

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025

Welcome to Christ Church Alexandria!

Christ Church embodies God's unbounded love by embracing, liberating, and empowering people, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith. If you are new to Christ Church, please fill out a welcome card, which can be scanned via QR code in your bulletin, or at the bottom of this page. Restrooms can be found on the first floor of Memorial Parish Hall, located across the churchyard. An infant caring room is also available in the Parish Hall, up the stairs to the right of the main entrance, for children five and under. We are glad you're here!

TODAY – WELCOME ROB RADTKE

Today welcome Rob Radtke, President & CEO of Episcopal Relief & Development as guest preacher and to lead Sunday's forum

Sunday Forum | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit www.historicchristchurch.org/events

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum – Meade Room
9:00 a.m. Sunday School – Fowler House
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)
12:15 p.m. Monday Concert

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Have Mercy Discussion – Meade Room
7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Library
7:00 p.m. EFM – Teen Center
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:30 p.m. LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith – Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

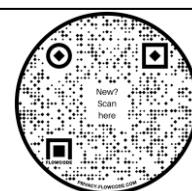
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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Various groups meet regularly
at Christ Church during the week.
Please check our online calendar for specifics.
(www.HistoricChristChurch.org/events)



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to ParishLife@ccalex.org.

Giving Makes us Feel Good!

Neuroscience proves that giving makes us feel good. Practicing generosity releases oxytocin and dopamine: the feel-good hormones that promote happiness, trust, and community. Giving makes us cheerful - and as everyone at Christ Church knows, "God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Wanna try? You can give through - wait for it - cash, check, ACH, debit card, credit card, Apple Pay, Google Pay, PayPal, Benevity, DAFs, RMDs, and stock. Don't see your favorite option listed here? Let us know!

See our QR codes in Parish Life and the bulletin, or connect with Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4935

Sunday Lunch for Furloughed Workers

Sunday | 11:30 a.m.

Community always matters but community is vital in time of complexity and confusion. We're offering lunch and conversation with others who are furloughed, working without pay, or facing RIFT.

Monday Concert Series | 12:15 p.m. | October 13

Second Monday of the Month | October through May

The first concert in the series will be Organ Works of Bach, Willis, and Bridge featuring Paul Byssainthe, Jr., associate organist at The Riverside Church in New York City. There is no admission for these concerts, though we hope audience members will support the series with a goodwill donation of any amount (suggested amount: \$10). These 45-minute programs include solo performers and chamber musicians based in DC, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. The full schedule is here: www.historicchristchurch.org/music

LGBTQ+ Theology and Faith | 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

First and Third Thursday of the month | Library
LGBTQ+ parishioners gather every first and third Thursday for conversation about the relationship between their spiritual journeys and their coming out journeys. Through prayerful study of scripture in a safe, open, and loving space, we will seek a deeper understanding of our faith, our lived experiences, and our relationship with Jesus. For more information, please contact Terry Brown at terrymbrown1@me.com.

Betsy's Breakfast | October 19 | Auditorium

Breakfast is served in the Auditorium from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.! Next week's menu is Farmers' Stand Egg Frittata, Chicken and Waffles, Breakfast Potatoes, Sausage and Bacon, Jack's Biscuits and Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Smoked Salmon Platter, Bob's Doughnuts.

Christ Church Democracy Circle | October 19

Following the Presiding Bishop's call for us to be "Christians who seek to practice our faith fully in a free and fair democracy," Christ Church's Democracy Circle is one of nearly 100 that have sprung up nationwide. We'll meet in McMurray Commons on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 11:30 with the purpose of understanding and strengthening U.S. Constitutional democracy for the long-term. Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

All Saints' Sunday

At our Requiem service on November 2 at 5:00 p.m., we will remember the faithful departed in our prayers. If you have a specific person(s) you wish to be remembered, please email Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org before October 24 to be included.

Stewards of the Dirt | October 25

Fall is here and it is time to start preparing the church gardens for the coming winter. The Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the churchyard, and we could use your help. If you would like to join us and help keep our grounds looking beautiful, please contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on October 25.

Care for Creation, Clean Up the River | October 25

Led by the Potomac Riverkeeper Network, Christ Church will clean up the river at Oronoco Bay Park on Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our time together will begin and end with brief prayers for creation. Be sure to wear clothing and shoes you don't mind getting dirty! Children in Kindergarten and older are welcome to participate with adult supervision. Let us know you're attending by emailing parishlife@ccalex.org.

Knit & Crochet on November 2

Please join us in the Teen Center after the 10:00 a.m. service for a skill building session as we make hats and scarves for the Christ Child Ministry. Bring your projects, questions, tips, patterns, needles/hooks and love of the craft for a time of fellowship and learning. Supplies available for those picking up needles/hooks for the first time, with experienced crafters on hand to help you get started! For questions, contact Sandra Thomson smbthomson@gmail.com.

Chancel Chapter Needs You!

