CURRENTS

Weekly Highlights of Parish Life: November 15 – November 22, 2026

This Week At Christ Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
10:15 am Faith Formation (EdW)
6 pm Book Group (MH)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Offices Closed
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
7 pm Vestry (U)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
10 am Staff Meeting (BL)
1 pm Bible Study (FR)
5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
7:30 pm Chorale (N)
8:30 pm AA (LL)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)
5 pm Evening Prayer (SMC)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (N)
6 pm Community Dinner (U)
6:45 pm Adult Formation (MH)
6:45 pm Youth Gathering (B217)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
8:30 am Morning Prayer (Z)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Offices Closed
11 am Tree Lot (FL)
1:30 pm Chorale (N)
8:30 pm AA (LL)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
8 am Holy Eucharist (N)
8:45 am Coffee Hour (U)
9 am Holy Eucharist (N)
10:15 am Rector's Forum (U)
10:15 am Faith Formation (EdW)
3 pm Pre-Concert Lecture (U)
4 pm Concert (N)
5:30 pm Reception (U)

Location Abbreviations:

BL - Bicknell Library
C - Columbarium
CR - Choir Room
EdW - Education Wing
FL - Front Lawn
FR - Family Room
L - Lobby
LL - Lower Level
N - Nave
O - Offsite
R - Rectory
SMC - Chapel
U - Undercroft
Z - Zoom

Alexander's Feast

– George Frideric Handel



Join the Christ Church Chorale, Orchestra, and soloists in a performance of George Frideric Handel's oratorio *Alexander's Feast*. Written to celebrate the Feast of Saint Cecilia, Handel's vibrantly colorful work moves listeners from heartfelt pity to fiery revenge, and from tender love to transcendent joy.

Tickets $25

Sunday, November 22 | 4 pm
Christ Church Chorale & Orchestra

Rector's Forum

A Biblical Vision of Making for a Culture of Convenience

Today | 10:15 am | Undercroft

Jim Watkins, Ph.D, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Nashotah House will present an exploration of the biblical vision for human creativity and making and what it means in our world of technological convenience today.

All Children are Welcome! Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons for that Sunday. They return to join in our Prayers and to share in the Peace and Holy Communion.

Parish & Community Events

Today at Christ Church

Childcare for infants through age 3 is offered during the 9 am Sunday Eucharist.

- Holy Eucharist ..... 8 am ..... Nave
- Coffee Hour ..... 8:45 am ..... Undercroft
- Holy Eucharist ..... 9 am ..... Nave
- Rector's Forum ..... 10:15 am ..... Undercroft
- Children & Youth Formation ..... 10:15 am ..... Ed. Wing

This Thursday at Christ Church

Dinner this week: Thanksgiving Pot Luck!

- Evening Prayer ..... 5 pm ..... Chapel
- Holy Eucharist ..... 5:30 pm ..... Chapel
- Community Dinner ..... 6 pm ..... Undercroft
- One Big World ..... 6:45 pm ..... Ed. Wing
- Adult Formation ..... 6:45 pm ..... Undercroft

All Parish Thankgsgiving Potluck

November 19 | 6 pm

Everyone's invited for our inaugural Thanksgiving Potluck! We're supplying turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish or dessert, enough to serve 8 – 12 people! Sign up using the QR code.

Christmas is Coming!

Gifts & Greens
Trees & Greens Tree Lot is Open!

Scan the QR code to place your pre-order for Christmas trees, wreaths and garlands! Trees will be available for pick up beginning today. All proceeds benefit the Carstens Literacy Initiative. Visit christchurchgp.org/Christmas for tree lot dates and hours.

Tree Lighting Celebration

November 28 | 5 – 8 pm

Kick off the holiday season on our front porch with carols from our choir, cocoa, crafts and celebration!

Decorate the Church!

December 3 | 6 – 8 pm

Everyone's invited to this community event to help decorate the Cloister and Undercroft plus other parts of the church for Christmas. Pizza will be served!

Children, Youth & Family

Children's Chapel 10:15 – 10:45 am, PK3–4th grade: Children gather at the Children's Cross for the Collect of the Day and dismissal to Children's Chapel to hear the story of Jesus and engage in a meaningful reflection of the lessons.

Atrium Faith Formation
Grades Pre-K – 12

Sundays | 10:15 am

Every Sunday through May, we offer regular faith formation classes and activities for children and youth grades PK3 – 12. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work together to lead our children through age-appropriate lessons, crafts, and interactive discussions as they explore a new theme each week. Parents should drop their children off in the education wing following the service for bagels and formation! The children know the way!.

