



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Extending the Love and Embrace of Christ
The Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.*

Sunday, November 17, 2024 | Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME HOME!

Welcome to worship at Christ Episcopal Church. If this is your first time with us, we invite you to complete a visitor's form. Our website provides up to date information about our vibrant church community: christchurchcolumbia.org. This bulletin contains all you need to join us in worship, everyone is welcome to receive communion at God's table, and the clergy are happy to speak with you at any time.

We are delighted you're here – welcome home!

**PRELUDE |
OPENING HYMN 607 | O God of Every Nation**

Llanglofan

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

OPENING ACCLAMATION |

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY |

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA S 280 | Glory to God

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT |

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON | Daniel 12:1-3

Reader: A reading from Daniel

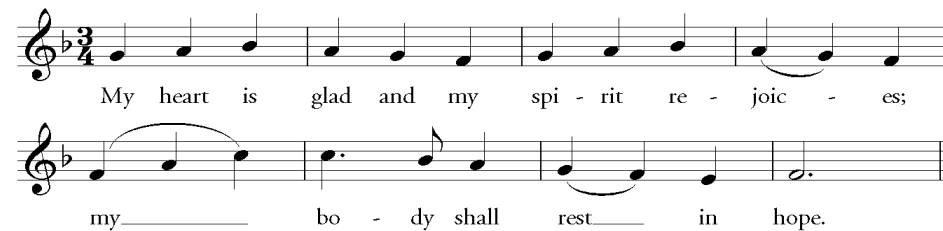
The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM |

Psalm 16 | Conserva me, Domine



My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body shall rest in hope.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

Antiphon

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

Antiphon

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE | Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Reader: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

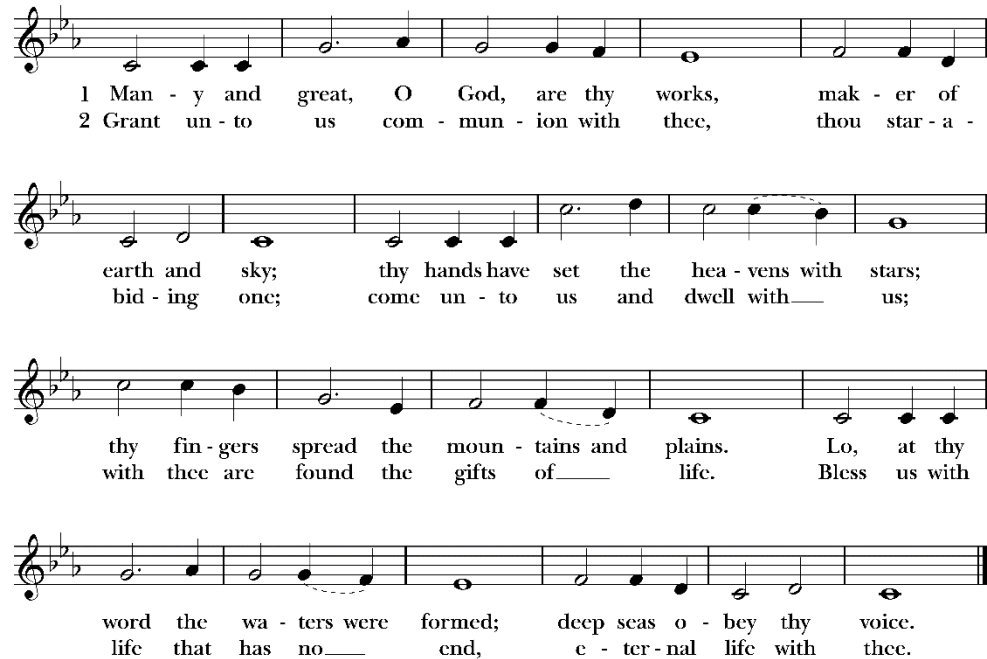
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able.



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with thee, thou star - a -

earth and sky; thy hands have set the hea - vens with stars;
bid - ing one; come un - to us and dwell with us;

thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy
with thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.
life that has no end, c - ter - nal life with thee.

THE GOSPEL | Mark 13:1-8

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN | Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley



Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,



Make Thy way plain be - fore Thy face.

