. For more information, please speak with Father Manny.

• **Give Our Neighborhood Kids an Experience That Sparks Their Imagination and Interest** | Christ Church has been very generous with Lake Elkhorn Middle School (LEMS) your vestry has agreed for the Wardens to make one more ask. This year 56% of the LEMS students are on free or reduced meal plans. This level of need creates challenges not faced by other Howard County schools with wealthier school populations. One of those challenges, according to LEMS Principal Melissa Shindel, is that teachers at LEMS have not felt comfortable planning field trips because so many students cannot afford to participate. We are asking for donations to pay for or subsidize field trips for students who otherwise could not afford to participate. The fund will be administered by Ms. Shindel. You may make a donation by mailing a check to the church office or placing one in the offering plate. The check should be made out to Christ Church with "LEMS field trip" in the memo line. What will we get in return? Improving the quality of education and expanding the horizon for children in our neighborhood and, I am sure, some pictures of very happy kids from Ms. Shindel. Thank you for your generosity. Your Wardens, Steve and Sara.

## MESSAGE FROM FATHER MANNY

I remember stories about McDonalds when I was in high school. Some of our school mates whose parents had significant means would travel to London for the summer break, and return to tell stories about McDonalds. Those stories were so tantalizingly inviting that you could feel that sizzling burger or fries melting on your tongue. Oh, how I yearned for a bite of that burger from McDonalds! Mind you, I didn't know what a burger was, nor had I ever seen one.

This past week I read a story about Cristiano Ronaldo. He is an exceptional football (soccer) player who plays for Juventus in Italy. He's played for Manchester United in England, and Real Madrid in Spain. He's won several trophies and awards including the best footballer of the world. His talents are incredible. And he's made lots and lots of money playing soccer. But you wouldn't believe his story till he shared it with the world. In fact, not many people knew about this part of his story.

He was interviewed by Piers Morgan, and in that interview, he talked about his mission to find Edna and two other women who were employees at a McDonalds located next to a stadium in Lisbon. These ladies used to give burgers to him and other boys when they were younger. He explained it like this: "We were a little hungry. We had a McDonalds next to the stadium. We knocked on the door, and asked 'Have you got any burgers?'" Edna and the two ladies would then give Cristiano and the other boys some burgers. As successful as he now is, you would never ever think that he came from poverty. He regrets the fact that this particular McDonalds is no longer where he used to be.

This story is rich, and there are multiple layers which invite our reflection. I find it more than fulfilling and life-giving. And what actually fills me with great pride was his mission to not only find these three women, but to invite them to his home for dinner, and then give back to them what they gave to him. Wow! I have since been asking myself, why would he, one of the most successful football players in the world, now even think about those three women who gifted him free hamburgers all those years ago? Why would someone who has achieved so much even ponder in such a way on that part of his life? There are many who would have closed that chapter of their lives or been blinded with their new sense of self that they wouldn't even associate themselves with that section of their history. What I find to be most gracious and comforting is that our lives are such that we can never tell who it is that would be transformed by our acts of kindness – no matter whether they're large or minor. Likewise, we should never forget who it is that transformed our own lives with their kindness - however big or small.

There's a gospel story that describes ten lepers who called out to Jesus from a distance requesting healing. He simply asked them to go and show themselves to the priest. On their way, all ten realized that they had been cleansed of their leprosy. Of the ten, only one, a Samaritan, returned to give thanks for the healing. Jesus asked him, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?' Of then ten people, only one had the presence of mind to return and give thanks for the healing he received.

Gratitude has a powerful way of stirring the human conscience. Wherever we are in life, and whichever station in which we find ourselves, gratitude creates that presence of mind which never grows tired of alerting you to the reality that you may not have gotten to wherever you are all by yourself and your effort. Other people, in fact – strangers that they may be - gave you a metaphorical burger from McDonalds.

Strangely enough, one of the ladies, Edna, shared the story with her husband and children long before Ronaldo said a word about it. She never sought fame for it, nor did she reach out to Ronaldo to remind him about gifting him with burgers from McDonalds. She probably thought Ronaldo had forgotten about it; after all, the human disposition is prone to forget the kindness of others - especially when it is convenient. But here he was, after so many years, that laden within his heart was a desire to give back - to give back for what he was blessed with, and to express, in the most profound and personal way, his gratitude to those women.

This prompts me to recall a book on a shelf in my office, which expresses the idea that ***‘Gratitude is not a passive response to something we have been given. Gratitude arises from paying attention, from being awake in the presence of everything that lives within and without us.’***

Ronaldo eventually awoke to the giftedness of Edna and her friends, and desired to pay back. Maybe, if we begin to pay attention, we will note the many ways in which we have been blessed with a metaphorical burger by Edna from McDonalds. More to the point, if we were to take stock of our lives - if we stay awake to the gift of our lives - we can, with absolute confidence, proclaim with gratitude *‘Ebenezer, this is how far you’ve brought me.’* And for that, my heart isn’t only full of extraordinary gratitude, but it also desires to give back.

Look for your Edna, and invite her or him into your home for dinner, and give back.

~Manny

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## FROM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN

### SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," he replied.

"OF COURSE YOU DO!" his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at *our* house. Johnny explained. "But this is grandma's house and she knows how to cook."

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