

COMMUNITY NEWS



TODAY



During this holy season, this service offers a time when we can, with others, acknowledge the “blue” feelings we have at Christmas time, the reasons for them, and offer them to God. Join us for this quiet, contemplative service of hope and healing. Contact Annette Cook at acook@ccgsc.org for more information.

Blue Christmas
DECEMBER 5 | 5:30 PM
MARKLEY CHAPEL

End-Of-Year Giving Information

Thank you for your support of Christ Church in 2023. As you plan for your year-end giving, please make a note of our limited holiday business hours. Between Christmas and New Year's, the church office hours are reduced to allow staff time with their families. The business office will respond to emails and voicemails in a timely fashion. For stock gifts or pledge balances, leave a message for Kristin Bennett at kbennett@ccgsc.org or 864.672.4148. **Business staff will be onsite Wednesday, December 27, and Thursday, December 28, from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM.** Appointments and call-aheads are encouraged. As a reminder, if you are mailing a check, make sure it is postmarked by December 31. To give online, please visit www.ccgsc.org/give.

Christmas Downtown Concert Series Wednesdays December 6, 13, 20 12:05 PM, Church, With Lunch

The season can be filled with hustle and bustle, so stop inside for a moment of peace and beauty. Christmas Downtown concerts feature some of the finest performers in the Upstate in an intimate setting. Concerts are free and followed by a soup and sandwich lunch for \$10. Quarts of soup will also be for sale each week and can be preordered on Christ Church website and picked up between 1:30 and 5:00 PM. \$12.00 per quart. *This program is funded in part by the Metropolitan Arts Council with funds received from the City of Greenville, BMW Manufacturing Company, Michelin North America, Inc., SEW Eurodrive and the South Carolina Arts Commission.*



AT CHRIST CHURCH

In-Person and Online Worship Offerings

Online worship continues to be available on our YouTube Channel:
Channel name: @ChristChurchEpiscopalGVL

Worship Schedule

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I *Markley Chapel*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Historic Church*
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Sunday Evening Worship Schedule

First Sunday of the Month

5:00 PM • Solemn Choral Evensong Church
All other Sundays
5:00 PM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Second Sundays

3:00 PM • Rhythms of Grace, *Markley Chapel*

First and Third Tuesdays

5:30 PM • Healing Eucharist, Rite II *Markley Chapel*

Wednesday

10:30 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite I *Markley Chapel*

For full descriptions and detailed information, please visit our website at www.ccgsc.org.



Save the Date:

December 5 - Blue Christmas Service	acook@ccgsc.org
December 6 - Downtown Concert Series	smarczyński@ccgsc.org
December 7 - Seniors and Vols Advent Party	acook@ccgsc.org
December 9 - Angel Tree Store Opens	abuckner@ccgsc.org
December 9 - Holy Hikes	saraheghall2011@gmail.com
December 10 - Cocoa & Carols	smarczyński@ccgsc.org
December 11 - Christmas Flower Dedications End	kbennett@ccgsc.org
December 13 - Downtown Concert Series	smarczyński@ccgsc.org
December 15 - Stockings for Sterling Seniors End	kmertens@ccgsc.org
December 18 - Children's Communion Reg. Ends	chorn@ccgsc.org
December 20 - Downtown Concert Series	smarczyński@ccgsc.org



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Embrace, Equip, and Empower Apostles to
Serve Jesus Christ.

OUR VALUES

Community, Compassionate, Faithful,
Grateful, and Inviting to All.



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CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

A JOYFUL COMMUNITY SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

December 3, 2023



Welcome

At Christ Church Episcopal, we have been gathering for 200 years as a community to worship God and demonstrate faith in our daily lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you. If you are visiting or are new to our parish, contact Chantal Smith, Director of Welcoming at csmith@ccgsc.org. Otherwise, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera or fill out the blue card in your pew so we may contact you. To learn more, visit our website at www.ccgsc.org or contact us at 864.271.8773.



The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector



A JOYFUL COMMUNITY

Holy Hikes, December 9, 10:00 AM

All are welcome to join us for a Holy Hike at Conestee Nature Preserve. Rev. Scott Fleischer will lead us on a hike and Eucharist outdoors. Holy Hikes® is a Christian network of eco-ministries committed to rebuilding Communion between all of God's Creation. We are committed to a common practice of worshiping God in the beauty of the outdoors and hold liturgical hikes throughout the year. For more information, contact Sarah Hall at saraheghall2011@gmail.com to sign up!