9 Optional Ending



For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord on - ly, that

13



mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

THE SERMON | The Rev. Canon Joanna White, *Canon for Pastoral Services, Chaplain to Clergy, Diocese of Maryland*

The people stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED |

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE |

The sovereignty and love of our Lord is the true reality in our lives. God is the eternal Creator and Redeemer: He alone sustains us. Let us realize the beauty, opportunity and promise of relationship that await us every morning and with gratitude and humility greet each new day. **Lord, You are our dwelling place**

We pray for the worldwide church. May the light of Christ shine throughout the Earth. May our divisions be resolved. May the Body of Christ offer hope and peace, to end violence, oppression, poverty and the burden of disease. May we strive through God's gifts of knowledge and abundant natural resources to improve the lives of all humankind. We ask God's blessing on the Anglican Communion, and especially for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We also extend our prayers to our sister parishes of: St. Andrew's, Pasadena, St. Margaret's, Annapolis, and St. Martin's in the Field, Severna Park. We are so grateful for the Spiritual leadership of our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Diocesan Bishop, Carrie, our Rector, Emmanuel, our Postulants, Kiona, Mike, and Rebecca, our Associate Rector Emeritus, Marcia, and our Rector Emeritus, Richard. **May God's grace and love fill our hearts and souls**

We warmly embrace all newcomers and visitors who have joined us today in our time of worship and praise. We hope that our music, Eucharist and fellowship have enriched your lives today. We are a welcoming community of faith and we love to share our joy. **Let us encourage each other, to the Glory of God**

We remember those who are ill and unable to be with us today, especially Wayne, Theo, Ronald, Dolores, Edvon, Kitzel, Claudia, Sarah, Rachan, Ian, Jerry, Kristin, Kim, Sabrina, Jim, Erica, Marilyn, Carolyn, Mary Ann, Barbara, Cindy, Tim, Sherry, Roberta, Samuel, Ashley, Alta, Mildred & Nell. We ask the Lord's healing touch- to comfort and to bring wholeness in body, mind and spirit to all. We also ask God to grant strength to the family members and caregivers who give so much love and help to those who are in need. **Let us lift our eyes to the Lord**

Lord, you are the author of our salvation and our everlasting hope. We hold up in prayer, those who have died and entered your eternal kingdom, especially Marie Chrzanowski and those you name. Lord, hold in your loving arms those who grieve. May the pain of their separation be healed. **May the Light of Your presence be with us, always**

Our Parish celebrates the occasions of joy in our lives. Today we share our warmest wishes on the birthdays of Alexander, William, Diane, Mary, De Jong & Nick, the wedding anniversaries of Linda & Steve Alpern, and the Baptismal anniversary of Tom. **Lord, you bless us with your Goodness and Love**

May Jesus, who entrusts us with the keys of the Kingdom, help us to be faithful stewards of His Truth and Grace. May we invest our time, our talents, our energy and passion into nurturing the growth of God's people in the world. **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SIN |

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE |

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord and then be seated.

PASSING THE PEACE | I Love You with the Love of the Lord

Jim Gilbert

I love you with the love of the Lord,
Yes, I love you with the love of the Lord.
I can see in you the glory of my King
And I love you with the love of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS |

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM | For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Please scan to give.



DOXOLOGY HYMN 380 (v. 1) |

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 him thanks and praise.**

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

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



Ho-ly, ho - ly, - ho-ly, ho - ly - ho-ly - Lord God - of hosts -
- Heav-en and earth - are - filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in - the -
high - est - ! Bless-ed is the One who - comes in the name - of the Lord, -
- of the Lord - Ho - san - na - in the high - est, Ho - san-na
in - the - high - est.

Celebrant: 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."

Celebrant: 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:

All:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER |

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM LEVAS 270 | Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: _____ grant us peace.



