



CHRIST CHURCH

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*The Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Organ & Piano

Fantasy in f minor (Andante)

W.A. Mozart

Call to Worship

1. I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God (*Refrain*)

*Refrain: All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God*

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (*Refrain*)

3. Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me. (*Refrain*)

Song composers: Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenn Johnson
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Processional Hymn (*sung by all, standing*)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)
music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect of Purity (*said by all*)

***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.

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

(Matthew 22:37-40)

Kyrie eleison

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

1. My Jesus my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

*Refrain Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You*

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

8. Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was crippled from birth and had never walked. **9.** He listened to Paul speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to be made well, **10.** said in a loud voice, “Stand upright on your feet.” And he sprang up and began walking. **11.** And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!” **12.** Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. **13.** And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. **14.** But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, **15.** “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. **16.** In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. **17.** Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.” **18.** Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. (ESV)

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

Psalm 67 (*sung*)

1. You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
2. May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Refrain: *May the peoples praise You*
 Let the nations be glad
 All Your blessing comes
 That we may praise
 May praise the Name of Jesus

3. All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
4. May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word (*Refrain*)

5. This our holy priv'lege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation tribe and tongue
Your church proclaim (*Refrain*)

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Epistle

Revelation 21:1-4; 22-22:5

1. Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and **they** will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” 22. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25. and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. 22:1. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2. through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were

for the healing of the nations. **3.** No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. **4.** They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. **5.** And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn (*sung by all, standing*)

1. What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
What holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

Refrain: *O sing hallelujah!*
 Our hope springs eternal;
 O sing hallelujah!
 Now and ever we confess
 Christ our hope in life and death.

2. What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*Refrain*)

Holy Gospel

John 14:21-29

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

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

21. Jesus said, "Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." 22. Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" 23. Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. 25. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. 26. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. 27. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. 28. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you

loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. **29.** And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. (ESV)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

(sequence continues)

3. Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy,
when Christ is ours forevermore. *(Refrain)*

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Sermon

Canon Keith Allen

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.***

Prayers of the People

Following each petition:

Litanist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. (*Silence*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Comfortable Words

Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with your spirit.***

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me

K. Lee Scott

Doxology

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

Celebrant: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: ***And of your own have we given you.***

National Ceremony

My country tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride!
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring!

Our father's God to, Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright

With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Words: Samuel Francis Smith (1808-1895)
Music: *America*, from Thesaurus musicians, 1745

Great Thanksgiving (*Remain standing*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

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

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a long note for 'Ho -'. The third staff has a long note for 'Ho -'. The fourth staff has a long note for 'Ho -'. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

Setting: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937); © 1971, 1977, G. I. A. Pub., Inc., OneLicense.net A-715568

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,

saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

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 Fraction

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
<i>People</i>	<i>Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!</i>

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The Ministration of Communion

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Music

1.

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, his wounds have paid my ransom.

words: Stuart Townend

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2.

*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Opening our hearts to Him,
Singing Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus is our King!*

Create in us, O God, a humble heart that sets us free
to proclaim the wond'rous majesty of our Father in heaven. *(Refrain)*

We bear the name of Christ, justified we meet Him.
His words and presence calm our fear, revealing God, our Father
here. *(Refrain)*

Let kindred voices join, honoring the Lamb of God
who teaches us by bread and wine the myst'ry of His Body. *(Refrain)*

Pour out your Spirit, on us. Empowering us to live as one,
to carry Your redeeming love to a world enslaved by sin. *(Refrain)*

words: Howard Page-Clark & Sherrell Prebble

music: *Post Green*, Sherrell Prebble

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Heavenly Father, 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.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

1. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward
to my glorious rest above.
2. O the deep, deep love of Jesus-
spread His praise from shore to shore!
How He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watches o'er them from the throne.

3. O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
love of every love the best;
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus,
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

words: Samuel Trevor Francis; music: *Ebenezer*, Thomas J. Williams

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Voluntary

The heavens are telling

Beethoven

Worship Team

<i>Ushers:</i>	Andy Bowler, Bill Adamany, Kyle Groothuis, Larry Lauffer
<i>Lector:</i>	Helen Marner
<i>EMs:</i>	Ingrid Young, Walt Young
<i>Organist/Pianist:</i>	Brady Johnson
<i>Choir:</i>	Dcn. Kim Allen, Mary Earman, Charles Hansen, Rudolf Radocy, Wanda Lathom-Radocy, Paul Skaggs, Harriet Yemm
<i>Band:</i>	Kay Blossom, James Westberry
<i>Audio - Visual:</i>	John Allen, Earle Boyter, Len Howard, Noah Howard, Noah Woodrow

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Lord, Savior and Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ

Ministers Every Member of Christ Church

Clergy and Staff

The Rev'd Cn. Dr. Keith Allen, *Rector*
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Announcements and Information

