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Part I: Position Description

Developing a Position Description

Diocese of Easton

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Name

Street Address

City

State: MD

Zip_

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail address:

Website:

PARISH LIFE

Worship

The following group of questions is intended to give us a feel for your congregation's weekly worship experience.

- What is the time of your Sunday service(s)?
- How many people can you comfortably seat in your church?
- What was your most recent attendance for Easter? Christmas Eve?
- How do you provide for music in worship? (check all appropriate answers)
 Organ Piano Recorded music Paid musician Volunteer musician
 Contemporary music provided by
- Do you have a choir? (check one appropriate answer) :
 Every Sunday Special occasions only No choir
 Other music leaders No music leaders
- Who usually assists the priest in the service? (check all appropriate answers)
 A Deacon Lay Eucharistic Ministers Acolytes
Your acolytes are: Adults Young people Some of each
- Is your church heated comfortably during the winter months? Yes No
Is it air conditioned in the summer? Yes No
- Do Sunday school children join the congregation for the Eucharist? Yes No
- Are services conducted in English? Spanish? French?
 Another language? (Check all appropriate answers)
- Does your church show any structural problems, such as leaky roof, water damage; broken or missing windows, sloping floor, stress fractures in walls; falling plaster? Yes No
If you answered "Yes," describe those building problems here:

Mission

- Which of the following outreach programs occur at your church? (Check all appropriate answers)
 - Soup kitchen
 - Food pantry
 - Food and clothing to the homeless
 - Organized visits to hospitals, nursing homes or shut-ins
 - Fund raising for charities
 - English as a second language classes
 - Day care (or after school care)
 - Other
- Please list the programs you support with volunteers, but occur off your premises:

- How many parishioners contribute their time regularly to outreach done through or at your church?

- Does the congregation expect to start any new outreach ministries soon? Yes No
Please describe:

Nurture

The following group of questions is intended to acquaint us with your Christian education, membership development, stewardship and leadership development programs.

- Do you have a Sunday school for young people? Yes No
- What is the average Sunday attendance of your church school?
- Do you regularly have Sundays when church school attendance is less than 10? Yes No
- Are Sunday school pupils grouped by age in separate classes? Yes No
 - If "Yes," how many classes are there (check the appropriate answer)?
 - fewer than 3 classes
 - 3 classes
 - more than 3 classes.
- Does each class have its separate classroom? Yes No
- Do you have a children or youth choir? Yes No
- Do you have a teen program? Yes No
- Do you have any of the following groups? (check all that apply)
 - ECW
 - a men's group
 - an altar guild
 - any other group or guild
- Have you had a confirmation class with each Episcopal Visitation in the past 6 years? Yes No
- Do you have an adult education program? Yes No
- If "Yes," describe the most recent programs

- Do you have a special Lenten program? Yes No
- If 'Yes' give a brief description of your program

- Did anyone from your church (clergy or laity) recently attend any educational programs, leadership conferences, congregational development programs offered by the diocese?
 - Yes No
 - If “Yes,” how many individuals attended?
 - If “Yes,” which programs did they attend? (Please list them here)

- Do you have a stewardship committee? Yes No
 - If yes, how many members?

- Last year, were any of the following part of the stewardship program?
 - an all-member stewardship canvas Yes No
 - small group meetings Yes No
 - letters to the congregation Yes No
 - Pledge cards Yes No
 - Stewardship articles in the newsletter or Sunday bulletin Yes No
 - Personal testimonials about stewardship Yes No

- Are new members asked to pledge in their first year? Yes No

- Was the congregation given guidance on “proportionate giving” in your stewardship program? Yes No

- Is proportionate giving an important part of your steward program? Yes No

- Did you begin, conduct, or complete a capital campaign in the past year? Yes No
 - If yes, what was the purpose or goal of the campaign?

- Did you use a professional firm to assist with the campaign? Yes No
 - If yes, which one?

- Do you have a membership committee? Yes No

- Are greeters assigned to welcome newcomers at Sunday service? Yes No

- Do you have a regular coffee hour after Sunday services? Yes No

- Are greeters designated to introduce newcomers during coffee hour? Yes No

- What happens during coffee hour?

- Are visitors added to your church mailing list? Yes No

- Do you hold dinners or other fellowship events at your church? Yes No
 - If yes, where?
 - How many are you able to seat comfortably in that location for dinner?

- Are there term limits for members of your wardens, vestry or advisory board?
 - Yes No
 - If yes, what are the limits?

Buildings and Property

What is the current state of your physical plant?

What significant repairs or other needs do you anticipate meeting in the next three years?

POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is a (please check one):

- full time position (40 hours plus full benefits)
- half time position (20 hours plus full benefits).
- part time position (up to 19 hours, offering no additional benefits).
- long term supply (Sundays only)

You will need to develop a letter of agreement after the Bishop approves your selection and you have called a priest. Sample documents are available from Diocesan House.

Goals

Define the four most important goals your parish hopes to accomplish in the next two or three years. Make sure they are **SMART** goals: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**greed upon, **R**ealistic, **T**ime framed.

1.

2.

3.

4.

How is your next priest involved in the support of these parish goals? Looking at your earlier work, define the four most important goals your next priest might accomplish in the next two or three years. Make sure they are **SMART** goals: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**greed upon, **R**ealistic, **T**ime framed.

1. 1.

2. 2.

3. 3.

4. 4.

Responsibility Areas

I. Skill Area: Pastoral Care

Tasks

- a. Take communion to the homebound at Christmas and Easter.
- b. Visit members in the local hospital, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities once a week.
- c. Develop program to train a lay caring/calling ministry.
- d. Be available for pastoral emergencies, wedding, and funerals.

Here is an example:

I. Skill Area/Priest Goal:

Tasks

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

2. Skill Area/Priest Goal:

Tasks

- a. .
- b. .
- c. .
- d. .

3. Skill Area/Priest Goal:

Tasks

- a. .
- b. .
- c. .
- d. .

4. Skill Area/Priest Goal:

Tasks

- a. .
- b. .
- c. .
- d. .

Leadership Style

Briefly describe the leadership style of your next priest that you believe would be the most effective for this congregation.

Calculating Compensation Range (for planning purposes)

Compensation as used on the OTM website is the sum of
Salary + Housing + Utilities + FICA Reimbursement

Starting minimum cash salary _____

Housing

Housing allowance (amount budgeted) _____

Rectory house is provided _____

Utilities (amount budgeted or spent last year) _____

FICA Reimbursement (0.0765 of cash + housing + utilities) _____

Compensation _____

Church Pension Assessment (18% of cash, housing, and utilities; required,
including for supply, after two months)

Health Insurance (if provided) _____

Equity Allowance (if provided) _____

Vacation

How many days per year (one month is normative) _____

How many Sundays per year _____

Operational Expenses

Travel reimbursement (amount budgeted) _____

Continuing education (amount budgeted) _____

Professional expenses (amount budgeted) _____

Search Committee Contact Information

Name

Street Address

City:

State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Fax:

Email address

I prefer to be contacted by: phone email cell phone mail

Part II: Parochial Report

**THE 2023 REPORT OF EPISCOPAL CONGREGATIONS AND MISSIONS
ACCORDING TO CANONS I.6, I.7, AND I.17
(OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PAROCHIAL REPORT)**



Name of Congregation Christ Church - Kent Island Parish		Diocese Easton	
Street address 1 830 Romancoke Rd		City Stevensville	State MD
Street address 2	ZIP + 4 21666-2790	County Queen Anne's	Country United States
Mailing address 1 830 Romancoke Rd		City Stevensville	State MD
Mailing address 2	ZIP + 4 21666-2790	County Queen Anne's	Country United States
Congregation's Email Address office@ccpki.org		Congregation's URL (Web Address) www.ccpki.org	Phone 410-643-5921
Tax ID 52-1087665			

Report Preparation

Membership, Attendance, & Services prepared by (Print or type name) Brenda Faulkner	Email address office@ccpki.org	Daytime Phone 410-643-5921
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Certified by the Clerk of the Vestry (after board review / approval)

Certified by Toinette McDowell	Email address amcdowell1112@yahoo.com	Daytime Phone 817-510-5100
Signature <i>Toinette McDowell</i>	Date 02/19/2024	

Certified By Treasurer/Financial Officer

Certified by Kate McNealey	Email address treasurer@ccpki.org	Daytime Phone 443-926-6956
Signature <i>Kate McNealey</i>	Date 02/19/2024	

Certified by Rector/Vicar/Person in Charge

Certified by The Rev Frank B Crumbaugh III	Daytime Phone 609-709-3939	Email address rector@ccpki.org
Signature <i>Frank B. Crumbaugh III</i>	Date 02/19/2024	

Warden/Vestry Approval

Warden (Print or type name) Lois Vanderbok, Sr Warden	Email address srwarden@ccpki.org	Daytime Phone 847-650-2680
Indicate the date that your 2023 Parochial Report was approved by the vestry or Bishop's Committee (Canon I.6.1)		Date 02/19/2024

Parochial Report Completion

How many people participated in completing this parochial report?	4
Please identify the roles of those who participated in completing this parochial report (Not including vestry members who only voted to approve it): <i>Examples: Rector/Vicar, Wardens, Vestry Member, Treasurer, Staff Member, Volunteer</i>	Rector/Vicar, Wardens, Vestry Member, Staff Member

Membership, Attendance and Services of the Reporting Congregation

Active Participants in the Reporting Congregation

Anyone of any age who is active in the congregation regardless of baptism or membership status

1. Total Active Participants: 419

2.	Of the total active participants, how many are in each of the following age groups?	#
	Children (ages 0-12)	<u>34</u>
	Youth (ages 13-17)	<u>17</u>
	Young adults (ages 18-34)	<u>29</u>
	Middle adults (ages 35-64)	<u>132</u>
	Senior adults (ages 65 and older)	<u>207</u>
	<i>(this should add up to the Active Participant total)</i>	Total <u>419</u>

3.	Of the total active participants, provide the number and percentage that are in each of the following racial/ethnic categories. If you do not collect this information, it is not required in order to complete your report. If this is not information already available for your congregation, we suggest a survey to allow individuals to self-identify.	%	#
	American Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Asian (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Black or African American (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>
	Hispanic or Latino(a)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	White (non-Hispanic)	<u>0</u>	<u>415</u>
	Multiracial	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<i>(Note that percentages should add up to 100%)</i>	Total <u>0</u>	Total <u>419</u>

Active Baptized Members of the Reporting Congregation at Year-End:

Using the 2022 Parochial Report, record the Number of Baptized Members Reported as of December 31, 2022.

M22	(See your 2022 Parochial Report, Box M22)	Members Reported Last Year In 2022 = M22	<u>396</u>
4.	Increases during year All members added to the baptized members section of the congregation's Membership Register during 2023 by: baptism, confirmation/reception, or transfer; and those persons restored from inactive status, or not counted in last year's membership count.	+	<u>27</u>
5.	Decreases during year All active baptized members lost by death, transferred to another congregation, removed to inactive status in the Register of Church Membership and Rites, removed for other reasons, or not removed from last year's membership count.	-	<u>71</u>
M23	Add the increases entered in line 4 to Box M22. Then subtract the decreases entered in line 5 for the total active membership as of December 31, 2023		Total Active Baptized Members (end of report year 2023) = M23 = <u>352</u>

Communicants in Good Standing of the Reporting Congregation:

Baptized members of the reporting congregation, who "have received Holy Communion at least three times during the preceding year" and are faithful "in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented," and "in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God."

6.	Adult communicants in good standing (age 16 and over)	<u>304</u>
7.	Youth communicants in good standing (under age 16)	<u>48</u>
8.	Total communicants in good standing	<u>352</u>

Review of Database:

9.	When was the last time the congregation's database of participants was reviewed and adjusted?	<u>02/01/2024</u>
10.	How frequently is the congregation's database of participants reviewed and adjusted?	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a year
	<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

In-Person Worship Attendance:

The following attendance questions are for recording in-person worship attendance only. Do not include online participation numbers.

- 11. **Average Weekly Attendance**
 Include all regularly scheduled worship (Sundays, Weekday Services, Holy Days, or special feasts observed annually). *Divide total attendance by 52*
 Total In-person Attendance: + Total weeks =
- 12. **Total Attendance for All Non-Regularly Scheduled Worship**
 (i.e., Burials, marriages, baptisms conducted outside regularly scheduled worship, quinceañeras, etc.) 973
- 13. **Average Sunday Attendance**
 Sunday (& Saturday Evening) Attendance for In Person Worship. *Divide total attendance by the total number of Sundays In-Person worship was conducted.*
 Total In-person Attendance: + Total # of Sundays =
- 14. **Average In-person Principal Worship Service Attendance on a Weekday**
 (for congregations without Sunday or Saturday evening services) 0
 Total In-person Attendance: + Total weeks =
- 15. **Total In person Easter Sunday Attendance (Including Easter Vigil):** 333
- 16. **Total In person Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Attendance:** 335

How was worship conducted in 2023?

- 17. Indicate the languages in which worship is conducted: English
- 18. Other Languages (please list) _____
- 19. In what ways has your community worshipped this year? (Check all that apply)
 In-Person Indoors In-Person Outdoors Virtual Hybrid (both in-person and online)
- 20. Do you track online attendance/participation? Yes No
- 20a. If yes, how do you count online attendance/participation?
- 20b. Average Weekly Online Participation in Worship (if known): 15
- 20c. Online Tracking Worksheet _____

Sacraments & Services: Using the Register of Church Membership and Rites:

Provide information for in-person, hybrid, and online services separately.
 If Eucharist was not celebrated at the congregation's principal services, count the services as Daily Office.