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER |

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS' PRAYER | 8:00 a.m. service

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

THE BLESSING |

The Celebrant offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 680 | O God Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun,
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

THE DISMISSAL |

The Celebrant dismisses the people, who respond:

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE |

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2024

CELEBRANTS

The Rev. Canon M. Joanna White, Canon for Pastoral Services, Diocese of Maryland
The Rev. Marcia Davenport, Associate Rector Emeritus, Christ Church

8:00 A.M. IN NEW BRICK

Lector/Chalicer: Joan Harvey

Usher: Jo Emily Knox

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Joan Harvey

10:30 A.M. IN NEW BRICK

Lector: Greg Schuckman

Ushers: Isaac Olajide, Yetti Lipede, Jane Adams, Cherry Williams, Betty Dagne, Alex
Amponsah, Hope & Eva Oladipupo

Chalicer: Cheryl Lucente


Acolytes: Mikailu Sheriff, Ava Fox, James Mercer

Altar Guild: Jan DeBoissiere, Virginia Jarrett

Tellers: Jenny Cecil, Maggie Thompson

WE ALWAYS WELCOME MORE VOLUNTEERS.

To take part in our worship, speak with Yetti or
email office@christchurchcolumbia.org



You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:11

PARISH CALENDAR

November 17 to November 24

Sunday, November 17

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist – Old Brick
8:45 am	Coffee Hour – Old Brick
9:00 am	Family Worship Service – New Brick, upper level
9:30 am	Sunday Circle – Old Brick & Zoom
9:30 am	Sunday School – New Brick & Parish Hall
9:30 am	Parents Group – New Brick, lower level
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist w/music – New Brick, upper level
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
11:40 am – 1:30 pm	Friends-Giving Dinner – New Brick, lower level
12:30 – 5:30 pm	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick
1:15 – 5:45 pm	Sundays at Three – New Brick, upper level
1:30 – 4:00 pm	EFM – Parish Hall, conference room & Zoom

Monday, November 18

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
6:00 – 8:30 pm	Food Addicts Anonymous – New Brick, lower level
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Centering Prayer – Old Brick
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, November 19

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Weekly Staff Meeting – Zoom
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 9:30 pm	The Harmonicham Players – New Brick, upper level

Wednesday, November 20

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics – Parish Hall, lower level

Thursday, November 21

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Howard County Homeschool – New Brick, lower level
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Health Ministry Meeting – Zoom
6:45 – 7:30 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – New Brick, upper level
7:30 – 9:00 pm	CEC Book Club – Zoom
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Boy Scouts – New Brick, lower level

Friday, November 22

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
7:00 am	Morning Prayer Livestream
7:00 pm	Evening Prayer Livestream
8:00 pm – 12:00 am	Tabernacle of David Church – Old Brick

Saturday, November 23

All Day	Fr. Manny's Sabbatical
All Day	Angel Tree setup
11:00 – 4:00 pm	Daramaja Event
1:00 – 3:30 pm	AA Meeting – Parish Hall, lower level

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement to share with the parish, please submit by Tuesday evening.
Send to communications@christchurchcolumbia.org

Father Manny's Fall Sabbatical

Beginning this weekend, Father Manny will take the remainder of his sabbatical. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins by travelling to Ghana. He will return to Christ Church in mid-December, so for all pastoral needs while he's away, please contact Mother Marcia Davenport by emailing her at revmarcia@christchurchcolumbia.org, or call the church office.

Pledge to Christ Church for 2025

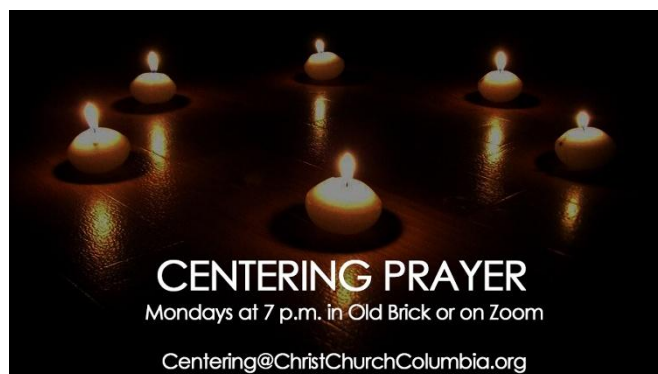
We are so blessed to have a community of dedicated parishioners who support our ministry of faithful service, and we hope that each parishioner will prayerfully consider their contribution to Christ Church. You may pick up a pledge card in the Narthex to complete, or you can safely complete one electronically on our website - www.christchurchcolumbia.org/pledge-2025

Altar Flowers and Gifts

If you would like to present altar flowers and gifts in dedication or celebration of a loved one on any upcoming service, you can do so by using our [Realm Online Giving Form](#); just choose "Altar Flowers and Gifts" from the *FUND* dropdown menu, and place the dedication name(s) and service date in the *MEMO* line. Then please email or call the church office and let them know, and we'll be sure to place an acknowledgment in the Sunday service leaflet for that day.

