

**Receiving Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church**  
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine of Holy Communion, the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. This is done by holding out your hands to receive the bread. To receive the wine guide the chalice to your lips, or dip the bread into the wine. You may choose not to receive the wine. If you do not wish to receive Communion or have not been bapitized, you may come forward to receive a blessing from the priest. Please indicate this by folding your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available to those who need them, and are kept and administered separately from the other wafers. Please indicate your desire for a gluten-free wafer to the priest. If you have not been baptized and wish to be, please speak to one of the priests following the service.

*If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please notify an usher and the clergy will bring the sacrament to you in your pew.*

**Serving in Worship Today**

The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards, Celebrant & Preacher  
The Venerable Jane Rogers Wilson, Archdeacon  
The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Assisting  
The Rev. Kellie Wilson, Assisting  
Norma Givens, Lay Reader  
Nelson Arrington, Tom Coker & Gayle Saylors, Vergers  
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music  
The Christ Church Parish Choir  
The Christ Church Altar Guild

**The Prayers of the People**

As we pray, please remember the following:  
Janie Ballew, Jane Crowder, Joe MacCabe, Gay Peden, Cory Riedl,  
Linda Robertson, Charlotte Scott, John Waldrop

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of William B. Lyles, III, Mary & St. Claire Knight, and Ainsley Knight, by Christine K. Lyles, Fleming Lyles and Claire K. & Joe Blake.

**Sanctuary Lamp Candle**

The candle in the sanctuary lamp is given to the glory of Almighty God and in thanksgiving for Langdon Sherard Steck and all Confirmands, and in loving memory of Ann Cheves Sherard.

**Christ Church Clergy**

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards**  
*Bishop*

**The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod**  
*Rector*

**The Rev. Kellie Wilson**  
*Senior Associate Rector*

**The Rev. Scott Fleischer**  
*Associate for Pastoral Care*

**The Rev. Lindy Bunch**  
*Associate for Parish Life*

**The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley**  
*CCES Senior Chaplain*

**Regular Worship Schedule**

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

**Sunday Evening**  
*First Sunday of the Month*  
5:00 PM Choral Evensong  
*Historic Church*

*All other Sundays of the Month*  
5:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Markley Chapel*

**Second Sunday of the Month**  
3:00 PM Rhythms of Grace  
*Markley Chapel*

**First & Third Tuesdays of the Month**  
5:30 PM Healing Eucharist, Rite II  
*Markley Chapel*

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

**Christ Church Vestry**

**Bill Hardaway**  
*Senior Warden*

**Bryant Nixon**  
*Junior Warden*

**Betsy Baumgardner**  
*Faith Development*

**Betsy Elliott**  
*Pastoral Care*

**Betty Parker Ellis**  
*Communications*  
*Welcoming Ministries*

**Sam Erwin**  
*Outreach*

**Norma Givens**  
*Worship*

**Julie Haas**  
*Parish Life*

**Dexter Hagy**  
*Resource Development*

**Kay Jenkins**  
*Engagement*

**Paul Landis**  
*Finance*

**Martha Louise Lewis**  
*CCEP & CCES*

**Phil Peterson**  
*Hospitality*

**Cindy Poe**  
*Grounds*

**Chris Klasing**  
*Treasurer*

**Nelson Arrington, III**  
*Assistant Treasurer*

**Cecil Nelson**  
*Chancellor*

**Wade Kolb**  
*Assistant Chancellor*

**Josh Hudson**  
*Secretary of the Vestry*

**Ministry Area Leaders**

Christ Church offers an extensive array of ministries.  
Contact one of these staff members to learn more.

*Faith Development*  
**The Rev. Kellie Wilson**

*Parish Life*  
**The Rev. Lindy Bunch**

*Support*  
**Suzanne Mize**

*Faith in Action*  
**Kevin Mertens**

*Pastoral Care*  
**The Rev. Scott Fleischer**

*Communications*  
**Jessica St. Clair Smith**

*Liturgy and Music*  
**Donald W. Duncan**

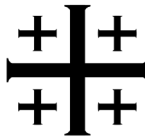
*Christ Church Preschool*  
**Christine Skelton**

*Resource Development*  
**Kristin Bennett**



**CHRIST CHURCH**  
EPISCOPAL  
A JOYFUL COMMUNITY  
SHARING LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST

**WORSHIP LEAFLET**



*The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
HISTORIC CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023  
10:30 AM

**Welcome to Worship at Christ Church**

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad that you have chosen to join us today. In order to assist you in following the service, this worship leaflet provides an outline of today's liturgy. The text of the prayers and other liturgical materials is found in the **Book of Common Prayer** (small red book in pew rack) and the corresponding page numbers in this book are indicated in the worship leaflet by the abbreviation BCP. The hymns and service music are found in the blue **Hymnal 1982** and the corresponding page numbers in this book are indicated in the worship leaflet by No. or S. Instructions for receiving Holy Communion are listed on the inside panel of this leaflet.

**The Word of God**

**Organ Voluntary | Nocturne** Felix Mendelssohn  
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

**Ringing of the Tower Bell**

*The congregation stands at the sound of the tower bell.*

**Hymn in Procession, No. 637** *(standing)* *How firm a foundation*

**Opening Acclamation** **BCP 413**  
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
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.**

**Collect of the Day**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.  
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** *(seated)* **Wisdom 6:12–16**

**The Psalm** **Psalm 70**

The Epistle Lesson1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sequence Hymn, No. 438 (standing) Tell out, my soul, the glory of the Lord

The GospelMatthew 25:1-13

The Sermon (seated)The Right Reverend Daniel P. Richards  
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina

Presentation and Examination of the CandidatesBCP 415

The Baptismal Covenant (standing)BCP 416

Prayers for the CandidatesBCP 305

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation (seated)BCP 418

Concluding Collect (standing)BCP 419

The PeaceBCP 419

Words of Welcome (seated)

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentences

Anthem at the OffertoryChrist Church Parish Choir  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.  
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
  
Text & Music | African-American Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

Presentation Hymn, No. 381, vs. 4 (standing)  
God the Father, Light-Creator,  
to thee laud and honor be;  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee;  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the Holy Trinity.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer ABCP 361

Sanctus et Benedictus (Hymnal, S-129)Robert Powell

Fraction Anthem (Hymnal, S-154)David Hurd

Communion Music  
Agnus Dei (Hymnal, S-163)Robert Powell  
Hymn No. 51We the Lord's people  
Hymn No. 467Sing, my soul, his wondrous love  
Hymn No. 324Let all mortal flesh keep silence

If Lay Eucharistic Visitors are sent out this week, the following is said:

### The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer (kneeling)BCP 365

The Blessing (standing)

Hymn in Procession, No. 436 (standing) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

DismissalBCP 366

Organ Voluntary | Marche PontificaleCharles Gounod  
Donald W. Duncan, Director of Liturgy & Music

## Readings for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The First LessonWisdom 6:12–16  
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.  
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.  
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.  
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,  
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (Sung by the Choir)Psalm 70  
1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.  
  
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed \*  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.  
  
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.  
  
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the Lord!"  
  
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.  
  
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.

The Epistle Lesson1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel LessonMatthew 25:1-13  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.