- In-person indicates the service was not available online and was only conducted in-person.
- Hybrid designates that the service was both in-person and online.
- Online means the service was available online only.

	<u>In-person Services</u>	<u>Hybrid Services</u>	<u>Online Services</u>
21. Total Sunday & Saturday Evening Eucharists	38	51	0
22. Total Weekday Eucharists or other	17	0	0
23. Total Private Eucharists	5	0	0
24. Daily Offices on Sunday or Saturday Evening	1	0	0
25. Daily Offices Held on Weekdays	128	0	0
26. Marriages conducted in 2023	1	0	0
27. Burials conducted in 2023	0	2	0
28. Baptisms 16 years and older	0		
29. Baptisms under 16 years of age	7		
30. Confirmations 16 years and older	4		
31. Confirmations under 16 years of age	6		
32. Received by a Bishop	10		

Faith Formation:

- | | | | |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 33. | Are regular Sunday or weekday adult education programs held? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 34. | How were religious education or spiritual formation programs held? | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Online | | |
| 35. | Number of adults engaged in religious education or spiritual formation | 16 | |
| 36. | Number of children and youth engaged in religious education or spiritual formation | 6 | |

Narrative Questions:

Clergy, Vestry and Staff are encouraged to participate in answering these questions.

37. What opportunities and challenges did the congregation face in 2023?

Our Rector of ten years announced his retirement in 2023. Prior to his tenure, the parish faced bankruptcy, loss of all youth, minimal endowment funds and a divided parish. His tenure reversed all of these conditions which made for anxiety on the part of our parishioners as he prepared to depart. We were able, by the grace of God, to secure an Interim Rector who not only soothed and engaged the parish, but actually increased attendance and giving. Sadly, our Interim Rector is a retired priest who is not available to stay with us for the long term. However, with his guidance, our Search Committee has begun it's work to call a new Rector. The Committee consists of three older, long-term parishioners and four younger, newer parishioners, who bring a progressive, positive and creative approach to an age-old process. God has brought Christ Church Kent Island through many challenges, and we continue to be blessed by opportunities for growth and development.

38. Looking toward the future, what changes do you hope to see in your faith community? What does your community need in order to bring about these changes?

We, like many Episcopal churches are aging. The demographics of our area suggest that our biggest growth will be in the over 55 age group thus continuing the trend. We are seeing a large number of senior communities being built in what was an agricultural area. While this does bring in higher numbers of members who have the ability and desire to contribute generous amounts to our church, it does not secure the youth or families that form the future of a parish. Our diocese (Easton) has limited funds and therefore personnel due to the disproportionate number of small churches. We would certainly embrace a Deacon or lay person who could create a diocesan wide youth and family programs, such as joint church programs with organized service projects, mission trips and opportunity for formation in a larger and more diverse group. The Diocese of Easton owns Camp Wright that could accommodate these types of programs with appropriate support. The same type of coordinated program could be aimed at parents with young children. Where an individual church does not have the numbers to support an opportunity for families to gather and develop relationships in a Christian setting, a multi church or regional organization could share resources to produce a robust program.

39. We invite you to tell stories of how you have spent the last year naming, addressing, and dismantling the injustices of racism in yourselves, congregations, and your communities.

The location and demographics of our parish do not lend themselves to having a diverse community. The area in which we are located is a primarily white, conservative and of late, affluent area. Therefore, we have concentrated our efforts in addressing the injustices of racism in our outreach programs. Sensitizing our congregation to the needs and conditions of the migrant population and those small areas of non-white communities through feeding and clothing programs has historically been our method of exposing the needs of others to our members who do not face these challenges. Large groups of volunteers participate in our backpack weekend meals for children, as well as clothing and food drives for two elementary schools in distressed communities. We also participate through contributions and volunteers in organizations that provide a wider reach than any one church could manage. We have begun looking at mentor programs to provide academic and life skills enhancement for communities who lack access to this

type of support.

Stewardship and Financial Information of the Reporting Congregation

Giving Information for 2023:

Please indicate the reporting currency: **US Dollar (United States)**

			US DOLLAR	OTHER CURRENCY
Number of Pledges	1.	Number of confirmed pledges/commitments for 2023 report year	(1) 75	0
Total \$ Pledged	2.	Total dollar amount pledges for 2023 report year	(2) 190,569	0
Report of Revenues and Expenses for 2023:				
Operating Revenues	3.	Plate offerings, pledge payments & regular support	(3) 264,094	0
	4.	Money from investments used for operations in 2023	(4) 49,218	0
	5.	Other operating income	(5) 54,359	0
	6.	Unrestricted bequests used for operations	(6) 0	0
		Subtotal Normal Operating Income (3 + 4 + 5 + 6) = A	367,671	0
	7.	Assistance from diocese for operating budget	(7) 0	0
		Total Operating Revenues (A + 7) = B	367,671	0
Non-Operating Revenues	8.	Capital funds, gifts & additions	(8) 121,078	0
	9.	Additions to endowment & other investment funds	(9) 1,297	0
	10.	Contributions & grants for congregation based outreach & mission	(10) 3,074	0
	11.	Funds for transmittal to other organizations	(11) 24,475	0
		Subtotal Non-Operating Revenues (8 + 9 + 10 + 11) = C	149,924	0
		Total All Revenues (B + C) = D	517,595	0
Operating Expenses	12.	To Diocese for assessment, apportionment, or fair share	(12) 17,500	0
	13.	Outreach from operating budget	(13) 7,280	0
	14.	All other operating expenses	(14) 328,370	0
		Subtotal Operating Expenses (12 + 13 + 14) = E	353,150	0
Non-Operating Expenses	15.	Major improvements & capital expenditures	(15) 19,573	0
	16.	Expense for congregation's outreach & mission	(16) 3,074	0
	17.	Funds contributed to Episcopal seminaries	(17) 0	0
	18.	Funds sent to other organizations	(18) 31,002	0
		Subtotal Non-Operating Expenses (15 + 16 + 17 + 18) = F	53,649	0
		Total All Expenses (E + F) = G	406,799	0
At Year-End:	19.	Total cash in all checking & savings accounts	(19) 53,318	0
As of December 31, 2023	20.	Total investment at market value (not including cash reported in line 19)	(20) 759,731	0

Continuing Stewardship and Financial Information of the Reporting Congregation

Information for 2023:

21. Number of contributing households without a pledge/commitment: 96

22. If the congregation has an endowment or reserve funds, how did usage of those funds in 2023 change compared to 2022?

Increased Decreased Same

23. If the congregation takes an endowment draw to fund the operating budget, what was the percentage draw from the endowment for 2023? 2.20
(If there are multiple endowment funds provide the average draw percentage.)

24. How significant is the negative impact of the pandemic on your congregation's finances for 2023?

Very significant Somewhat significant Neutral Somewhat insignificant Very insignificant

Comments:

[Empty text box for comments]

25. Does the congregation have any outstanding debt? Yes No

If yes, how much? 108,668

What is the debt for? Mortgage

26. What is the financial outlook for the congregation over the next 5 years?

Hopeful-given a successful payoff of the mortgage, continuing membership increase, and continued economic stability

Priest(s) Serving this Congregation

Last name of Rector, Vicar, Dean, Priest-in-charge or interim 1. Crumbaugh III		First Name Frank	Middle Name B
Title of position Interim Rector	Year Ordained 1988	Diocese of canonical residence Easton	
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation: 2023	Church Pension Status <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active	

Last name of associate priest, assisting priest or curate		First Name	Middle Name
Title of position	Year Ordained	Diocese of canonical residence	
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation:	Church Pension Status <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active	

Last name of associate, assisting or other priest		First Name	Middle Name
Title of position	Year Ordained	Diocese of canonical residence	
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation:	Church Pension Status <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active	

Last name of associate, assisting or other priest		First Name	Middle Name
Title of position	Year Ordained	Diocese of canonical residence	
Employment status at this congregation: <input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> Non-stipendiary	Year called to this congregation:	Church Pension Status <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree <input type="checkbox"/> Non-active	

If you have more than 4 priests who serve this congregation on a regular basis, complete this form online (where additional blanks will be generated) or attach a page to this paper form.

If you have no priest at present, who leads Sunday worship services? (check all that apply)

Supply priest Deacon Lay Leader Other

A long-term supply priest: _____ (Give full name of long-term supply)

Deacon(s) Serving this Congregation

Last name of Deacon		First Name	Middle Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon (Vocational) <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Deacon		Year Ordained	+

Last name of Deacon		First Name	Middle Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon (Vocational) <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional Deacon		Year Ordained	+

Name(s) of other congregation(s) currently served by these priests (if any)

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Explanation of Unique or Unusual Clergy Situation:

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Outreach Ministries and Volunteer Activity of this Congregation

Using the boxes below, please indicate whether your congregation provided any of the following community service or outreach ministries during 2023. Leave the row blank if the congregation does not participate in a listed ministry.

	Estimated total number of volunteers involved	Estimated number of new volunteers this year	Estimated number of people served per month	Does the congregation donate space for this ministry?	Does the congregation make financial or in-kind donations for programs provided by
	#	#	#	Yes or No	I = In-kind F = Financial B = both
1. Food pantry, soup kitchen, or meal projects	60	15	350	Yes	B
2. Sustainable food garden/cooperative (such as "Farm to Tray")					
3. Cash, vouchers, or help with rent/utilities					
4. Day care, preschool, before- or after-school programs	12	0	36	No	
5. Tutoring or literacy programs					
6. Health programs (parish nurse, clinics, health education, etc.)					
7. Community organizing, organized social issue advocacy					
8. Job placement, job training, employment counseling					
9. Building projects (such as Habitat for Humanity)					
10. Support groups (bereavement, divorce, job loss, 12-step, etc.)	8	0	100	No	
11. Programs for the elderly and homebound persons					
12. Clothes closet, thrift store					
13. Homeless or no-freeze shelter	12	2	15	No	F
14. Overseas sponsorships, microloans, Heifer Project, Haiti relief					
15. Refugee resettlement					
16. Ecumenical or Interfaith Partnerships					
17. Other, not listed:					

In the past year, has the congregation completed or reviewed its profile of domestic and global mission activities on the Episcopal Asset Map, a joint project of The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief & Development?

Yes No

Part III: Budgets

2024 Approved Budget

	2023	2023 Approved	2024 Vestry Approved
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Revenue	401,346.14	350,137.46	376,694.00
General Offerings	274,647.47	235,436.78	262,500.00
Contributions/Pledges	260,348.39	225,000.00	250,000.00
Plate	10,220.08	6,180.78	7,500.00
Special Offerings	4,079.00	4,256.00	5,000.00
Building Use	44,540.00	40,750.00	39,444.00
CECDS	15,840.00	15,750.00	16,444.00
Living Water	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Building Use - Other	10,700.00	7,000.00	5,000.00
Fund Raisers	74,230.82	67,500.00	68,500.00
Advent Sales (November/December)	(64.55)	0.00	0.00
Soup Sales	72,334.97	65,000.00	66,000.00
Lenten Books	93.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale (May)	1,867.40	2,500.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	7,927.85	6,450.68	6,250.00
Altar Guild Donations	2,340.00	1,765.40	1,800.00
Interest-Checking/Savings Accts	96.78	93.93	100.00
Music Fund Donations	1,200.00	650.81	450.00
Other Income / Donations	4,291.07	3,940.54	3,900.00

2024 Approved Budget

	2023	2023	2024
	Actual	Approved	Vestry
		Budget	Approved
			Budget
Expenses	450,564.51	445,436.99	434,807.73
Personnel	229,423.09	244,889.19	197,263.73
<i>Compensation Subject to Payroll Taxes</i>	76,988.37	88,126.00	89,097.75
Minister of Music	28,700.12	28,200.00	30,250.00
Parish Administrator	24,550.00	24,700.00	26,676.00
Sexton	12,187.75	14,326.00	15,314.00
Family Ministry Coordinator	11,550.50	20,900.00	16,857.75
<i>Compensation Not Subject to Payroll Taxes</i>	101,216.53	97,657.29	56,077.98
Housing Allowance-Rector	10,192.43	10,000.00	1,600.00
Payroll Tax Expense	7,369.53	6,741.64	6,815.98
Rector Support-Cell Phone	891.71	1,100.00	1,200.00
Rector Support-Lawn Care	450.00	407.00	420.00
Rector Support-Membership & Lot Fees	200.00	180.00	200.00
Rector Support-Pest Control	275.00	772.60	775.00
Rector Support-Trash Removal	499.51	332.32	400.00
Rector Support-Utilities	3,447.89	3,723.29	3,000.00
Stipend - Rector/Interim Rector	77,465.46	73,400.44	40,417.00
Supply Priest	425.00	1,000.00	1,250.00
<i>Benefits</i>	45,128.40	50,180.90	8,363.00
Health Insurance Premiums-Rector	21,875.00	20,280.00	6,263.00
HSA Deposits-Rector	2,187.50	8,750.00	0.00
Life/Disability Ins-Rector	390.00	390.00	0.00
Life Ins-Rector-CCPKI Beneficiary	287.57	356.00	0.00
Pension-Rector	20,388.33	20,404.90	2,100.00
<i>Continuing Education</i>	524.37	800.00	500.00
Minister of Music	154.37	300.00	300.00
Rector	370.00	500.00	0.00
<i>Travel and Automobile</i>	5,565.42	8,125.00	9,125.00
Coordinator of Christian Formation	1,199.22	4,000.00	4,000.00
Minister of Music	2,374.03	2,000.00	2,500.00
Rector/Interim Rector	1,910.93	2,000.00	2,500.00
Supply Priest	81.24	125.00	125.00