Centering Prayer - Mondays

Centering Prayer is a special evening prayer gathering that can help lead to a more intimate union with God and a more powerful experience of God's presence in our lives. This active presence heals, transforms, and offers freedom and peace. We are a hybrid gathering, so be with us in Old Brick or online via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Monday evenings.



Christ Church Choir - Thursdays

Singers and music lovers, come lift your voice! The Christ Church Choirs rehearse in New Brick on Thursday evenings, and anyone is welcome to join us. Handbell Choir meets from 6:45-7:30 p.m. and Adult Choir meets from 7:30-9:00 p.m. You don't need to know how to read music, so whether you have previous experience or are ready to commit or not, there's a place for you in our choirs. If you're interested, please speak with Larissa on Sundays, email her at music@christchurchcolumbia.org

Christ Church Book Club - Thursday Evenings

The CEC Book Club returns to conclude their discussion of David Brooks' *The Road to Character*. A new book is on the horizon, so if you're interested in reading and discussing great books with a friendly, engaging, and welcoming group of fellow parishioners, the CEC Book Club might be for you! If you have any questions, email bookclub@christchurchcolumbia.org.

Thanksgiving Day at Christ Church - November 28

Come join us at 10 a.m. for the Thanksgiving Day Eucharist in New Brick. We welcome everyone to gather with us, but we will also livestream the service on [our website](#), [YouTube](#), and [Facebook](#) pages so you can worship and give thanks from wherever you are.

Church Office is Closed on November 28 & 29

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, in observance of Thanksgiving, and it will reopen on Monday, December 2nd.

Advent and Christmas Flowers and Music

Flowers and Music donations in memory or dedication of a loved one during the Advent and Christmas season are gratefully accepted, as these help fund the wonderful greenery, flowers, and musicians that assist in bringing this season to life for everyone. There are two ways you can donate - you can do so digitally using our [Online Giving Form](#) and simply select "Christmas Flowers & Music" or "Christmas General Offering" from the *FUND* dropdown menu and write the dedication name(s) on the *MEMO* line. If doing so by check, you'll soon find both Christmas envelopes in the Narthex and in Old Brick. When using either method, please be sure to submit yours no later than Friday, December 20th.



Advent Quiet Day - December 7

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for Advent Quiet Day on Saturday morning, December 2nd. This important Christ Church tradition, presented by the Spiritual Life Commission, marks the start of the Advent season and helps us to focus and retain our perspective in these hectic weeks leading up to Christmas.

We'll gather in Old Brick for an informal breakfast and conversation at 8:30 a.m. and then take part in a morning of readings, spirited discussions, shared community, and periods for quiet meditation. Our retreat then concludes around 12 noon with an informal Eucharist. It's a very special gathering each year, and we hope that you'll join us as we let the Light enter our feelings and actions to help make this a remarkable and joyous Christmas season. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but mark your calendars now.

It's an Ugly Christmas First Wednesday Fellowship! - December 4

Get your ugly Christmas sweaters out of storage and prepare for a fun FWF to cap off the year. We'll provide the main dish, but please bring side dishes and desserts to share and enjoy. Of course, this event wouldn't be complete without an Ugly Sweater Contest and a little Christmas Bingo will liven up the gang, so be sure to gather with us at 6 pm. in the Great Hall.

WOCC Christmas Feast - December 8

On Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m., we will gather for our annual Christmas Feast at The King's Contrivance Restaurant, and we hope you'll all come! You can sign up using the sheet in the Narthex. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, December 1st.

Movies in December - December 13 & 14

George Toth will host two films over the second weekend in December. On Friday, December 13th, the film *The Christmas Candle* will be shown, and you can learn about the film and see a trailer [here](#). The next morning at The Center for Spiritual Nourishment, *The Privileged Planet* ([view the trailer here](#)) will be shown. There is also a holiday showing of *A Christmas Carol* ([view trailer](#)) on Friday, December 27th. Want to host a film in the CEC Theatre? [Let us know!](#)

Kiona's Ordination - December 14

Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent will ordain Kiona Lookingbill, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, to the Sacred Order of Deacons. This service takes place on Saturday, December 14th, and parishioners can gather at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore at 11:00 a.m.