The Village at Christ Church

Thursday, November 19 | 5 pm

A welcoming community for parents to connect, share, and support one another through the challenges and joys of parenting. The Village fosters real, in-person relationships rooted in shared values, helping families feel known and connected while modeling meaningful community for our children. Open to all parents, free childcare provided. Meets the first and third Thursday. Contact Lisa Brown, **lbrown@christchurchgp.org** for more information.

Christmas Drop and Shop!

December 3 | 5 – 8 pm

Parents! Drop your kids off and we'll feed them dinner and keep them happy while you get your Christmas shopping done!

Hearing Impaired?

If you're struggling to hear the spoken word during a service or event in the nave, we now offer a listening system that streams audio directly to your smart phone and your attached hearing aids or other listening device (such as AirPods or headphones). Belt packs are available on request. To use your smartphone and personal hearing device:

1. Connect to our Wi-Fi: CCGP-Guest, Password: Godlovesyou.
2. Download the free ListenWIFI app from the App Store or Google Play.
3. Open the ListenWIFI app and select the Nave channel.

Questions or issues? Please reach out to a staff member or usher.

Parish & Community Events

Worship & Music

Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the Glory of God.

Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 24 | 7 pm

This year's Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, located at 16 Lakeshore Drive. We will gather with them to celebrate Thanksgiving, offering gratitude to God through our worship. Memorial has also invited us to bring canned food items for donation to a local food pantry.

Join the Choir in London and Lincoln!

July 24 – August 9, 2027

Our choirs frequently travel nationally and internationally. These tours provide our choristers opportunities to build and deepen friendship, celebrate the excellence and success of their work throughout the past year, expand their horizons as they experience new communities and cultures, and deepen their experience and understanding of their spiritual lives. The 2027 tour will be to England, with residencies at Westminster Abbey in London as well as Lincoln Cathedral. For more information on the 2027 trip, please contact Scott Hanoian, shanoian@christchurchgp.org.

Concert: Christmas Concert

Messiah Part I (Dublin 1742)
Sunday, December 13 | 4 pm

Christ Church celebrates the season with Christmas favorites from Ireland, featuring the first part of George Frideric Handel's Messiah as heard at its first performance in Dublin in 1742 and other traditional Irish holiday favorites. Then, the audience is invited to join in to sing some of our favorite Christmas carols and the Hallelujah Chorus.

An Invitation to Shared Discernment

Every fall, the Rector and Vestry appoint a Nominating Committee to discern and call members of Christ Church to serve on the Vestry. This faithful work, however, is never done in isolation and is best done with your prayerful support and participation.

The Nominating Committee invites you to join us in this difficult, yet sacred, task. Please scan the QR code to share with us who you recommend for the Vestry!

Assisting at Services

Altar Guild:
8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Rema Waugh

Eucharistic Ministers:
8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Brendan Walsh
Becca Anderson

Lector:
8 am Susan Tawile
9 am Mil Hurley

Prayers:
8 am Cheryl Wesen
9 am Dominic Bennett

Verger:
9 am Katie Trost

Acolytes:
9 am Catherine Van Culin
Jay Ash
Violet Hakim
Eliza Bennett
Bennett Walsh

Ushers:
9 am Mark Lorenger
Steve Fehniger
Dick Trost

Flowers:
Candy Sweeny
Mike Fournier

We Pray Together

Please leave your written prayer request at our Reception Desk or contact **Fr. Drew** at **rector@christchurchgp.org**.
In order to keep all our prayers for healing meaningful and current, we keep names on the Prayer List for two weeks.

In the Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Clinton; Divine Providence, San Antonio de Guerra, DR.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Church of Chile.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer this week we pray for: Brad & Jenn Richards and children, Morgan and Brennen; Jason & Wendy Richards and children, Duncan and Malcolm; Marilyn Richardson; Rob & Janet Ridder; Roy & Amber Ritchie and children, Sylvie and Calla; Richard Rittenhouse; Rob & Melissa Robb and daughter, Fay; Kathy Robb; Lynne Roby and children, Douglas and Jenna; Bruce Rockwell.

We offer prayers for: Barb, Barbara, Ben, Cheryl, Chris, Cindy, Joseph, Katie, Ken, Kevin, Stan, Struby, Tina, Tom.

In celebration for the birthdays and anniversaries of: Elizabeth Alcott; Tom Keating; Bill Costello; Kelly Walsh; Sandra Rudolph; Craig Hupp; George Sutton; Cindy McMahon; Wells Colman; Dick Trost; Robert Alcantara; Gretchen Costello; Mark & Susan Lorenger; Patrick & Mary Mansfield.

Lessons for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Lessons for next week: Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 | Psalm 95:1-7a |
Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46

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