2024 Approved Budget

	2023	2023	2024
	Actual	Approved	Vestry
		Budget	Approved
			Budget
<i>Transition Costs</i>	0.00	0.00	34,100.00
Search Consultant	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Search Electronic Survey	0.00	0.00	2,300.00
Interim Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rectory Cleaning & Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interview Expenses	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
2nd Interview or Meetings	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
House Hunting and LOA	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Moving Expense	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Additional Pastoral Needs	0.00	0.00	1,000.00

2024 Approved Budget

	2023	2023 Approved	2024 Vestry Approved
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Facilities	106,189.02	98,925.00	115,695.00
<i>Route 8 and Rectory</i>	<i>91,866.52</i>	<i>87,175.00</i>	<i>100,695.00</i>
Alarm System (Fire/Security)	520.00	1,200.00	4,200.00
Camp Wright Lease	3,095.00	3,095.00	3,095.00
Cleaning Supplies	1,682.78	1,750.00	1,800.00
Electric	21,831.22	19,000.00	20,000.00
Gardening Ministry	1,327.16	2,000.00	2,000.00
Lawn Care/Snow Removal	7,447.50	8,000.00	8,000.00
Parish Hall & Kitchen Equipment	1,181.91	2,500.00	5,000.00
Pest Control	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Propane	17,540.83	19,500.00	21,500.00
Refuse Removal	5,016.16	3,900.00	4,800.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Church	19,001.13	17,000.00	20,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance - Rectory	9,385.72	5,000.00	6,000.00
Water & Sewer	2,337.11	2,230.00	2,300.00
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>14,322.50</i>	<i>11,750.00</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>
Property/Liability Insurance	13,584.50	11,000.00	14,000.00
Workers Comp Insurance	738.00	750.00	1,000.00

2024 Approved Budget

	2023 Actual	2023 Approved Budget	2024 Vestry Approved Budget
Parish Life	72,125.47	61,442.80	76,739.00
<i>Worship</i>	2,398.67	1,300.00	1,750.00
Acolytes	56.75	0.00	50.00
Altar Guild	1,709.00	800.00	1,000.00
Worship & Sanctuary	632.92	500.00	700.00
<i>Christian Formation</i>	367.27	740.00	1,000.00
Adults	0.00	200.00	200.00
Young Children	0.00	300.00	300.00
Youth	367.27	240.00	500.00
<i>Music</i>	5,880.85	6,853.00	6,889.00
Music & Choir Supplies	2,605.85	4,853.00	4,889.00
Guest Musicians	3,275.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
<i>Outreach</i>	28,206.43	22,850.00	27,000.00
Camp Wright	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Diocesan Apportionment	17,500.00	17,500.00	22,500.00
Discretionary Fund - Rector	900.00	900.00	500.00
Haven Ministries Church Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Haven Ministries Food Pantry	4,801.43	50.00	0.00
Haven Ministries Operations	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Other Purpose Outside Parish	1,005.00	400.00	0.00
<i>Parish Ministries</i>	35,272.25	29,699.80	40,100.00
Family Ministry	633.18	1,350.00	300.00
Fellowship	8,039.07	999.80	2,500.00
Free Community Dinner	0.00	50.00	0.00
Hospitality Coordinator	26,600.00	27,300.00	27,300.00
Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	10,000.00

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	2023	2023	2024
	Actual	Approved	Vestry
		Budget	Approved
			Budget
Administration	42,826.93	40,180.00	45,110.00
<i>Development/Communications</i>	2,279.28	3,105.00	1,500.00
Advertising - Communication	561.20	800.00	300.00
Expense Allowance - Rector	1,313.41	1,355.00	1,000.00
Gifts/Incentives	404.67	200.00	200.00
Planned Giving - 1631 Society	0.00	750.00	0.00
<i>Office Expense</i>	39,819.09	36,775.00	43,210.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bookkeeping Services	16,885.03	13,500.00	17,500.00
Computer Equipment/Internet/Website	3,971.78	3,490.00	5,000.00
Copying/Lease-Bizhub C458 Lease	5,363.52	5,364.00	6,000.00
Credit Card Merchant Expense	1,142.55	900.00	900.00
Office Supplies	3,971.10	5,000.00	5,000.00
Payroll Service	1,629.91	1,849.00	1,900.00
Postage	1,508.57	1,262.00	1,500.00
Stewardship Expense	600.00	800.00	800.00
Telephone - Church	4,746.63	4,610.00	4,610.00
<i>Publications</i>	295.50	200.00	200.00
Publications	295.50	200.00	200.00
<i>Vestry/Diocese</i>	433.06	100.00	200.00
Convention Expense	292.08	0.00	100.00
Vestry Retreat	140.98	100.00	100.00
Net Ordinary Income	(49,218.37)	(95,299.53)	(58,113.73)
Transfers			
Blunt Fund	15,000.00	25,217.65	19,360.83
1999 Endowment Fund	1,758.00	3,006.40	2,339.88
Grace Fund	0.00	8,283.21	7,269.37
Paca Fund	4,762.00	4,761.74	3,994.77
Investment Fund	5,000.00	54,030.53	25,148.88
Total Transfers	26,520.00	95,299.53	58,113.73

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*What if I had not believed that I should see the
goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

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With this, the Psalmist cries out in faith and gratitude for the blessings of protection and deliverance. Christ Church Parish on Kent Island has had many moments in her long history at which it was neither hyperbolic nor excessive to cry out with the Psalmist.

Imagine the relief and thanksgiving at its founding at the conclusion of a perilous transoceanic voyage in August 1631 - God's faithful people having built a Church on dry land of the Crown's gift, and saying their prayers together.... or when Charles II was restored to the Throne in 1660 and we realized that we'd survived The English Civil War.... or when we'd weathered the several epidemics that beset us (COVID-19 included).... or when the countryside, riven and torn with violence, was peaceful once again, be it 1783, 1815 or 1865, and we were still here.... or when, already known as "The Old Parish," we took our place in the newly constituted Diocese of Easton in 1868.... or when our own beloved Rector became Bishop of that same diocese generations later. These were moments – historic moments – worthy of the psalm.... *the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living* indeed!

Of equal moment we added another on Monday, 22 April 2024. Three women walked into Queenstown Bank – our current Church Warden Lois Vanderbok, our Treasurer Kate McNeeley, and the former Church Warden Molly Cannon, whose breathtaking courage put her signature on a document necessary to ensure the survival of the Parish – and paid off the mortgage on this property. The debt represented the largest by far of any debt in our near-four centuries of existence; it was a necessity brought on by strife and it entailed untold anxiety and strain in this

Psalm 27:17 *The Book of Common Prayer 1979*, pg.618

community of faith for years. It called upon us to engage years of vigilant, faithful stewarding of our financial resources. And it's gone. It's over. It's done. *What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

Savor this moment and thank God for the privilege of being alive and here to witness it. In the days ahead, we shall mark this event properly in sacred, joyful celebration, and we shall turn our minds and hearts to what lies ahead. We are strong and capable, and we have proven that in the retirement of this debt with such gracious, intentional, generous speed, especially in these last six months. What lies before us requires no less of us than the mortgage did. We now turn our attention to the needs of the World and the ways in which we do the work of Jesus outside these walls. We turn our attention now to the ways in which we maintain these walls that now shelter no debt. We turn our attention now to what lies ahead, *"Not that we have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but pressing on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own. Beloved, we do not consider that we have made it our own; but this one thing we do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Love you.... I'm more proud of this Parish than I have words to say.

For all that has been, *Thanks*. For all that will be, *Yes*.

FBC3+

Continued

Philippians 3:12-14 NRSV



A Word from Our Sr. Warden

May 2024 holds much in store:

5 May 2024, we will honor those youngsters who have been working with Lindy Coltharp in what the Parish knows as "*First Communion*." This is a short program in which school age children are brought together to learn about some of our sacred practices and the beliefs that drive them.... and to learn as well about some of the places in the Church and objects that we use in worship.... and finally to make the Communion Bread they will use in marking this moment on Sunday, 5 May 2024.

9 May 2024 at 11AM, we will Consecrate and set apart forever the new Columbarium in Broad Creek Cemetery. We will do that with formal prayer and preaching, an apostolic blessing, and the first burial by which the structure is put into service. +James J. Shand, X Bishop of Easton, will preside, and Mark S, Delcuze+, the Rector Emeritus, will preach. There's no rain date, so bring an umbrella if the weather looks rainy that day.

19 May 2024 at 10AM, we will observe what's often called "*an instructed Eucharist*;" it's the same liturgy, and of the same duration as any other, using a leaflet that I think you will find interesting and helpful. Please be certain to be there.

26 May 2024, we commence the Summer schedule of worship, having one Sunday liturgy at 9:30AM.

FBC3+

I have never had any doubt that the Holy Spirit was alive and well in Christ Church, but the month of April solidified that belief. Truly, this parish believes in its mission to serve God and each other in everything we do.

Here are the highlights of April in my view:

- The Mortgage has been paid off at a speed that caught everyone off guard.



- The survey conducted by the Search Committee had unprecedented response and showed this parish to be in a perfect position to grow. (On the following pages, you'll see graphs prepared by Jennifer Leach, Search Committee Chair)
- The Vestry and Search Committee met together on April 14 in order to support, collaborate and review the process as we prepare to submit our Call to the Office of Transition Management. Many parishes who do not have this mutual support face a greater chance of a failed search.

- Dan and Marguerite Starsonneck, Sue Schafer, Ben Riley, Carol Conrad and I met with Joanne Fisher, Youth Commissioner for the Diocese of Easton in order to determine our path forward in formation programs for all children of our parish. (We will very much miss Jane Ford!) We are looking at best practices from other successful youth programs, and looking for creative ways to engage our youth and families in programs that recognize the challenges parents face in these times.
- The Vestry voted to change Lindy Coltharp's title to Hospitality Ministry Coordinator in recognition of the valuable ministry that Lindy and our Soup Group provide to our parish and our community.
- The Vestry Minutes will now be posted on our website. This will bring another level of transparency to our parish, potential candidates and visitors.
- The Vestry and Finance Committee approved some upgrades to the sound and video system that will add an additional camera, better sound and a Narthex TV that will run announcements.

April has been a busy, productive and positive month. Father Frank and I are praying that May will bring us additional financial prosperity as our generous parishioners transition their remaining mortgage gift plans to the Operating Account and Capital Improvement Funds. As we approach Pentecost, I know the Holy Spirit will continue to soar through this community of faith and light our hearts on fire with love.

Lois Vanderbok

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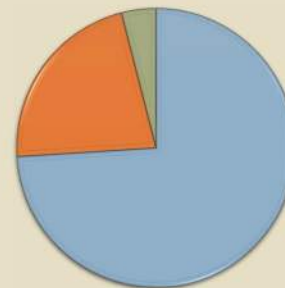
Christ Church Parish Kent Island

A summary of the interpretation of our Parish Survey

- The Key Indicators point to high levels of satisfaction and energy at CCPKI.
- The Top Priorities are shared by all age groups as well as long-standing and new members
- We are a hospitable parish that welcomes and values differences in theological perspectives.
- There were no significant internal issues identified.

Satisfaction

(High)

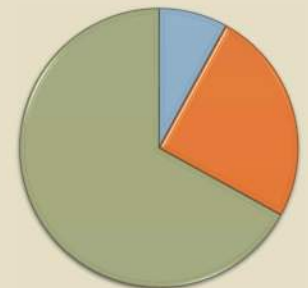


■ Clearly Agree ■ On the Fence
■ Clearly Disagree

Overall, I am satisfied with how things are in our Church.

Energy

(High)



■ Clearly Agree ■ On the Fence
■ Clearly Disagree

It seems to me that we are just going through the motions of church activity. There isn't much excitement about it among our members.

Drivers of Satisfaction



EXCEPTIONAL
WORSHIP



FLEXIBILITY



TRUST IN
LEADERSHIP

Drivers of Energy



QUALITY
WORSHIP



HOSPITALITY



TRUST IN
LEADERSHIP

Top 3 Priorities

1

GROWTH

Make necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church.

2

GROWTH

Develop & implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church.

3

EDUCATION

Provide more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life.

High
Satisfaction



Transformational
Parish

Focus on strategic planning


High
Energy

Who is our next Rector?

- A **bridge builder**, able to connect people with differing views.
- Helps people **feel valued and loved**.
- Able to lead the parish toward the **realization of our vision**.
- A **creative** and mindful agent of change.
- Increases **spiritual vitality** of the parish by combining activity with prayer.
- Develops **educational programming** that suits a wide variety of schedules.