MOCC Christmas Party – December 14

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday the 14th from 2:30 - 6:00 p.m. at The Kings Contrivance Restaurant. There is sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The all-inclusive price will be \$65 per person and includes a meal with regular beverages (water, soda, tea, coffee). A cash bar will be available. Payment can be made via Realm (choose the "MOCC" fund), by checks made payable to Christ Church ("MOCC" in the memo line), or via Zelle (speak with Duane Smith at church). Please sign up and submit payment by Sunday, December 8th, so we know how many spaces to reserve.

Parents, Take an Evening Off! - December 20

Christ Church's Youth Ministry will provide entertainment and babysitting on Friday evening, December 20th, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall while the parents do their Christmas shopping or go on a date - or just relax! The kids can look forward to Christmas cookie decorating, card-making, and ornament crafting. There will be cookies and cider, hot chocolate, Christmas music, and Christmas movies to get us all in the Christmas spirit!



Thank You for Joining Our 300th Anniversary Gathering Last Sunday

Thanks to everyone who joined us after worship last Sunday for a brainstorming discussion on Christ Church's 300th Anniversary and its future. We are always looking for more people to provide their input and would love to have you join us to make the 300th celebrations the best they can be. It is clearly a massive milestone for our church, and we encourage everyone to consider being a part of this historic occasion. If you are interested, please speak with Robin Bradley at church, [complete the brief contact form at christchurchcolumbia.org/300](#), or email 300@christchurchcolumbia.org.



Help Support Our Youth Ministry!
Advent & Christmas Wreath-Making Fundraiser
Sunday, December 1

The Christ Church Youth Ministry hosts a perfect holiday season starter, the Advent & Christmas Wreath-Making Fundraiser! We hope you'll come and support the youth's efforts as they raise funds to help their many programs and outreach initiatives. Join us in New Brick's Great Hall after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 1st.

A suggested donation of \$50 per wreath kit will help fund our Youth Ministry, but kits are free to those who volunteer for the event, and includes everything you need to create a gorgeous wreath or centerpiece to help bring holiday spirit to your home. Beverages, holiday treats, and Christmas music will be provided.

If you can't make it to the Fundraiser, don't worry - we'll have ordering information around the campus soon. You can place an order, and we will make it for you! Speak with or email Kiona if you'd like more information.



A First-Hand Report: Our Gift of Hearing Aids Helps Somos Amigos' Patient Emilio Find Work and Brighter Prospects for His Life in the Dominican Republic

A year ago, Christ Church came through for a young man impaired by congenital hearing loss. Emilio had been a patient of Somos Amigos Medical Missions (SA) since boyhood and, at age 23, needed high-quality hearing aids to lead a fulfilling life.

Christ Church has partnered with Somos Amigos when a patient such as Emilio requires advanced treatment. Audiologists recommended hearing aids, accessories, and fittings at a cost of \$3,500. In response, the Outreach Commission donated \$1,000 in vestry-approved budget funds and parishioners raised the balance. Thanks!

“You have been a blessing to Emilio,” said Outreach member Dione Mahoney, who met with him once more while volunteering last month at the quarterly clinic in the Dominican Republic (see photo). “I was able to easily converse with Emilio, and he shared with me the good news of having employment now! Those hearing aids made both things possible — communication and the ability to work for a living. Both priceless!”

Dione and her sister, Desiree, were translators during the Oct. 12-19 clinic in Naranjito, where Dominican and Haitian patients received dental and medical care. “On this trip, we had three emergencies: a young man in a motorcycle accident, a woman with dangerously high blood pressure, and a grandmother in severe pain after hitting a bump on the motorcycle transporting her. Our Dominican physician volunteer, who happened to be an ER doctor, tended to the young man’s lacerations, stabilized his fractured wrist, and sent him to the next town’s hospital for X-rays and evaluation,” she said. The other cases also were handled smoothly: “Three lives impacted in a few short hours.”

