

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Common Table: Preparing for Advent

November 29 | 5:30 PM  
All Saints Center

On November 29 during The Common Table, we will have a variety of seasonal activities that everyone can enjoy. From practicing carols to making Advent wreaths and Advent Nativity Banners, you won't want to miss this special evening! The following Wednesday evenings we will enjoy Advent-themed programming and the children will prepare for the Christmas pageant which takes place on December 24 at 4:00 PM in the church. For more information, contact Claudia Coleman at [ccoleman@ccgsc.org](mailto:ccoleman@ccgsc.org). Cost varies by activity.



### 2023 Christmas Pageant Rehearsals Starting November 29, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, ASC

Calling all shepherds, angels, shaggy donkeys, and curly horned sheep! All kids 3 years old through 5th grade, including non-Christ Church members, are welcome to join for music, art, and fun! For more information, contact Sarah Marczynski at [smarczynski@ccgsc.org](mailto:smarczynski@ccgsc.org).

GIVING  
TUESDAY

#### Giving Tuesday

Save the Date - Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world. Christ Church plans to participate in Giving Tuesday, and has set a \$15,000 goal to help continue the mission and ministry of the newly-launched Church Street Choral Academy. CSCA brings students from a variety of backgrounds together for tutoring, leadership training, mentoring, and music training. Success begins with a single voice. For more information contact Kristin Bennett at [kbennett@ccgsc.org](mailto:kbennett@ccgsc.org).

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](mailto:acook@ccgsc.org) for more information.

*Blue  
Christmas*  
DECEMBER 5 | 5:30 PM  
MARKLEY CHAPEL

### 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 Dec. 12 and after are appreciated but will not appear in the bulletins.) For more information, contact Kristin Bennett at [kbennett@ccgsc.org](mailto:kbennett@ccgsc.org)



## 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](http://www.ccgsc.org).



## Save the Date:

**November 28** - Giving Tuesday (CSCA)

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**November 29** - Preparing for Advent

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**November 29** - Pageant Rehearsals Begin

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**December 1 - 2** - Men's Ministry Retreat

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**December 3** - Advent Procession of Carols

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**December 3** - Candlelight Fête

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**December 5** - Blue Christmas Service

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**December 6** - Downtown Concert Series

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**December 7** - Seniors and Vols Advent Party

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**December 9** - Angel Tree Store Opens

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**December 9** - Holy Hikes

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**December 10** - Cocoa & Carols

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#### OUR MISSION

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

November 26, 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](mailto: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](http://www.ccgsc.org) or contact us at 864.271.8773.



The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector





## A JOYFUL COMMUNITY



At the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, David Martin will lead our Men's Retreat as we discover what it means to be a husband, father, and pillar within the community as a follower of Jesus in today's world.  
\$150 per registrant | Campfires • Hiking • Fellowship

### Advent Procession of Carols & Candlelight Fête Sunday, December 3

Procession: 5:00 PM, Church

Fête: Approximately 6:00 PM, McKissick (immediately following worship)

Join us for our 7th annual Advent Procession of Carols. This unique service, based on similar services in the great cathedrals of England, was designed especially for Christ Church and our historic church building. The service incorporates the use of each of the liturgical spaces from the bell tower to the sanctuary. The candlelight procession throughout the building commemorates the beginning of the Advent season and recalls the coming of Christ's light into the world. The music for the service is sung by the Christ Church Schola Cantorum and Church Street Choral Academy.



Immediately following our Procession of Advent Carols service, take a walk in the crisp evening air through the churchyard to McKissick Refectory. Come enjoy a special, elegant evening and sip adult beverages followed by our joyous candlelight dinner. For this adults-only event nursery will be available per request to Trudy Bell at [tbell@ccgsc.org](mailto:tbell@ccgsc.org) or by indicating interest on the reservation form. Dinner reservations required by November 30.

### 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. 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.



## SHARING LIFE

### Congratulations to:

The Landis family on the birth of a daughter, Susan Sellers Landis.

### 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, November 29** - Homemade Beef Bolognese Lasagna with Layers of beef, Italian sausage, ricotta, provolone, and mozzarella and Homemade Spinach Lasagna with Layers of spinach, artichoke, provolone, ricotta, and mozzarella with Italian House Salad with Romaine lettuce and Peppermint Ice Cream.

### Voting has concluded for 2023 Vestry Elections

We would like to thank all the candidates who consented to have their names put forward for consideration. The following candidates were elected in the roles of Vestry Member, Diocesan Delegate, and Alternate Delegate in the 2023 Vestry Elections of Christ Church.

#### Vestry

Smyth McKissick, IV  
Mary Holt Murphy  
Phil Peterson  
Angelle Reichert

#### Diocesan Delegate

Betsy Elliott

#### Alternate Delegate

Dan Sterling

### 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](mailto:angellereichert@gmail.com)

450,000 books & counting!

## IN JESUS CHRIST



### 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](mailto:saraheghall2011@gmail.com) to sign up!

### Cocoa & Carols, Sunday, 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!

### 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](mailto:kmertens@ccgsc.org).



### 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](mailto:chorn@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](mailto:tidelandscounsel@aol.com) or Claudia Coleman at [ccoleman@ccgsc.org](mailto:ccoleman@ccgsc.org).