Christ Church Calendar ~ May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting	2 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	3 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	4 2:00 AA Meeting
5 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service	6 5:00 Evening Prayer 1:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	7 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	8 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Audit Committee Meeting 7:30 AA Meeting	9 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	10 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	11 2:00 AA Meeting
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Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Frank Crumbaugh, Interim Rector ~ 609-709-3939

Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

2024 First Quarter Financial Highlights

Generous Offerings

The Christ Church family has been very generous in the first quarter of 2024. General Offerings were 23% more than expected at this point. Contributions to the Mortgage Fund were twice the amount expected and have resulted in reducing the mortgage balance to \$74,600 at the end of the quarter. Many families made special contributions towards the replacement of the Shand Hall roof; these robust donations enable Christ Church and her ministries to shine. **Thank you so very much!**

Pressure on Expenses

Maintenance and repair costs for our aging facilities continue to put pressure on our expense budgets, and we are spending somewhat more than anticipated on administrative supplies and services. On the other hand, personnel costs have been less than anticipated while we enjoy the services of our Interim Rector. Overall, expenses have been within our budget.

Mortgage Progress

Many thanks for the sustained, dedicated parishioner commitment to eliminating our mortgage debt! We have reduced the balance of our loan during the first quarter by more than \$34,000 to \$74,600. We maintained about \$53,000 in our Mortgage Fund, so at the end of the quarter, we needed donations of approximately \$21,600 to completely pay off the mortgage loan!! Since the time of this report's publication, the payoff amount has continued to decline, and we anticipate that the mortgage will soon be paid off!

Once the mortgage is paid off, we will no longer be asked to donate money to retire the mortgage debt. While this is welcome news, to be sure, it is also a terrific opportunity to fund the ministries of Christ Church more fully by shifting our planned mortgage donations to the Operating Fund. It is essential to increase our traditional level of operating funds, so that we can reduce our reliance on endowments to fund our ministries and facility maintenance needs. Thank you in advance for your continued understanding and generosity.

2024 FUND PERFORMANCE (as of 3-31-2024)

OPERATING FUND	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Variance
Revenues			
General Offerings	\$65,625	\$80,953	\$15,328
Building Use	\$9,861	\$9,085	(\$776)
Fund Raisers	\$16,500	\$19,111	\$2,611
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,562	\$1,351	(\$212)
Total Revenue	\$93,548	\$110,500	\$16,951
Expenses			
Personnel	\$49,266	\$31,367	\$17,898
Facilities	\$28,924	\$36,251	(\$7,327)
Parish Life	\$19,185	\$18,789	\$395
Administration	\$11,278	\$13,588	(\$2,310)
Total Expense	\$108,652	\$99,996	\$8,656
Revenue Minus Expenses (Deficit)	(\$15,104)	\$10,504	(\$4,599)
MORTGAGE FUND			
Offerings	\$22,708	\$43,645	\$20,937
Outstanding Mortgage Loan		\$74,600	

Financial Statement Notes

General Offerings include contributions, plate collections, special offerings and memorial gifts. Some memorial gifts are restricted and may not be used for budgeted expenses.

Building Use includes rental of our building facilities and kitchen to Living Water Lutheran Church, Christ Church Episcopal Day School and to individuals and organizations for weddings and special events.

Fund Raisers include such events as Plant Sales and Soup Sales.

Personnel expenses include the salaries, benefits, educational and travel expenses for our Rector, Minister of Music, Sexton, Nursery staff, and Parish Administrator.

Facilities includes all expenses associated with maintaining the "home of our ministries" (including our rectory, the home of our rector), such as utilities, repairs, grass cutting, snow plowing and property/liability insurance.

Parish Life includes expenses to support outreach ministries, including programs for the homeless and hungry in our community, as well as our contribution to the Diocese for the work of the Episcopal Church. Our worship programs, including the altar guild and music ministry are also funded here.

CECDS Newsletter Article May 2024

On May 22nd CECDS is graduating our 52nd class! Our graduates know how to be kind to others; respect themselves, their peers and their elders; ask for help when needed; share their gifts with others and embrace those who are like them and those who are different. They began at CECDS as toddlers and are leaving as confident, curious, and caring children willing and ready for the next step. We are so proud of them!

This month we look forward to our Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic at Camp Wright. The fun starts with a tractor ride and ends with a Bear Hunt and so much in between. Such a great way to end our school year!



The Pre-K will enjoy the annual field trip to Matapeake Elementary to visit Kindergarten. We will explore the playground, cafeteria, gym and media center. It's fun to note the similarities and differences between Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Grandparents Day was held on April 29th and was a great success. Our children loved showing their grandparents what they do in school- decorating picture frames, experimenting with magnets, creating with playdough, blowing bubbles, dancing to music and enjoying Father Frank's Family Chapel.

We cannot end the year without a Big thank you to our PTO! The PTO continues to support the school, staff and children with fundraising and enhanced activities this year. We so appreciate all you have done.

Mark your calendars for May 4th to join us for the 2nd annual FUND THE FUN fundraising event at Ten Eyck Brewing Company in support of Christ Episcopal Church Day School's scholarship and enrichment programs! Rain date: May 11, 2024, 12-4PM

- Silent auction of themed baskets
- 50/50 raffle, door prizes
- Class mascot raffle drawing
- Face painting, bounce house, field day games
- Alumni group photo
- Fun-O-Kake food truck, Ten Eyck's food truck, pizza, baked goods

All are welcome to this family friendly event! CECDS alumni of all ages - we would love to see you! —

May 4, 2024

12-4PM

**Ten Eyck Brewing Company
205 Grange Hall Rd
Queenstown, MD 21658**



Christ Episcopal Church Day School

KENT ISLAND'S ORIGINAL PRESCHOOL

EASTER AT CHRIST CHURCH 2024



EASTER EGG AT CHRIST CHURCH 2024



*Chesapeake Bay Community Band
Free Concert 2024*



Announcements

Confirmation/Reception—For anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, classes will be held on Sunday, **May 12th, 19th, June 2nd, and 9th** after the last service. Bishop's visitation will be on **June 16th at 9:30AM**. Please contact the parish office for more information 410-643-5921 or office@ccpki.org or speak to Fr. Frank directly.

First Communion for those in Lindy Coltharp's class will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the 10 am service.

Summer Worship Schedule—Begins May 26TH. Join us at 9:30AM in person or online.

BROAD CREEK CEMETERY NEWS—You are invited to join the Broad Creek Cemetery Committee at the consecration of the columbarium on May 9, 2024 at 11:00 am.

In addition to our Interim Rector, Father Frank Crumbaugh, we anticipate Bishop Bud Shand and Father Mark Delcuze to attend. Mrs. Marilyn Hargrave, the mother of Patricia Spinella, will be interred during the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

If you would like further information on the columbarium, please contact Charlie Schwan (443) 262-1074.



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Eastertide 2024

...somebody had to be last...

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It's funny how the mind and heart work... what leads to what, and how things are connected in thought and prayer... it's seamless but not always logical. Not long ago, I was contemplating how we know when things begin and when they end. A useful framework when discovering when things begin and when things end is to determine who's first and who's last.

Someone has to be first. Someone has to be last. With such distinctions we draw the boundaries of processes and events and periods of time. We understand an individual event like a footrace, both as the event itself elapses and in total, by the one who finishes first and the one who finishes last. We understand class rank by discovering who has generated the most accomplished record, and whose record sparkles the least. We understand a fundamental change in the human experience when we mark the firsts or lasts like the first person to eat an oyster, the first person to fire pottery, the last linen-covered bi-plane, the last incandescent light bulb, the last steam locomotive, and so forth. Personal vital statistics make records of when and where individual births and deaths occur – lifetimes captured on small government forms. Until we know when/how something began and when/how it ended, we have little sense of what it means or how to value it. So we mark the day/time/place that we understand to be a beginning and we note the same markers at the end. The great sweep of life around us makes more sense with first and last.

Florence Li Tim Oi was the first woman ordained an Anglican priest. Someone had to be. **Roger Bannister** was the first human being recorded as having run a mile in under 4 minutes. Someone had to be. **Charles Lindbergh** was the first aviator to solo non-stop New York-Paris, and **Yuri Gagarin** was the first human being to travel in space. Someone had to be. **Junko Tabei** was the first woman to climb the Seven Summits. **Jacques Piccard** and **Don Walsh** were the first to reach the Challenger Deep. Someone had to be. **Robert M. Losey** was the first American killed in World War II, and **Darwin Judge** and **Charles MacMahon** were the last Americans killed in Viet Nam. Someone had to be.

None of these human events is small. Each marks a tender boundary with the addition of a human face.

That last item - the last person to die in a war - was where my heart stopped wandering and my prayers re-focused. When it occurs, we don't know that the victim *is* the last person killed. When they die they're just the next - the latest - person claimed by the conflict. Later however, when the shooting has stopped, we take stock and realize who the last person to die was. That's sobering. Anyone who has seen the violence of war abhors it, and the ones I know who have seen it would gladly give their life as the last one killed if they had faith that the fighting really would stop when they died. The staggering sacrifice marked by any human death in war seems magnified by the pathos of knowing it was the last. Someone had to be the one by whom the boundary was set - someone had to be last.

Jesus is the last man to die in our war with death. Someone had to be, and God willed that it should be His Son. Someone had to be the last one who faced death as all preceding humanity had – having only faith, without demonstrated proof - of Resurrection. Someone had to be that last person. Some might say that having been resurrected, (and having made some intimations of resurrection) the evidence suggests that Jesus didn't die. Oh, no. He really *did* die; that's the whole point. If He hadn't really died, the Resurrection wouldn't really be Resurrection. If one is not dead one cannot be raised. It would be no more than sideshow sleight-of-hand.... a cosmic parlor trick. Jesus was a casualty in the war with death - the last casualty. As with any other such last wartime death, there is a particular poignancy and pathos that the last casualty in the war with death was God's Son. Someone had to declare of death by His own death "*it is finished.*" That someone is Jesus.

Having set one boundary as the last person to die, Jesus sets another boundary, this time as the first. Someone had to be first, and in the case of the war with death it had to be Jesus. If Jesus were not the first one raised, He would not, by definition, have been the last one to die. The only way we know who the last one was is to see who the first raised is.... adds vivid clarity to "*the last shall be first*" doesn't it?

Lazarus notwithstanding, Jesus is the first person to be Resurrected. Being fully human as well as fully divine, Jesus is the last person to die crying out, "*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me*" in order to be that He might be the first person ever described as: "*He is not here, but has Risen!*" Paul understands the universal, had-to-be-last-so-He-could-be-first nature of The Cross and The Empty Tomb when he writes to Rome: "*The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.*" Resurrected, Jesus is "*the beginning, the*

firstborn from the dead” and what happens to Jesus personally happens now for us all, forever. His Resurrection provides to each his/her own resurrection - “we are buried with Him by baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Jesus sets the endpoint on death with His death. Jesus sets the starting point on eternal life by being raised.

I am grateful to all souls who gave themselves as the last in any conflict, setting that boundary. I am more grateful than my words can say that Jesus was the last to die in the fight with death, setting the ultimate boundary. He is risen, and that means that you and I can be too.... it gives true depth to the phrase, “Thank you, Jesus!”

For all that has been, **Thanks**. For all that will be, **Yes**.

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A Word from Our Sr. Warden

The 156th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton was held on March 7th through the 9th, online and in person at Washington College in Chestertown and was hosted by Emmanuel Church. Charlie Mead, Warren Prender and I attended as representatives of Christ Church. The online portion consisted of various reports and voting on several proposals as well as approval of the annual budget. The in-person portion included the Bishop’s annual address with three presentations of churches who have experienced “resurrection” and renewal. Christ Church was one of the three and this provided an excellent opportunity to showcase how far we have come in the past 11 years. The Iona Collective and the Bishop’s Institute presented programs showcasing their many educational opportunities within the Diocese. It was very eye opening to see all of the ways our Diocese is working to provide initiatives in new ministries such as Spanish language worship and services, ESL programs, new clergy, and training for lay ministers in serving and teaching. The entire convention and presentations are available at Dioceseofeaston.org.

On March 13, a delegation from the Diocese, known as a Listening Committee visited Christ Church to discuss our nonpayment of our full apportionment. (In 2024, we are paying 50% of the apportionment assigned to us.) This was a congenial and collaborative meeting between the delegation and representatives of Christ Church. The Listening Committee congratulated and praised CCPKI for all of the work we have done on our finances and mortgage over the past ten years. They also expressed how much they relied on our support as one of the two largest churches in the diocese to continue and enhance their ability to provide services to all member churches such as educational and youth programs, providing services to the needy, and basic maintenance for the Cathedral and Diocesan held buildings.

For those not familiar with this, an apportionment is the contribution that a church makes to the Diocese annually. It is a defined percentage based on donations received and other income (rentals, sales, etc.). All churches within a diocese contribute an apportionment to their diocese to provide funds for programs and ministries as well as the everyday costs of maintaining the diocese and its buildings, and personnel. In turn, the diocese provides a portion of these funds to the work of the national Episcopal Church.

Also in March, John Dragone, the Lay Canon to the Ordinary, met with Father Frank and I, and then met with the Search Committee to offer his support in the process of calling a new Rector. The Canon to the Ordinary is the primary contact for our parish to review and post our official call and parish profile. He also receives, and with the Bishop, screens responding candidates as to background, experience, and fit to our call. John was very informative and will be an integral partner with Christ Church in our search for the right fit for our parish.