Somos Amigos Executive Director Frank Brightwell points out that the clinic continues to incorporate local healthcare providers into its teams. In October, physicians saw 362 patients, including 52 children; dentists saw 252, including 45 children. “These figures represent our working at nearly full capacity; that is, nearly every appointment slot was taken. Our goal with expansion is to accommodate many more patients than we are currently able,” he said.

Christ Church regularly supports Somos Amigos, in keeping with the Outreach mission statement, to help those in need through organizations that are local, national, and international. In September, we gave \$1,000 in Vestry-approved funds to its insulin program, an initiative founded in memory of a patient, Tomasina.

With the recent addition of two more, the diabetes program has 26 patients. “I love to see how it continues to grow,” he said. Learn more about the insulin program and overall expansion plans when Brightwell next visits Christ Church on March 9, 2025. He delivered the sermon of Feb. 25, 2024 on his last visit.

Please Pitch In! Bring Holiday Sides and Staples by this Thursday, Nov. 21 for our Thanksgiving Drive for the Howard County Food Bank

Please make Thanksgiving special for those who utilize the Howard County Food Bank to feed their families. The Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC), which operates the food bank, is preparing to distribute "Holiday Meal Kits" to more than 1,000 people for Thanksgiving and another 1,000 around Christmas. Our annual collection ends on Thursday, Nov. 21 to help make this happen.

Complete the menu by bringing non-perishable sides: boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and canned fruits and vegetables. Because household pantries often are bare this time of year, please add staples such as canned beans, soups, tuna, pasta and sauce, rice, peanut butter, and spices. Put items on the Narthex table or in a yellow bin marked “Thanksgiving Food Drive” on the breezeway near the door to Old Brick. NOTE: *No pies, other desserts or rolls due to perishability.*

Help the Homeless this Monday, Nov. 11, by Preparing a Dish for Grassroots’ Live-In Facility or Serving a Meal at the Day Resource Center

On the second Monday of each month, Christ Church provides a hot midday meal for the homeless at the Day Resource Center (DRC) and drops off dinner at a live-in shelter for 50 residents. We last participated on Oct. 14th. Both DRC and Grassroots are operated by the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center. A team led by parishioner Shakra Toth makes side dishes and desserts that we serve in person after carpooling to the DRC.

To join us on Monday, Nov. 11, please check our DRC online signup form, which describes the midday meal procedure. Drop-off time is 12:45 p.m. in the parking lot near Old Brick for DRC’s side dishes. Later, parishioners who cook or shop for the evening meal at Grassroots’ Live-In Facility arrive in the Old Brick parking lot between 3:15 and 3:30 p.m. Get details in our Grassroots online signup form. Grassroots staff serves the evening meal. It’s efficient to provide for both venues on the same day. Your donations and Vestry-approved funds pay for the fried-chicken entrees. Thank you!

Recently, your generosity helped ease life for our homeless neighbors, who rely on sundries from the DRC pantry in Jessup. The staff requested our help to replenish supplies. In response, the Outreach Commission approved spending \$326 for the goods, which included 40 pairs of women’s underwear, 36 pairs of men’s underwear, canned beans and vegetables, and 17 jars each of peanut butter and jelly. These were purchased with funds donated to the church by parishioners who give to “General Outreach” or specifically to DRC or Grassroots. A hearty thanks!

Display Crafts or Shop at the Cedar Lane Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16

If you're an artisan or a shopper looking for handmade crafts, please participate in the Holiday Bazaar & Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 11630 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton, MD, 20759. The event is being organized by Christ Church parishioner Amanda Cheong and sponsored by Cedar Lane School PTA. Find details for vendors and shoppers on [its Facebook page events entry](#).

Help Families in Need by Filling the Altar Basket and our FISH Bin on the Breezeway

If you are concerned about people in our midst who are going hungry, please consider regularly donating non-perishables to [FISH](#) of Howard County. Put groceries and/or toiletries in the altar basket in New Brick or in a marked yellow bin on the breezeway between Old Brick and Parish Hall. FISH provides committed support to select families in need. The neighbors you help give thanks for all you do in their support.