Cocoa & Carols

December 10
4:00 PM, Church



O come, all ye faithful! Join us for our 4th annual, fun and festive Christmas carol sing-along! Bring your stockings to be blessed during a visit from St. Nick and then join us in the churchyard for a bonfire and cocoa!

Christmas at CHRIST CHURCH

Advent 4 • December 24
8:00 AM | Markley Chapel

Solemn Rite II with Eucharist | 10:30 PM | Church*

*Preceded by a 30-minute choral offering
beginning at 10:00 PM.*

Christmas Eve • December 24

Holy Eucharist Rite II | 2:00 PM | Church
Family Service & Christmas Pageant | 4:00 PM |
Church
Holy Eucharist Rite II | 5:00 PM | Markley Chapel
Festal Eucharist Rite II | 6:30 PM | Church

Christmas Day • December 25
10:30 AM | Church

**Carols for Christmastide with Holy Eucharist
December 31**
10:30 AM | Church

Children's Communion Class

January 7, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 9:30 AM, Parish House

These four classes are designed to teach 2nd - 5th graders why we celebrate the Eucharist and how they can participate. Children must attend at least three classes and the celebratory Eucharist. **Register by December 18.** For more information, contact Cara Horn at chorn@ccgsc.org.



SHARING LIFE

Condolences to:

The family and friends of Jane Hicks.
The family and friends of Claire Stuart.

THE
COMMON
TABLE

The Common Table
Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:00 PM



- 5:30 PM - Nursery opens, Children's Sabbath programming begins, adults-only social quarter-hour begins.
- 5:45 PM - Clergy Klatch, Men's Ministry Bible Study and Youth programming begin.
- 6:30 PM - Nursery closes, Children's Sabbath ends, Wednesday Night Suppers serving line opens.
- 7:00 PM - Wednesday Night Suppers line closes, informal Compline is said.

Supper Wednesday, December 6 - Southern pork BBQ with homemade white bbq and southern bbq sauces, Texas toast, Joyce's famous Macaroni and Cheese, Sweet and Dill Pickles, cole slaw and banana pudding for dessert.

Advent Celebration for Senior Adults & Friends of All Ages and our Pastoral Care Volunteers

Thursday, December 7, 11:30 AM, McKissick Refectory

Wassail, eggnog, Karen and Joyce's delicious food, Pin the Tail on the Reindeer... The fun never ends. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Reserve a spot by December 2 with Annette Cook at 864.672.4141 or acook@ccgsc.org.

Greening of the Church, December 23, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join the Altar Guild for a fun morning to decorate our worship spaces for the Christmas services. No prior experience with flowers, greenery, or the Altar Guild is needed, just a desire to help! If you have work gloves or garden clippers, please bring those. For more information, contact Chan Boyd at clboyd7605@gmail.com.

Christ Church & Project Host
Feed The Hungry
...
Weekly Needs:



- Fresh fruit
- Sliced meats
- Raisin boxes
- Granola bars
- Mayonnaise
- Bags of chips
- Cracker packs

Christ Church ...
**Book Distribution
Ministry**

We meet every Wednesday
from 1:30 - 3:30 PM. Contact
Angelle Reichert at
angellereichert@gmail.com



IN JESUS CHRIST

Help us
stock the
store!



Angel Tree Store

Stockings for Sterling Seniors, through December 15

This season, let's continue our Christ Church tradition and help fill stockings for seniors from the Sterling Community. Stockings should be returned no later than December 15 to the bin outside of room 200 in the Parish House. For more information, contact Kevin Mertens at kmertens@ccgsc.org.



2023 Christmas Flower Dedications

Poinsettias and greenery will be used to decorate the Church and Markley Chapel for Christmas services. Donations of \$20 or more and dedications will be received starting tomorrow through Friday, December 11, and will appear in the Christmas bulletins. (Dedications received in person or by mail December 12 and after are appreciated but will not appear in the bulletins.) For more information, contact Kristin Bennett at kbennett@ccgsc.org



Gingerbread Houses at the Grove Park Inn

Wednesday, December 27, 9:30 AM

Tour the fabulous Gingerbread Houses then have lunch at Edison's Restaurant at the Grove Park Inn. We'll need volunteer drivers. Reservations due by December 15 to Annette Cook at 864.672.4141 or acook@ccgsc.org.

Explorers Sunday School Class, Starts this January, 9:30 AM

Are you hungry for fellowship and searching for community with others close to your age? Join fellow parishioners in a new Sunday School offering as we navigate the second half of our lives looking at how scripture speaks to us. Our goal is to share, learn, challenge and build relationships as we explore the lessons of the day. For more information contact Greta Parkinson at tidelandscounsel@aol.com or Claudia Coleman at ccoleman@ccgsc.org.