We have had a very busy month! And, as always, our parish has stepped up in all areas, from funding a new roof for Shand Hall, to serving our neighbors. As we look forward, I am convinced that we are indeed blessed and that we will continue to bless all those whom we serve!

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Christ Church Calendar ~ April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:00 Evening Prayer 1:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	2 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	3 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting	4 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	5 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	6 2:00 AA Meeting
7 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 5:30 FAMILY DINNER 7:00 FREE CONCERT 7:00 Youth Group	8 5:00 Evening Prayer	9 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	10 10:00 Exec Com Meeting 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Finance Committee 7:30 AA Meeting	11 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	12 BOAT SHOW PARKING 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	13 2:00 AA Meeting
14 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	15 5:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Vestry Meeting	16 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	17 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting	18 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	19 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	20 2:00 AA Meeting
21 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	22 5:00 Evening Prayer	23 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	24 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting	25 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	26 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	27 2:00 AA Meeting
28 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	29 5:00 Evening Prayer	30 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting				

Shand Hall Roof Project

Thank you to everyone who donated to help pay for a new roof for Shand Hall. The roofers were busy working to tackle the project but the weather did not want to cooperate with rain followed by high winds, making the job take a little longer than anticipated. But it looks FANTASTIC!!



HAVEN MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

Haven Ministries asked Christ Church to hold a food drive and you answered with a big YES!!! (see photo on next page)

Thank you to all who donated. The response was wonderful. And thank you to all those who helped load and unload at the pantry. (see photo)

Last Sunday as I shared my appreciation for your support of the recent Haven Ministries Food Drive, I was overcome with emotion while speaking and had to end before finishing the story.

So as Paul Harvey would say, "Now for the rest of the story". Food from the Food Pantry helps feed 750+ people every month. I'm there nearly every day and see the faces of and hear the grateful thanks of the guests. I hope all of you are very proud of yourselves and our church- the generosity and kindness is overwhelming; not just for our food drive but every week! Thank you-

Wishing everyone Easter blessings!

Susie Reckord



2nd Quarter Serving Chart-Master Sheet

		LEM	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
4/7/2024	8AM			Maria Jones					
Second Sunday of Easter		Liza Hamill	Betsy Sipes Jeffrey Pike	Cathy Smith		Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
	10AM	Lisa Herlihy	Cheryl Valentine	Dan Starsonneck	Landon Rosekrans Avery Miller Samuel Radley-Taylor		Anna Sisson	Connie Clark	
White		Patrick Herlihy	Bob Thompson	Marguerite Starsonneck			Judy Peppel	Becky Myers	Dottie Wilson
4/14/2024	8AM			Eric Hummel					
Third Sunday of Easter		Charlie Mead	Maria Jones Cathy Smith	Linette Hummel		Donna Guilford, Maria Jones, Becky Myers			
	10AM	Juanita Dombkowski	Leona Parker	John Reckord	Izzy Slavin Vivian Dorsey Samuel Radley-Taylor		Dottie Wilson	Mary Lu Prender	Bill Vanderbok
White		Keith Fulmer	Mike Parker	Bob Guilford			Bob Thompson	Toinette McDowell	
4/21/2024	8AM		Lois Vanderbok	Lois Vanderbok		Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip			
Fourth Sunday of Easter		Jeff Pike	Liza Hamill	Maria Jones					
White Baptism	10AM	Charlie Mead Patti Snyder	Donna Guilford Keith Fulmer	Ron McCready Laurelle McCready	Katie Schaefer Emily Schaefer Reagan Hohman		Judy Peppel Kate McNealey	Caroline Aland Susie Reckord	Dottie Wilson
4/28/2024	8AM			Cathy Smith					
Fifth Sunday of Easter		Lois Vanderbok	Cathy Smith Maria Jones	Eric Hummel		Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link, Julia Bollinger			
White Baptism	10AM	Leslie Schneider Bob Rosekrans	David Lee Pat Spinella	Warren Prender Charlie Schwan	Landon Rosekrans Avery Miller Izzy Slavin		Leslie Schneider Liza Hamill	Molly Cannon Bob Thompson	Liza Hamill
5/5/2024	8AM			Lois Vanderbok					
Sixth Sunday of Easter		Patti Snyder	Jeffrey Pike Betsy Sipes	Maria Jones		Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
1st Communion	10AM				Katie Schaefer				
White Baptism		Lois Vanderbok Keith Fulmer	Jennifer Leach Carole Katrinic	Bob Rosekrans Charlie Mead	Emily Schaefer Vivian Dorsey		Anna Sisson Judy Peppel	Connie Clark Becky Myers	Steve Dombkowski



FAMILY DINNER & FREE CONCERT

Join us for Family Dinner
and a FREE Concert by the
Chesapeake Bay Community Band

APRIL 7, 2024

5:30 PM DINNER

&

7:00 PM CONCERT



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- ✚ Growing in Faith
- ✚ Giving in Community

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“.... *it depends on faith....*”

“For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) -- in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”

Paul lays out a brief that is clear and easy to understand. Paul writes Romans (his only letter to people he had not met previously) putting forward the case that faith is the only legitimate access to God. Paul is doing theology. He is making the distinction between all other standards, avenues, or qualifications for a relationship with God, and **faith**. He claims that it is faith and **faith alone** - not ancestry, good looks, natural brilliance, or Pharisaic observance - that brings a human being into closer relationship with God. Faith alone. Hearing Paul’s assertive “Roman voice,” we better understand why Dr. Luther loved Paul so much.

Paul does not engage the simplest, utterly self-evident argument: when Abraham made covenant with God, there were no Jews and there were no written Hebrew scriptures (*we’re not entirely certain that, among the Semitic languages, Hebrew had even fully coalesced*). There was not yet any community of faith that operated as a context for Abraham’s relationship with God. When Abraham’s relationship with God began, Abraham’s son Isaac had not been born, and so of course neither had his grandson Jacob/Israel.... and Ramses II, the Red Sea, the Exodus, Moses and the Ten Commandments were still *well* into the future.

Paul instead engages the theological argument. Paul wants to describe the features, the goods of the relationship - the particular features of the relationship that give evidence of how we know what we know about any relationship. We do this with our friends, our partners, our families - we check to see what it is that binds us together. We certainly do this as we assess our relationship with God, and so does Paul. The goods of Abraham’s relationship with God as Paul sees them are God’s faithfulness and Abraham’s trust. When we look at faith and faith alone as the beginning of relationship with God, we see what Abraham sees; Abraham sees God’s faithfulness and Abraham feels the impulse of his own trust in the promises God makes. How would you describe your relationship with God? What are the features, the goods of the relationship?

For example, if God is a scorekeeper, we delude ourselves into racking-up “good-points” against an inevitable tally of errors, hoping to lose by a narrower margin. We spend a lifetime playing defense against God. If God is a cosmic

sugar daddy, the Cross is nonsense. We spend a lifetime as barely faithful, vacuous airheads, believing that ‘*all dogs go to Heaven*’.... our choices being without consequence because we’re just so doggoned nice.... making God a thin veil - nothing more really than a reflection of our ego-driven unfettered personal autonomy. If God is angry, it doesn’t make much difference anyway, and we live our lives trying to keep our heads down, staying well out of His way. We spend a lifetime avoiding God. If God is a borderline personality, we feel Him draw us close, only to distance us and control us by keeping us off balance. We spend a lifetime protecting ourselves from a capricious, unstable, dangerous God.

Any of this look/sound/feel familiar? The greatest step of faith is the first one - the step that believes there is a God with whom it is possible to have a relationship. Once *that* step is made, the rest is the unfolding of the features, the goods, of your relationship with God.

Paul encourages the Roman church to understand that it is a community of faithful people that God is building one faithful heart at a time. We are the Church. No question. The Church is a community of faith. No question. In Romans 4, Paul points to Abraham and demonstrates that the community of faith, the Church, springs from the faith of individual people before that faith ever grows through the nurture of the community. The Church grows “*soul by soul, and silently, (and) her shining bounds increase.*”

It is undeniably true that the Church is a community where our faith can be awakened, and strengthened, and grown. No one could legitimately state otherwise. It also is undeniably true that the faith of the Church lives only as vibrantly as the faith of her individual members. There is a lovely, essential symbiosis between the believer and the Church; it is the faith of the believer that sustains the Church which in turn sustains the faith of the believer. We are given to each other as the Church to support and encourage one another to “grow up into the full stature of Christ.”

Lent invites us to examine our relationship with God, and the faith that gives that relationship roots. Lent invites us as well to steep and deepen in covenant with God, just as Abraham did - *by faith*.

For all that has been, *Thanks*. For all that will be, *Yes*.

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Romans 4:13-17 NRSV

...a critical issue in the conversations between Abraham and God...

Cecil Spring-Rice. *Urbs Dei*. 1908

Ephesians 4:13 NRSV

A Word from Our Sr. Warden

During the Fall of 2023, the Stewardship Committee organized three small group sessions to ask questions, and receive feedback in order to assist in planning budgets, goals and ministries of Christ Church. The three sessions were well attended and the Stewardship Committee received many great ideas and some criticism, it was immensely helpful in the formation of our budget for 2024 and plans for a new ministry in the area of Pastoral Care. However, the total attendance was thirty-five people, not the recommended number of average Sunday attendance which is generally thought to be the standard for a true and comprehensive survey of a parish.

And so it is that in this newsletter, you will find a call from our Search Committee to respond to a Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) provided by a third party. This online, or on paper, survey will allow every adult and teen in the parish to answer targeted questions anonymously, efficiently, and in their own time. It will provide the Search Committee with the most comprehensive possible data on which to base our call to a new Rector.

The paperwork involved in submitting our call to the Office of Transition Ministry is extensive and gives us one chance to state who we are, where we are going and who we want to lead us. It is the only documentation that an interested candidate will see. If the Parish Profile and Call are not clear and reflective of Christ Church, we will spend a great deal of time weeding through candidates who may not be a good fit for our parish, or miss the candidate who could be a perfect fit.

Friends, Father Frank and I urge you to update your email address with the office here at Christ Church and to add any teenaged child who may be willing to respond (we need to hear the voice of our youth as well as our adults) so that our database is accurate. If email is not an option, you can request a paper copy that can be mailed in to be added to the survey.

Let's all respond quickly, thoughtfully and faithfully to this survey so that we can hear and acknowledge all voices, plan for the future and have our call answered. I know that God's grace is with us as we undertake this exercise as it is always in the life of our church family.

Vestry Notes

Jennifer Leach was unanimously elected as Chairman of the Search Committee

The financial portion of the Parochial report was approved. This report is sent to the national church offices for analysis as to the health of the body of the Church

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3 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 5:30 Family Dinner 7:00 Youth Group	4 5:00 Evening Prayer 1:00 Cemetery Committee Meeting	5 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	6 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting
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17 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 4:30 Confirmation Class 7:00 Youth Group	18 5:00 Evening Prayer 6:30 Vestry Meeting	19 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	20 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting
24 Palm Sunday 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service 7:00 Youth Group	25 5:00 Evening Prayer	26 5:00 Evening Prayer 5:30 EfM Conf. Room 7:00 Boy Scout Meeting	27 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:30 AA Meeting
31 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise Service 8:00 Worship Service 10:00 Worship Service			

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Regular Office Hours 9 am—3pm

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	2 2:00 AA Meeting
Evening Prayer Meeting	7 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	8 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	9 2:00 AA Meeting
Com Meeting Evening Prayer Meeting	14 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	15 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	16 2:00 AA Meeting
Evening Prayer Meeting	21 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer	22 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting	23 2:00 AA Meeting
Evening Prayer Meeting	28 Maundy Thursday 8:30 Backpacks Prep 2:30-5:30 Soup Sales 5:00 Evening Prayer 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday 12:00 Good Friday Service 7:30 AA Meeting 7:30 Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 Good Friday Service	30 2:00 AA Meeting

Clergy Emergencies, contact Father Frank Crumbaugh, Interim Rector ~ 609-709-3939

m Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



As part of our search process for a new Rector, we recently engaged HolyCow! Consulting to prepare a survey for the members of our parish. This survey will provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions are most important for our future. The survey tool we'll use is the Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT), which will provide key indicators of our congregational health along with areas of challenge and potential growth. It will help us to collect and understand the range of views that exist at Christ Church Parish Kent Island and the possibilities, willingness, capacity and energy for moving our ministry into the future.

If you have provided us with a current email address you will receive a unique web link to complete the assessment online. If you would prefer to take the assessment using a paper copy, we will provide one for you along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. The survey will open on Sunday, March 3rd and close 3 weeks later on March 25th.

NOTE: If there is only one email address for all members of your household, it may be tempting to have one person take the survey on behalf of the family. However, *please be sure your spouse and all young adults living in your home have an opportunity to complete the survey.* INDIVIDUAL INPUT is key to our gaining insight into overall perceptions and experiences.

Please set aside enough time to answer all the questions. This will take about 30 minutes. All survey responses are strictly anonymous.

Thank you for your willingness to be a part of this congregational assessment and for adding your voice to the search for our new Rector at Christ Church Parish Kent Island. Contact Jennifer Leach, Search Committee Chair at searchcommittee@ccpki.org or 443-695-5759

Queen Anne's Chorale Presents the *Choral Classics* -Accompanied by String Quintet

The days are definitely getting longer, and the chance of snow is getting less. It must be SPRING in DelMarVa. Queen Anne's Chorale, accompanied by a string quintet, presents a program of choral masterworks with selections by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn and more!