Columbia Community Care Needs Diapers, Recruits Volunteers of All Ages

[Columbia Community Care](#) (CCC) keeps its pantry open each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in hopes of attracting youth who earn community service credits at their public schools by sorting supplies. Also, teens can help at upcoming events. Find options on the [CCC Facebook Group](#). Go online to [learn how to volunteer](#).

Those who need groceries and other necessities can find information by going online to [“Get Help”](#) on CCC's website.

CCC continues to request baby-care items and diapers, especially sizes 4-6. Put these along with sanitary and personal care items and adult diapers in the yellow bin, marked “CCC,” inside the Parish Hall. Drop off items on weekdays when the church office is open or on Sundays. The Christ Church point of contact is Leigh Smith, who monitors the bin and delivers items.



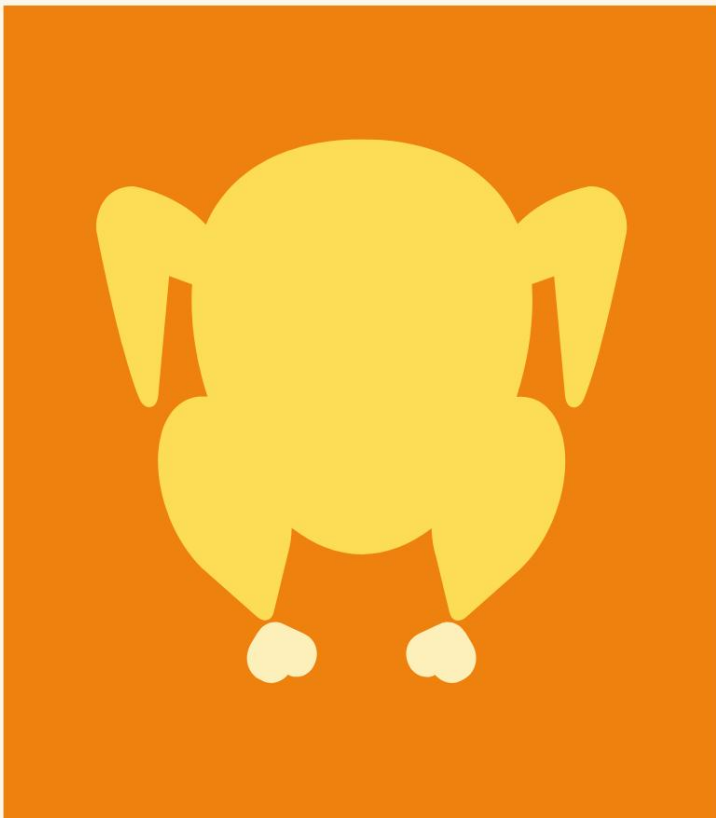
In general, if you have suggestions about ways to help the community, if you want to get involved, or if you need assistance, please email Christ Church Outreach at outreach@christchurchcolumbia.org. Your help is greatly welcomed and appreciated. Thank you.

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with all the fixings.

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THOUGHTS FROM A PARISHIONER

May our thoughts and praise glorify the Lord in this time.

In Paul's letter to the Hebrews, verses 19-25, we heard these words: *“Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”*

Speaking of water, on the Eastern Shore, a few blocks from the gentle Chop Tank River is Christ Church in Cambridge, MD. It is a place like this one, full of life and love. A man told me about finding Cambridge and said that he and his wife found the same kind of hospitality there as we extended to them here in Columbia, when they first visited with us during Lent in 2023.

He went on to tell me about the IronMan competition that took place in Cambridge this past August, and particularly the swimming at the start of the competition. IronMan is a big deal to many people, an extreme endurance event that can last 12 hours or more for some. 3,500 men and women of all ages entered the water as the sun was rising. However, a few had to be rescued before completing their 2.1-mile swim.

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Standing near the tent observing the first responders, our friend said that the scene reminded him of the Parable of the Little Life Saving Station. This is how it goes:

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there once was a crude little life-saving station.

The building was just a simple shack, and there was only one boat. The few devoted rescuers kept a constant watch over the sea.

And with no thought for themselves or their own safety, they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, and it became famous. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding areas wanted to be associated with the station and give their time, money, and effort to support its work. New boats were bought, and new crews were trained. The little life station grew.

Some of the new rescuers at the life-saving station were unhappy that the shack was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge for those saved from the sea. So, they replaced emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building.