May 25 – May 31, 2025

CONNECT WITH CHRIST CHURCH

Use the Connect and RSVP cards to provide updates and sign up for events, request information, or contact the clergy. Please place them in the offering plate or leave them with an usher. The Communicator is our parish newsletter sent via email; let us know if you wish to subscribe. For other ways to connect with our parish family and find a place to belong, contact Deacon Deb at DGordon@christchurchvero.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

- 1. Adult Sunday School:** *Comfortable Words:* To June 8, Sundays, 9:00am in the Community Center with Fr. Hunter Van Wagenen.
- 2. Summer Bible Study:** *Prayer Portions:* June 4 – Aug. 27 (13 weeks). Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am in the Community Center. Melissa McCullough will lead the class. Register in the Narthex and/or contact Melissa for more information.
- 3. Adult Bible Study:** *Will resume in the Fall,* on Thursdays, 7:30am in the Community Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 25: Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Through to Father's Day. All donations go to the Care Net Pregnancy Center. Bottles are available in the Welcome Center.

May 29: Ascension Day Service. Thursday, 12:00pm.

Ongoing: Occasional Drivers Needed: We are still in need of church drivers. There are a few members who wish to attend church on Sunday mornings but have no transportation. They live nearby the church (less than 10 minutes). If you can provide a *monthly ride*, contact **Stephanie Toperzer** in the Parish Office.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS:

The Church altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of the anniversary of my parents, John and Beverly Stewart, from Vickie Kiser.

To donate altar flowers as a dedication, please contact Shari in the Church Office, including the date, honoree, and any flower preferences (subject to availability). People may sponsor the altar flower arrangements on specific Sundays for a suggested donation of \$35. The funds are used by the Flower Guild to purchase the supplies and flowers needed each week. To make your donation, dedication, and payment, or for more information, contact Shari.

NURSERY CARE:

Nursery care is available during the 10:30am service for infants through age 3. Children ages 3 and up will worship with their families at 10:30am and be excused for a children's lesson during the sermon. Parents who need to tend to a child's needs during the service are welcome to use the cry room in the back where you can still watch and hear the service; the room is accessed from the narthex.

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE:

Anglicans for Life offers resources about ethical dilemmas for end-of-life care: National Catholic Bioethics Center provides emergency consultations at (215) 877-2660; fact sheets are available at halovoice.org; and a BBC documentary about protecting the elderly and disabled is at <https://www.christchurchvero.org/Anglicans-for-Life.html>

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table of Christ to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide your row to the altar rail, and a wafer will be placed in your hand; you may intinct (dip) the edge of the wafer into the wine chalice, or sip from the common cup, or abstain. Anyone wishing to not receive the sacrament is welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing only, signified by crossing your arms over your chest.

CONTACT US:

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	10:30am, Eucharist Service
MONDAY-THURSDAY	8:30am, Morning Prayer

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Secretary 60 days in advance of the Baptism to set up an appointment with the Rector and at least four months in advance of your proposed wedding date to set up an appointment with a Priest.

Prayers for the sick

Christ Church continues to pray for all those that are sick and hurting and asks that through the week, you continue to pray by saying: We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

Andrea Adamany
Curtis Hatch
Ed & Barbara Jeffreys
Bill & Judith Lund

Mary Beth Malik
Paul Miller
Steve McCullough
Ashley Stock
Debra Watkins

Prayers for Missionaries

Christ Church actively sponsors the following International Missionaries. We invite your continuing prayers in support of their faithful ministry in our Lord's name:

Bp. Andudu, Sudan
Alison Barfoot, Uganda
Marcia Baugh, Uganda
Loren & Linda, Asia
Becky Locuson, AFM Mobilizer

Will & Becky, SE Asia
Matt & Katie, France
Luke & Abby, North Africa
Maggie & Etzer Thomas, Haiti
Almed & Amira, Middle East
Zachariah & Alissa, Iraq

Christ Church prays for the safety of the men and women serving on active duty to protect and defend our nation against terrorism. We have listed below the names of those persons known to us who are serving in this role. We ask for your special prayers for them and for their families, both at our Sunday services and throughout the week. Because the list is lengthy, we will not pray for each person by name out loud during the services, but they and their families are included in our prayers:

Chris Boltz
 Matthew Buehrig
 ****Jonathan Clement
 Vetson Derisse
 Doug Fritz
 Michael Gallahue
 Gracie Gordon
 Caleb Guthmann
 Biz Guthmann Joseph
 Guthmann
 Brian Hart

Regan Jones
 Martha Kester
 ***Dale Kridlo
 Garrett Kulczycki
 Joseph Guthmann
 Brian Hart
 Regan Jones
 Martha Kester
 ***Dale Kridlo
 Garrett Kulczycki
 Richmond McCloud

*Trane McCloud
 David Rosanes David Segalla
 Marin Sentence
 Melinda Sentence
 Bryce Saint-Vincent
 Aaron Spera
 Ben Spera
 G Joshua White
 George Voyles
 Keith Zeuner
 Alex Zook

*Died in the war zone in Iraq, December, 2006.

**Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, 2008.

***Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, November, 2010.

****Died in training, July 2018



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