Centreville Methodist Church will once again host the concerts on the weekend of April 20th at 7pm and April 21st at 3pm. The theme is ***Chorale Classics*** and this concert will feature stunningly beautiful music, with a few fun selections added to delight the audience. Each concert includes the Select Ensemble, a traditional audience sing-along, and other special music. Following the concert, singers will greet audience members during a light reception.

Tickets will be available online on February 23 at www.qachorale.org and are:

Adults: \$25.00
Students (ages 13-17): \$15.00
Children (12 and under): Free.

Tickets are limited so please, do not hesitate to reserve a spot. There are also always opportunities to support to QAC with donations or sponsorships. For more information visit www.qachorale.org.

Queen Anne's Chorale is an all-volunteer, non-auditioned community chorus with the motto "Entertaining, Engaging, Educating since 1989". The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We always welcome new singers!

Queen Anne's Chorale is supported in part through grants from the United Way of Queen Anne's County, the Queen Anne's County Centre for the Arts, and the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

		LEM	Lectors	Ushers
3/3/2024	8AM		Maria Jones	Cathy Smith
Third Sunday in Lent		Patti Snyder	Lois Vanderbok	Lois Vanderbok
Lent 3B	10AM	Lisa Herlihy		Bernie Gast
Purple		Patrick Herlihy	Helen Vansant Charlie Mead	John Reckord
3/10/2024	8AM	Jim Lipsner	Liza Hamill	Maria Jones
Fourth Sunday in Lent			Betsy Sipes	Cathy Smith
Lent 4B				
	10AM	Bob Rosekrans	Patricia Spinella	David Lee
Purple		Leslie Schneider		Susan Hogan
			David Lee	
3/17/2024	8AM		Jeffry Pike	Lois Vanderbok
Fifth Sunday in Lent		Charlie Mead	Maria Jones	Maria Jones
Lent 5B	10AM			
Purple		Keith Fulmer	Dottie Wilson	Bernie Gast
		Juanita Dombkowski	Bob Thompson	Warren Prender
3/24/2024	8AM		Cathy Smith	Lois Vanderbok
Palm Sunday		Liza Hamill	Thom Hirsch	Maria Jones
Palm Sunday	10AM			
Dark Red		Leslie Schneider	Beverly Cooper	Dan Starsoneck
		Lois Vanderbok	Becky Myers	Marguerite Starsoneck
3/28/2024	7PM			
Maundy Thursday		Jeff Pike	Donna Guilford	Charlie Mead
Dark Red		Patti Snyder	Bob Thompson	Bernie Gast
3/29/2024	12PM	Juanita Dombkowski	Leona Parker	Charlie Schwan
Good Friday		Keith Fulmer	Mike Parker	Dan Starsoneck
No Hangings	7PM	Leslie Schneider	Jennifer Leach	Warren Prender
		Bob Rosekrans	David Lee	John Reckord
3/31/2024	8AM		Betsy Sipes	Maria Jones
Easter		Jeff Pike	Lois Vanderbok	Cathy Smith
Easter Yr B	10AM	Lisa Herlihy	Carolyn Aland	Ron McCready
		Patrick Herlihy	Jennifer Leach	Laurelle McCready

Quarter Serving Chart

Acolytes	Altar Guild	Counters	Greeters	Video Tech
	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link, Julia Bollinger			
Katie Schaefer		Leslie Schneider		
Emily Schaefer		Liza Hamill	Charlie Mead	
Samuel Radley Taylor			Molly Cannon	Liza Hamill
	Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder			
Izzy Slavin				
Landon Rosekrans		Anna Sisson	Connie Clark	Dottie Wilson
Vivian Dorsey		Judy Peppel	Becky Myers	
	Donna Guilford, Maria Jones, Becky Myers			
Emily Schaefer				
Katie Schaefer		Dottie Wilson	Mary Lu & Molly	Dottie Wilson
Avery Miller		Bob Thompson	Toinette McDowell	
	Dee Dee & Kevin McCracken, Eileen Shreve, Carole Tulip			
Reagan Hohman				
Samuel Radley Taylor		Judy Peppel	Caroline Aland	Dottie Wilson
Landon Rosekrans		Kate McNealey	Susie Reckord	
				Dottie Wilson
				Liza Hamill
	Dot Deren, Fred & Linda Klingensmith, Nancy Link,		Molly Cannon	
Avery Miller			Leslie Schneider	Mary Lu Prender
Izzy Slavin		Liza Hamill	Charlie Mead	Dottie Wilson

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH - KENT ISLAND

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024



PALM SUNDAY

March 24th

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28th

7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29th

Noon & 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

March 31st

6:30 AM

EASTER SERVICE

March 31st

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Part V: Bulletins



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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024
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Please pray for: Roger Ballard, Becky Myers, Goldey Vansant, Eileen Shreve, Susan Fralic, Fr. Frank Crumbaugh, Mary Jones (RIP), Francis Jones, Evelyn Folliot, Gary Valentine, Linda & Warren, Kane Sexton-deployed until October, Brandi Sydnor, Bill Hamill, Shane Wheeler, Teresa Majka, Cam, Tiffany Schneider, Barbara Wright, Dave Fehrenbacher, Bill Gunther, Joyce Johnson, Sierra, Liam, Larry Wilkins, Ted Wooten, Martha Conrad

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Serving 8am

Eucharistic Ministers: Patti Snyder

Lectors: Jeff Pike, Betsy Sipes

Ushers: Lois Vanderbok, Maria Jones

Altar Guild: Lynne Shand, Betsy Sipes, Patti Snyder

Counters: Anna Sisson, Judy Peppel

Thank you to Dave Hasek, our volunteer guest organist this morning!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Welcome	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
Prelude	Sheep May Safely Graze – J. S. Bach
+Processional Hymn #191	Alleluia, alleluia! sts. 1, 2, & 4
+Opening Sentences	BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law	BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day	Bulletin
The First Lesson and Psalm	Bulletin
The Epistle	Bulletin
+The Gospel	Bulletin
The Homily	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
+The Nicene Creed	BCP pg 326
*The Prayers of the People	BCP pg 328
*Confession	BCP pg 331
*Absolution	BCP pg 332
+The Peace	

The Holy Communion

The Offertory	Vesper Voluntary No. 3 – Edward Elgar
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I BCP pg 333
*The Lord's Prayer	BCP pg 336
*Breaking of the Bread	BCP pg 337
Communion	Rhosymedre – Ralph Vaughan Williams
*Post-Communion Prayer	BCP pg 339
*Blessing	
Announcements	
+Recessional Hymn #344	Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
+Dismissal	
+Postlude	Trumpet Tune – Marki Hakanpää

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy 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.**

The First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

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Psalm 98

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the nations.
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of Israel, *
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of our God.**
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lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
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shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

+The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Please turn to face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Announcements

Confirmation/Reception—For anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, classes will be held on Sunday, **May 12th, 19th, June 2nd, and 9th** after the last service. Bishop’s visitation will be on **June 16th at 9:30AM**. Please contact the parish office for more information 410-643-5921 or office@ccpki.org or speak to Fr. Frank directly.

First Communion for those in Lindy Coltharp's class will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the 10 am service.

Summer Worship Schedule—Begins **May 26TH**
Join us at 9:30AM in person or online.

Summer Music—During the summer, while the choir is on hiatus, we are privileged to feature special music for our worship services performed by members of our congregation. If you are interested in performing a vocal or instrumental solo, duet, or small ensemble, please sign up in the Choir Room or contact Gary Van Essen at music@ccpki.org.

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Holy Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Welcome

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh III

Prelude

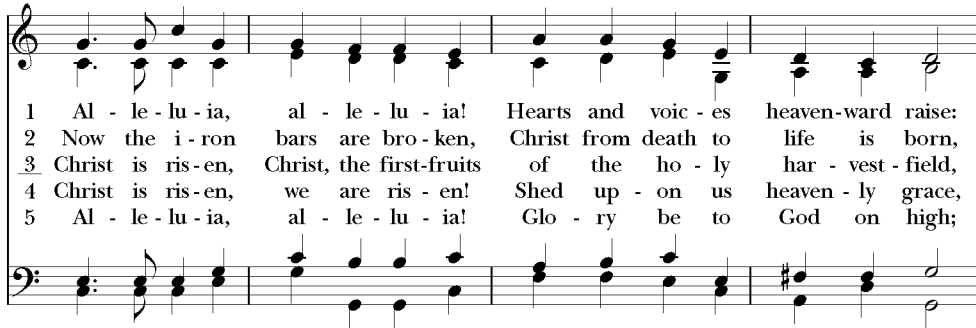
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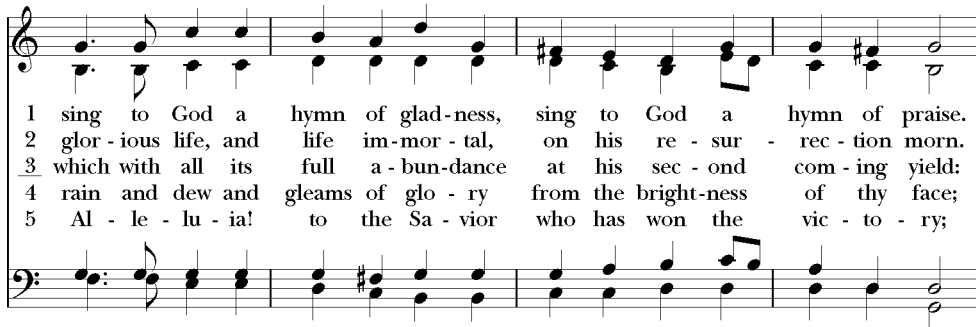
+Processional Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia!

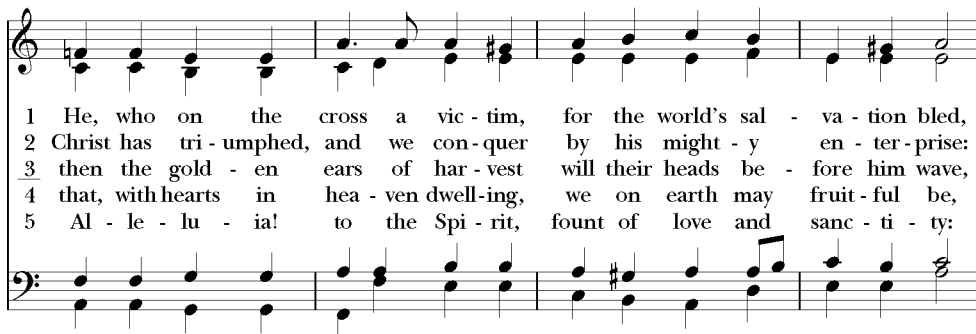
sts. 1-4



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven-ward raise:
2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;



1 sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright-ness of thy face;
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;



1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

Continued

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

+Opening Sentences

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

There is one Body and one Spirit; ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; ***One God and Father of all.***

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People *Thanks be to God*

+Sequence Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

+The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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People ***Glory to you Lord Christ***

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The Sermon

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh III

Holy Baptism and Renewal of Vows

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents

I present Lachlan Ashley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Camden Moore to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

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 infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I do.

After all have been presented and the now people standing, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

We will.

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

+The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

+Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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**

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***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 forever 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 forever. ***Amen.***

***The Baptisms of Lachlan and Camden**

The candidate is presented in turn, by name, to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

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

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants 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 Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking upon the forehead the sign of the Cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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 of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Vesper Voluntary No. 3

Edward Elgar

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

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

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

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, In your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

This is the feast of victory

Choir only: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

+Blessing

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

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+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Marki Hakanpää

+Recessional Hymn

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

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Today’s Baptisms—Today we celebrate the baptisms of:

Lachlan Ashley Moore

Son of Jonathon & Emily Moore

Godparents—Matthew Black & Allison Holcomb

and

Camden Moore Yoash

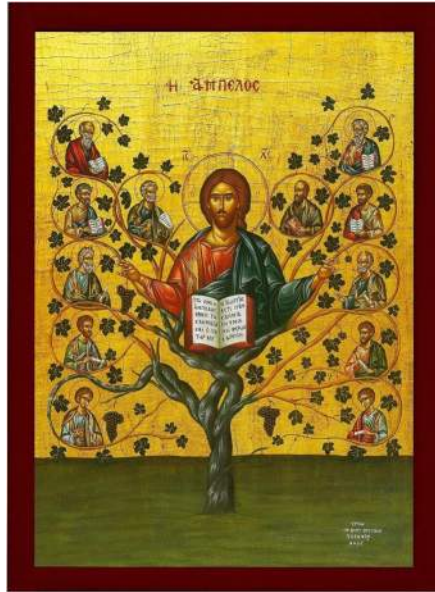
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Ushers: Cathy Smith, Eric Hummel

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Nancy Link, Julia Bollinger

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Welcome	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
Prelude	“Fairest Lord Jesus” -arr. Eithun
+Processional Hymn #296	We know that Christ is raised
+Opening Sentences	BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law	BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day	Bulletin
The First Lesson and Psalm	Bulletin
The Epistle	Bulletin
+The Gospel	Bulletin
The Homily	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
+The Nicene Creed	BCP pg 326
*The Prayers of the People	BCP pg 328
*Confession	BCP pg 331
*Absolution	BCP pg 332
+The Peace	

The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP pg 333
*The Lord’s Prayer		BCP pg 336
*Breaking of the Bread		BCP pg 337
Communion		
*Post-Communion Prayer		BCP pg 339
*Blessing		
Announcements		
+Recessional Hymn #213	Come away to the skies	sts. 1, 2, & 4
+Dismissal		
+Postlude	“Come, Let Us Sing” -Paxton	

+The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

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The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John

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+The Holy Gospel

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People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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Holy Baptism and The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Welcome

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh III


Prelude

“Fairest Lord Jesus”


arr. Eithun

+Processional Hymn


We know that Christ is raised and dies no more



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows. _____



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life. _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____



Final Ending

lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

+Opening Sentences

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

There is one Body and one Spirit; ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***
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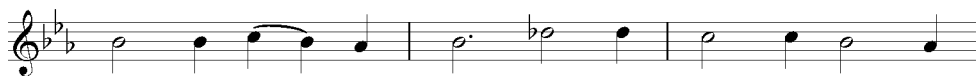
People **Thanks be to God**

+Sequence Hymn

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
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People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh III

Holy Baptism and Renewal of Vows

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents

Parents and Godparents

I present Jameson Patrick to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

I present Owen James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

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 infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I do.