Now, the little life-saving station has become a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it as a sort of clubhouse.

Few rescuers were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired boat crews to do the work. The mission of the station was still given lip service, yet most members were too busy or lacked the commitment to take part in the life-saving activities personally.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crew brought in boat loads of cold, wet, and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, and some of them were lacking in education and family connections; many spoke different languages or were different in their cultural behaviors. The beautiful club was considerably messed up.

So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the clubhouse where the victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

Pretty soon, there was dissension among the station members. Many of them wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities because they had become unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal life of the club.

The man told me that the original version of this parable ended with the beautiful club becoming divided and new clubs being formed and located on the same beach. And the new clubs were very comfortable. Yet, people kept drowning. The man said that he remained confident that the Lord would never give up trying to raise up new life-savers and equip His stewards in their faith and ministries. As Paul reminded the Hebrews, ***“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.”*** And so it will be true today when we turn to God for his help.

We stand individually and collectively at the door of stewardship every day. The same man who talked about the parable of the Little Life Saving Station also mentioned a poem. He said this poem was passed along by another friend who is devoted to helping children inside the church and within the community. The poem underscores the importance of welcoming as an act of stewardship. It describes a “door-keeper” who is placed in a position to serve and give people a hand. Look around and think about how many in this place of worship have offered someone a

hand, opened a door, or kept us from running away....The poem's lines may encourage you to try something new as you consider your choices in stewardship. Here's how it goes, as written by Sam Shoemaker, of the Oxford Group:

*I stand by the door.
I neither go to far in, nor stay to far out.
The door is the most important door in the world -
It is the door through which men walk when they find God.
There is no use my going way inside and staying there,
When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,
Crave to know where the door is.
And all that so many ever find
Is only the wall where the door ought to be.
They creep along the wall like blind men,
With outstretched, groping hands,
Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,
Yet they never find it.
So I stand by the door.*

*The most tremendous thing in the world
Is for men to find that door - the door to God.
The most important thing that any man can do
Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands
And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks
And opens to the man's own touch.*

*Men die outside the door, as starving beggars die
On cold nights in cruel cities in the dead of winter.
Die for want of what is within their grasp.
They live on the other side of it - live because they have not found it.*

*Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it,
And open it, and walk in, and find Him.
So I stand by the door.*

*Go in great saints; go all the way in -
Go way down into the cavernous cellars,
And way up into the spacious attics.
It is a vast, roomy house, this house where God is.
Go into the deepest of hidden casements,
Of withdrawal, of silence, of sainthood.
Some must inhabit those inner rooms
And know the depths and heights of God,
And call outside to the rest of us how wonderful it is.
Sometimes I take a deeper look in.
Sometimes venture in a little farther,
But my place seems closer to the opening.
So I stand by the door.*

*There is another reason why I stand there.
Some people get part way in and become afraid
Lest God and the zeal of His house devour them;
For God is so very great and asks all of us.
And these people feel a cosmic claustrophobia
And want to get out. 'Let me out!' they cry.
And the people way inside only terrify them more.
Somebody must be by the door to tell them that they are spoiled.
For the old life, they have seen too much:
One taste of God and nothing but God will do any more.
Somebody must be watching for the frightened
Who seek to sneak out just where they came in,
To tell them how much better it is inside.
The people too far in do not see how near these are
To leaving - preoccupied with the wonder of it all.
Somebody must watch for those who have entered the door
But would like to run away. So for them too,
I stand by the door.*

*I admire the people who go way in.
But I wish they would not forget how it was
Before they got in. Then they would be able to help
The people who have not yet even found the door.
Or the people who want to run away again from God.
You can go in too deeply and stay in too long
And forget the people outside the door.
As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,
Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there,
But not so far from men as not to hear them,
And remember they are there too.*

*Where? Outside the door -
Thousands of them. Millions of them.
But - more important for me -
One of them, two of them, ten of them.
Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.
So I shall stand by the door and wait
For those who seek it.*

*'I had rather be a door-keeper
So I stand by the door.*

Finally, sisters and brothers, as we go out into the world from here as generous stewards, may the Lord bless us and make his face shine upon all us, and may we also remember these words from Paul to the Hebrews, ***“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”***

The word of the Lord. Amen
Lee Gaby

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