After all have been presented and the now people standing, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

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

We will.

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

+The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

+Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

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**

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ***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 forever 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 forever.

Amen.

***The Baptisms of Jameson Patrick and Owen James**

The candidate is presented in turn, by name, to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

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

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants 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 Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking upon the forehead the sign of the Cross and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

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 of the Lord be always with you. ***And also with you.***

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

“Love Has Broken Down the Wall” -Miller

Love has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one.

We're accepted as we are. Through love's power all are reconciled.

Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here.

We will tear down the wall! We will tear down every wall!

Love has called us, one and all. Love has broken down the wall.

(text by Mark Miller)

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 God thanks and praise.***

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

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

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

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, In your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

This is the feast of victory

Choir only: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Song

I Am the Vine

Unison

1. I am the vine, and you are the branch - es,
 2. I am the vine, and God is the gard -ner,
 3. I am the vine, and you are the branch - es,

I am the vine, and in me, you thrive, cut from my
 tend - ing the vine - yard, burn - ing the waste, prun - ing the
 tend - rils of faith, reach out and grow strong! You are my

be - ing, you can do noth - ing, I course through stem and leaf,
 dead shoot, clean - ing the good fruit, grapes for the vin - tage wine,
 friends, with new un - der - stand - ing - stay in my

leap - ing, a - live.
 sweet to the taste.

com - pa - ny, here you be - long.

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

+Blessing

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

Come away to the skies

Bulletin pg 19

+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“Come, Let Us Sing”

Paxton

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Unison or harmony

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
 2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
 3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
 4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
 *5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joyce in the day thou wast born; ___ on this fes - ti - val day,
 2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, ___ while his grace we re - ceive
 3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! ___ Now cre - a - ted a - gain
 4 joined us to Je - sus' ___ Name; ___ so u - ni - ted in heart,
 5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: ___ to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. ___
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. ___
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. ___
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. ___
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. ___

Announcements

Confirmation/Reception—For anyone interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, classes will be held on Sunday, **May 12th, 19th, June 2nd, and 9th** after the last service. Bishop’s visitation will be on **June 16th at 9:30AM**. Please contact the parish office for more information 410-643-5921 or office@ccpki.org or speak to Fr. Frank directly.

First Communion for those in Lindy Coltharp's class will be held on Sunday, May 5th at the 10 am service.

Today’s Baptisms—Today we celebrate the baptisms of:

Jameson Patrick Simpkins

Son of Adam & Sarah Simpkins

Godparents—Micaela & Kendall Smith

and

Owen James Dodson

Son of Denis & Catherine Dodson

Godparents—Eric & Kayla Dodson

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Welcome	The Rev. Frank B Crumbaugh III
Prelude	“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” -arr. Young
+Processional Hymn #205	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! sts. 1, 3, & 4
+Opening Sentences	BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law	BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day	Bulletin
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The Epistle	Bulletin
+The Gospel	Bulletin
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*The Prayers of the People	BCP pg 328
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+The Peace	

The Holy Communion

The Offertory	
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I
*The Lord’s Prayer	BCP pg 333
*Breaking of the Bread	BCP pg 336
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*Blessing	
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+Recessional Hymn #208	The strife is o’er, the battle done sts. 1, 2, & 5
+Dismissal	
+Postlude	“Prelude to Te Deum” -Charpentier <i>Warren Prender, trumpet</i>

+The Collect of the Day

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People **And with thy spirit.**
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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

+The Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18

Please turn to face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



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Prelude

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

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+Processional Hymn

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sts. 1, 3, 4, & 5

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joyce and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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+Opening Sentences

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

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

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The Epistle

1 John 3:16-24

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People **Thanks be to God**

+Sequence Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is

sts. 1, 2, 5, & 6

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
*3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
*4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

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Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Homily

The Rev. Frank Crumbaugh III

Holy Baptism and Renewal of Vows

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors We present *Reese Abigail* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents, and godparents.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

All I renounce them.

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

All I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
All I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
All I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
All I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
All I do.

Then the celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support
this child in *her* life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with *this child* who *is* committing *herself* 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 the 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 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 Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for *this child* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver *her* O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open *her* heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill *her* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep *her* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach *her* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send *her* into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring *her* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

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

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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 *she* who here *is* 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 to the celebrant who pours water on the candidate saying

Reese Abigail, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your *servant* forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* 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.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Clergy and People

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.**

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

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

“Praise His Holy Name”

Hampton

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!

Offertory Response

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

+The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

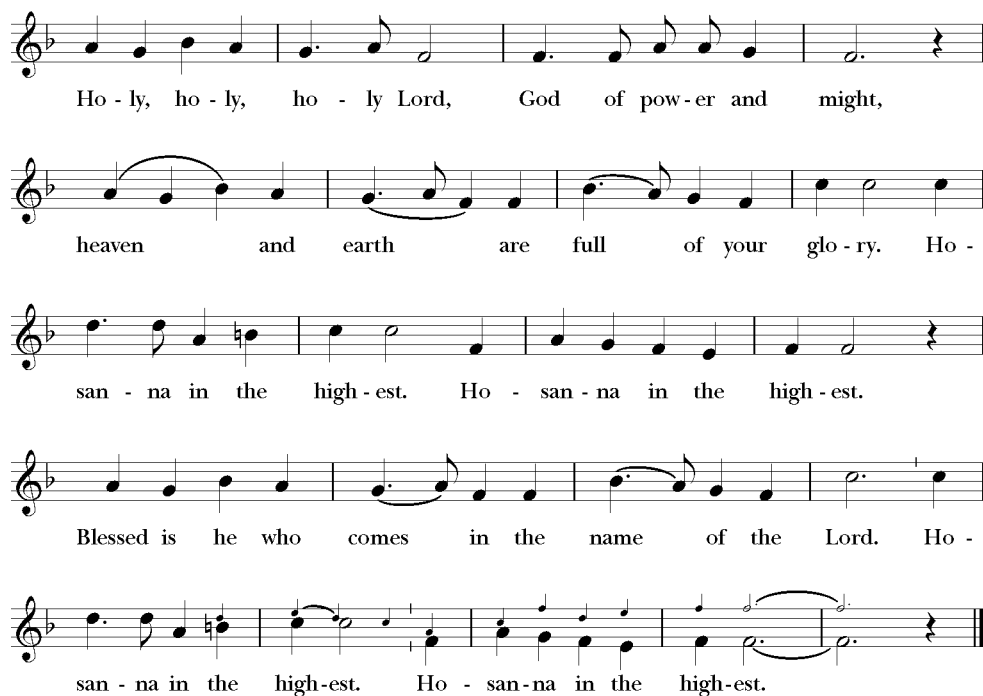
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung.

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



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

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, In your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

+Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

This is the feast of victory

Choir only: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All:

Final Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

Communion Song

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

+Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

+Blessing

Announcements

+Recessional Hymn

The strife is o'er, the battle done

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+Dismissal

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

+Postlude

“Prelude to Te Deum”

Charpentier

Warren Prender, trumpet

Antiphon (at the beginning)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped. \uparrow

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Ped.

The image shows a musical score for an antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is located below the bass staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Part VI: Parish Ministries



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PARISH MINISTRIES

Christ Episcopal Church Day School

It is our philosophy at Christ Episcopal Church Day School (CECDS) to provide a nurturing environment where the development of the whole child is encouraged emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically, and spiritually. We promote activities that reinforce cooperative living and sharing as well as physical and cognitive development appropriate for preschool age children. It is our goal to enhance children's self-esteem while striving to allow each child to develop to his or her fullest potential academically and spiritually in a Christian atmosphere.

As early childhood educators, we know that children grow and develop at different rates. We provide activities for children to discover themselves in relation to God, to others, and to the world around them. We encourage creativity in children, which also means we are encouraging them to have fun and be adventurous, expressive, and sensitive.

We offer a variety of activities for creative exploration such as art, puppetry, cooking, music, dramatic play, nature, literature, and science. We know that children learn best by doing and, therefore, all of our activities include "hands-on" materials that allow children to discover and progress at their own rate of development.

In addition to small class sizes, involved families, and a caring atmosphere, we believe that the strength of our program is the dedication of our teaching staff. All of our teachers and assistants receive ongoing training in early childhood education and are CPR and First Aid certified.

Christ Episcopal Church Day School holds a certificate of approval from the Maryland State Board of Education and is a member in good standing of the National Association of Episcopal Schools.

Broad Creek Cemetery

Broad Creek Cemetery, located at 370 Romancoke Rd. Stevensville, MD 21666, is one of our most precious assets, situated on one of the earliest church sites and dating back to 1632. The cemetery has been lovingly restored and is open and available to all.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Education for Ministry

Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, EFM has come to play an important role by providing a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity.

The EFM program is preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: "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."

Choral Internship

As part of our outreach to the community and a desire to further the study of sacred choral music, Christ Church offers a Choral Intern program to Juniors or Seniors in high school each school year.

The Choral Intern sings with the Parish Choir and is given opportunities to present solos, conduct the choir, and play the piano and organ, as appropriate. The Intern receives coaching from the Minister of Music and a small stipend at the completion of the program.

The intern will gain additional experience in choral singing and experience the rich world of sacred choral music.

- The intern will gain experience in sight-singing and section leadership.
- The intern will receive coaching from the Minister of Music.
- The intern will have opportunities to conduct and present solos.
- The intern will make connections within the local professional music community and enhance their résumé.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Backpack Meals for Kids

The Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids program is an initiative in which churches throughout Queen Anne's County provide weekend food for children who are most at risk of not having enough to eat when school is not in session. Every elementary and middle school in the county has a Backpack program.

At Christ Church, we provide 170+ bags of food every week for children at three schools: Bayside Elementary, Kent Island Elementary and Sudlersville Middle School. Children in need are identified by the schools and are anonymous to us. Each week these children receive a bag of child-friendly, non-perishable food containing 2 breakfast items, 2 lunches, 2 snacks, 2 drinks and 2 fruit cups.

We meet on Thursday mornings at 8:30 to pack and deliver the food to the schools. Teachers place the food in each child's backpack. We love our volunteers, so please join us any time to see what we do and pitch in to help. We are almost always finished by about 9:15. During the summer, we work with the Migrant Program and the four Title I school summer programs.

Haven Ministries

Christ Church is one of the coalition of churches that supports Haven Ministries which provides shelter, food, and resources to needy and at risk residents of Queen Anne's County. Haven Ministries operates:

- Emergency Overnight Shelter from October through April
- Street Outreach Services year round
- A Food Pantry is open for Daily Food Distribution at Haven Ministries Headquarters in Queenstown, MD. Additional Pop-up Food Pantries will be held monthly in Sudlersville, MD.
- A Resource Center located at Haven Ministries Headquarters in Queenstown, MD that provides resume writing classes, Bible study, computer access and training, and other classes.
- Our Daily Thread, a thrift store on Thompson Creek Road that takes donations of clothing, shoes, toys and small household goods, and then sells them to help offset the cost of its operations or provides them to clients in need.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Soup Group

The Soup Group began in 2012 when CCPKI started to host the Kent Island Farmer's Market and Lindy Coltharp made one pot of soup on Thursday morning. Since then, it has grown into a major production with Lindy leading about 15 volunteers to make 2 or 3 soups and 2 or 3 salads each week.

How It Works:

- The menu is decided by Monday night. Shopping and some food prep begins on Tuesday afternoons and evening. Late Tuesday Lindy sends an email to the volunteers describing the menu and the tasks for each day.
- On Wednesday morning Lindy sends an email to people on the pre-order list so they can place orders for the week. Full production begins on Wednesdays at noon and goes until 9 pm (or later, as needed) to make the soups and prepare as much as possible for the salads, which get finalized on Thursdays.
- We start at noon on Thursday to complete any soups and assemble the salads. The Pre-order Team, usually about 4 people, assemble the pre-orders for the day, which range between 70 and 120. Order pickup begins at 2:30 and ends at 5:30 pm. It takes about an hour after that to get everything cleaned up and put away. Any leftover soups and salads are packed for donation to those in need in the community.

Acolytes

Acolytes assist our clergy in Sunday Services and enhance the worship service to help glorify God. Acolytes are trained by an Adult Mentor to instill confidence in the role.



PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for services, weddings, and special occasions. They are the loving hands that decorate for festive times such as Easter and Christmas by arranging flowers donated by the congregation. Tending the altar is a ministry of love to God and our Church.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers assist the clergy during the Eucharist, read the Psalm, and read the Prayers of the People. During the 2nd Semester of the senior year in high school, acolytes are offered the opportunity to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors read Scriptures at all services, including special services, such as Palm Sunday, Easter, and Christmas.

Ushers

The Ushers help the church service run smoothly, distribute the bulletins, assist people with special needs, make coffee before the 8 a.m. service, collect the offering, and direct the congregation during the Eucharist. After each service, Ushers clean up the church and straighten Prayer Books and Hymnals.

Food & Fellowship

Small groups meet monthly and share a meal in a home, a restaurant, or have a picnic. It is a great opportunity to meet people from church that you may not already know and get to know your church family better. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship; you do not have to be a gourmet cook to participate! Each group sets its own schedule and activity.



Part VII: Parish Leadership



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Part VIII: Parish History



Parish History - Celebrating God's love for nearly 400 years!

Christ Church Parish Kent Island is one of forty worshipping communities located within the Diocese of Easton occupying the nine counties in Maryland that lie east of the Chesapeake Bay. We are oldest, continuous Episcopal congregation in the United States.

Our history begins when William Claiborne, who came from England by way of Jamestown, Virginia, established a trading settlement in 1631 at Kent Fort, located at the southernmost end of Kent Island. Claiborne was most concerned that a church also be built so the settlers could continue to worship as they did in their homeland where the Church of England was the established church. In 1632, he brought The Reverend Richard James to the Kent Island shore to conduct worship services at Kent Fort. The earliest mention of the "framing of a church" was in 1636, probably at or near Kent Fort at the southernmost tip of the island.

The colony of Maryland was founded in 1632, a year after Christians were worshipping on Kent Island. Sixty years later, in 1692, The Church of England was officially established in the colony and the counties in Maryland were divided into 30 parishes. Of the 30 original parishes in the Colony of Maryland, 13 of these founding parishes are in what is now the Diocese of Easton. Christ Church on Kent Island was included in the original 30 parishes.



PARISH HISTORY

During these early colonial days, the parish moved north on the island, and in 1652 built the first of three structures that would occupy our Broad Creek site. At the time, the town of Broad Creek was a thriving community with a tavern, tobacco warehouse, and a ferry that crossed the Bay to Annapolis. By 1712, the population of Maryland had grown fourfold, and a larger building was constructed and then enlarged again in 1748. Sadly, the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 witnessed the decline of the parish.



Construction started on the third church at Broad Creek in 1826 and completed in 1840. Just 50 years later, most of the residents of Broad Creek had moved into the growing village of Stevensville, where the Historic Christ Church was consecrated in 1880. (Read more about the Historic Christ Church at friendsofhistoricchristchurch.org)

Today our parish still maintains the cemetery at Broad Creek, providing a peaceful, secluded, sacred, and picturesque setting in which to remember the lives of loved ones, gather one's thoughts, reflect on the past, or simply to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature.

In 1995 Christ Church Parish Kent Island moved from Historic Christ Church to our current location adjacent to Camp Wright, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton providing day and resident camp programs. We continue living God's mission, embracing our history as we look confidently to the future.



Part IX: Twelve Questions

Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry, which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, was a beautiful Kent Island spring morning; it was also the first time since the onset of the COVID pandemic that the parish had the opportunity to worship together at Camp Wright, located on the Chesapeake Bay, owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Easton and directly adjacent to Christ Church. Everyone including our music ministry, altar guild, vestry, eucharistic ministers, parish administration and leadership were joyfully involved in planning for this long-awaited reunion. On that day, the outdoor benches were filled with families, friends, and visitors whose home churches were still closed. The overflowing crowd simply wanted to worship together on this glorious Easter morning. Easter colors of pink and purple were everywhere, crocus and daffodils dotted the worship area. A golden eagle flew past the congregation as our Rector began to welcome everyone. This truly was a moment when God was with us! The joy and love that we shared with each other that day made Easter 2021 truly unforgettable and began the recovery and growth of our parish that continues to this day.

Describe your liturgical style & practice. If your community provides more than one type of worship service, please describe all:

At Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, you will find worship grounded in our congregation's four centuries of living God's mission. From Labor Day through Memorial Day, we celebrate two services: Rite I at 8am & Rite II at 10am.

The early service is generally quieter and more reverent, and for this reason, there are few families that attend at 8am. There is no choir, but musical accompaniment is provided on piano or organ. As one dedicated Rite I attendee describes it, "I not only enjoy the traditions and solemn nature of the early service, but also the hymns and organ."

The Rite II service at 10am includes our full choir, organ, and at times, guest musicians. The hymns at this service are generally traditional, but our choir blends that with more contemporary music for the offering and communion. Preschool and elementary school-aged children are offered Christian education during this service, returning to join their families at the Eucharist.

Given lower attendance during the summer months due to vacations, we pare down to one service, Rite II at 9:30. There is no formal choir, but they do make their presence heard as members of the congregation.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

Christ Church Parish Kent Island is a welcoming and friendly Episcopal church. Without reservation, all are welcome. We value Jesus' teaching of all-inclusive, non-judgmental love. As such, we have attracted new parishioners who find their place in the choir, our Soup Ministry, Backpack Meals for Children, church administration, or serving as ushers, greeters, LEM's and lectors.

Annual ministry fairs are held to highlight our opportunities to serve in all areas of the church. Our Soup Ministry attracts many non-members who enjoy the camaraderie and friendships that develop working in the kitchen, packing and selling to the public and delivering to various shut-ins and senior centers.

Although we make regular announcements and try to invite new members to participate in ministries, we need to focus more on gift discernment, as indicated in our parish survey, and use those to direct and develop more opportunities to practice our call to Lay Ministry.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well- being?

In addition to Sunday services, we feed our souls during evening prayer, bible study and EFM. Our Youth Group meets on Sundays with a dedicated Leader to combine Christian Formation, fun, and a safe place to share their lives with their peers. Our Interim Rector regularly makes home visits and travels to hospitals to pray with the infirmed. Pastoral care is very important to our parish given that the majority of our members are seniors.

Our Parish Nurse holds monthly blood pressure tests and is available to parishioners who may need information or guidance in their health challenges.

To feed our bodies and promote fellowship, we hold monthly parish-family dinners during the school year. These dinners provide us an opportunity to know one another better in a casual setting. The parents spend time cleaning up while our Youth Group meets. We pack up our leftovers and share them with our neighbors at a local assisted living center.

The vestry budgeted monies to start a Stephen Ministry in response to the growing need for pastoral care. To date, we have not begun this effort but are open to this or other ideas to provide spiritual care for all.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

CCPKI is engaged in a variety of missions aimed at caring for our community and the broader Queens Anne's County. Our most impactful mission is the "Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids", where we provide weekend food for children who are food insecure. Each week volunteers at CCPKI provide 170+ bags of food for children at three schools: Bayside Elementary, Kent Island Elementary and Sudlersville Middle School.

Christ Episcopal Church Day School (CECDS) began as an outreach program to the community and today is the oldest day-school program on Kent Island.

CCPKI is one of twenty-two organizational partners in Haven Ministries, a faith-based charitable organization that provides clothing, food, shelter, and support for the neediest in our community. Several parishioners serve as board members and officers of Haven Ministries, while many of our members prepare meals for their homeless shelter and stock the food pantries.

Christ Church is one of the largest congregations in the Easton Diocese. We have hosted our diocese annual convention and will again in 2025. Parishioners have also served on the Standing Committee.

How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

At CCPKI we believe pastoral care is not just a responsibility of clergy but rather a parish-wide responsibility.

We provide a safe and cost-free venue for a variety of recovery groups. We also sponsor Boy Scout Troop 1631; each year on Scouting Sunday we draw our acolytes and lectors from their troop. We open our sanctuary at a minimal cost for funerals of members of the smaller, financially challenged churches in the community.

A prayer list in our Narthex includes those suffering within and outside of our parish community and our Interim Rector shares the Eucharist in a local nursing home in conjunction with other area clergy.

We have, in the past, held free community dinners, and would love to restart that ministry. They became so popular that we struggled to have enough volunteers to provide food to the growing numbers.

We have multiple parishioners who serve on boards or as volunteers to a number of church collaborations in the surrounding areas such as Haven Ministries, and "Sunday Suppers" (a group of church leaders and members who meet regularly to discuss the challenges of the racial issues within the area).

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

During the Covid pandemic, the vestry invested, and our church initiated a live-stream capability for Sunday services, including the music ministry. This allowed us to worship together, albeit not in person. In addition to that new capacity, leadership meetings, sessions for bible and religious studies (EFM), and for book groups were held via Zoom. This remote technology was successfully used to maintain a close connection to our worshipping community. So successful were these efforts during the pandemic, especially the live streaming of Sunday services, that new people, who found us on the web, joined our church. Comments from new members revealed that they were impressed by the church service, the rector's homilies, and the welcoming energy created by all. Unlike most other churches in the area, our choir membership grew after the pandemic due to the on-line engagement we had during Covid. Because of these successes we have continued to live stream our Sunday services where 15 to 20 people join us on-line each Sunday. We know that many more watch our services during the week. Contact Dottie Wilson, at office@ccpki.org.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of future?

Looking to the future, we envision creative ways to make our ministries more accessible. In addition to streaming services, we are making more meetings and study groups available via Zoom. Our EFM program, for instance, is a blended group of CCPKI parishioners and those from other Episcopal churches.

We have recently formed a committee to research and implement unique ways of providing Christian Formation to children. Sadly, families are so busy and Sunday mornings are no exception. We realize the need to incorporate the children into worship and develop programs that fit into a busy family's time commitments. One member of the committee has worked with children's theater groups and developed Sunday school programs. Our vision is to combine those into Christian based productions that encompass elementary and preschool children.

Approximately half of the members of CCPKI are over the age of 55. With the aging of our parish comes the need for additional pastoral care. We appreciate that caring for our own does not lay solely at the feet of our Rector. The average age of our parishioners is Certainly, Stephen Ministry and Licensed Eucharistic Visitors would provide additional band width to reach those at home, in the hospital or those unable to travel.

What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

At CCPKI stewardship is defined broadly. As our mission statement reads, we strive to “Grow in God, to Serve in Christ and to Care in Christian Community.” We use our treasure, time, and talent to ensure vitality in our parish and to help our neighbors. The parish retired a \$1.5 million dollar mortgage on April 22, 2024. When we announced that the balance was at \$100,000.00 the donations poured in at a breathtaking rate. The recent, desperate need for a new roof was fully funded through rapid donations. When we ask, this parish responds.

Our Stewardship campaign is held annually and generally exceeds the goal. We are now asking for what we need as opposed to what we think we can get, and the parish responds. Giving is made easy through QR codes on the bulletins, online and text giving, in addition to the usual plate and mail offerings.

Unfortunately, we still deal with a deficit budget and need to draw from our endowments from time to time. However, as the mortgage is no longer a burden, we have asked our church family to redirect their unpaid mortgage pledges to the Operating Fund and Capital Improvements to better plan for future needs.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

CCPKI faced a true crisis eleven years ago when it became apparent that the Rector at the time needed to be replaced. The parish went through a terrible time of division and faced a substantial fiscal crisis. We held one on one and small group meetings, led by our Senior Warden, to listen to those who were disaffected and angry, and develop a plan for recovery. The parish lost members, but healing began, and a new Priest in Charge brought unity and wholeness to the congregation. Out of this dark time, we learned the benefit of transparency in the work of the Vestry, Finance Committee, and other leadership. We find many ways in which authority can be delegated or shared.

Our recent parish survey indicates that our Conflict Management is strong, with 72% of respondents agreeing that conflict is managed through "mutual effort". Responses also indicate that 92% agree that "the leaders of our church show a genuine concern to know what people are thinking when decisions need to be made". Our Leadership believes that listening and openness are our strongest assets.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

CCPKI is blessed to have members who are active, able, and willing to commit time and treasure to the church and its ministries. Our members are generous with the gifts, yet we are stretched thin because of the church's financial commitments and the number and diversity of its ministries.

As families return to the church, we hired a Youth and Family Coordinator part time. While she did an excellent job with our Middle and High School aged youth and set up a Wiggle Worship Room for preschool children, we neglected the elementary aged group and provided only play and supervision in the Wiggle Room. We are reviewing this position to determine if it is a full-time position or can be supplemented with volunteers.

Our Interim Rector has begun a better habit of Pastoral Care, yet we have an aging population who needs more opportunities for inclusion in terms of care, and education. While we need to provide more to this population, we have a lack of volunteers, and a lack of leaders who have the time and energy to manage it. We have learned that we need more Leadership training and gift discernment to funnel volunteers into satisfying and uplifting work without overtaxing them.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community. (Enter no more than four descriptions made up of one or two- words each. For example: administration, asset management, preaching, pastoral care)

- Preaching
- Pastoral Care
- Strategic Leadership
- Change Management