Chancel Chapter (also known as Altar Guild) is a sacred and vital part of our worship as they are responsible for preparing Holy Eucharist for our services. If you are interested in learning how to serve in this way, please contact Betsy Powell at elizabethpwill@gmail.com for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

For information, contact the Rev. Noelle York-Simmons at
rector@ccalex.org or 703.549.1450

Rob Radtke | Meade Room | October 12 | 9:00 a.m.

Today welcome Rob Radtke, President & CEO of Episcopal Relief & Development as guest preacher and to lead Sunday's forum. Episcopal Relief & Development facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease – and the organization is committed to demonstrating a measurable impact in three transformative program priorities: women, children and climate.

Virginia Interfaith Power and Light | Meade Room October 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Virginia Interfaith Power and Light's mission is to collaborate among people of faith and conscience to grow healthy communities by advancing climate and environmental justice. Come learn about VAIP's work with over 200 faith communities in the Commonwealth, the issues they are tackling and how we can collaborate.

Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Library

Ever wonder why that piece of scripture is in the Bible or what it means? Show up to the sermon and wish you knew more? This Bible study is for you! We'll read the lessons appointed for the day and conduct a brief study.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at rlaughton@ccalex.org

All Are Welcome in Sunday School

Sunday School began again on September 14. It's never too late for your child to join us! Sunday School takes place almost every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Fowler House, is available for kids age three and up, and invites children into the story of God's love through scripture, games, crafts, music, service, and more. Email sundayschool@ccalex.org for more information.

Fellowship for Parents of Infants and Toddlers

Raising tiny Christians is no easy feat! One Sock On is a space for parents to come together and share the triumphs and trials of parenthood in a loving, relaxed environment while little ones get to know church friends. One Sock On meets during Sunday School (9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.) in Room 103 in the Fowler House. Come whenever you can, for as long as you like. Email Jaclyn Hagner (jackie.hagner@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to be added to the email list.

Serve God, Serve the Church, Wear Cool Robes

Children and youth in 4th grade and above are invited to join the acolyte team! Acolytes assist during worship by lighting candles, leading the procession, receiving the gifts (bread, wine, offering), and more. Training is available for all new

acolytes and no one ever serves alone. Schedules are assembled on a month to month basis. Email acolyte leaders Matt Zahn (matthew.zahn@gmail.com) and Aaron Nelson (c09aaron.nelson@gmail.com) to get involved.

Youth Group, Youth Faith Formation and Confirmation Class Registration

Registration for all things Youth Ministry is open! All youth in grades 6 and up are invited to join in on everything going on at Christ Church. To register youth for Youth Group, Sunday morning Faith Formation, and Confirmation Class, please use this form: bit.ly/YouthMinistry2025. Please email Robbie with any questions at rlaughton@ccalex.org.

OUTREACH & MISSION

For information, contact Melanie Gray at
mgray@ccalex.org or 703.778.4937

OCTOBER OUTREACH: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry with some of our most popular staple offerings: soups, stews, peanut butter and jelly. You can leave items in the white wooden donations box in the Parish Hall or order online (<https://amzn.to/40g4CaF>) and ship to Christ Church ATTN: Outreach at 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

Help a Child Learn to Read!

Alexandria Tutoring Consortium needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools in Alexandria's west end. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May. Contact Alexa Allmann aallmann@alexandriatutors.org or visit www.alexandriatutors.org to learn more or to register: bit.ly/4pDRc2T

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch

Open weekdays from 12 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Weekends/ Holiday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Beautiful pumpkins and gourds grown by Navajo Nation farmers, delicious home-made soups and baked goods, and autumn-Halloween-themed crafts are available for sale. 100% of Patch profits support over 25 local, national, and international charities that directly support feeding, housing, educating, and caring for our most vulnerable neighbors, including the Christ Church Lazarus Ministry.

BLESSINGS ON...

- The volunteers who shopped cooked and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter on October 3, Christin Jones, Elizabeth Mendel, Parks Gilbert, Bradley McAllister, Jessica Hughes, Rob Spiller and Barab Boehm.
- Anne Alfano, Cara Alfano, and Michele Smith for cooking and setting up dinner for Dinner Church last Wednesday and everyone who lent support.
- Those from Christ Church, Trinity Methodist Church, and Old Town Village and Condos for their participation in the semi-annual cleanup of the Christ Church, Douglas, St. Paul's Methodist, Trinity, and other Wilkes Street cemeteries.

A NOTE FROM JASON

Thank you to this magnificent parish for the kind celebration thrown in honor of my 20 years at Christ Church! In truth, it's been "our 20 years together" since the music ministry is dependent on all of you in so many different ways. The commissioned anthem is perhaps the perfect gift - acknowledging that God continues to inspire composers writing for the Church today (and didn't end when Herbert Howells died)! I'm blessed beyond description to be a part of this wonderful community. Thank you to everyone who helped put together the reception, donated towards the commission and the plaque, attended Evensong, sang in the choir, served on my search committee, donated towards the organ, or who have ever stepped into our space and opened up The Hymnal 1982. We've had a marvelous 20 years, and I'm excited about so much of the music that lies in our future as well. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!

GIFT SHOP



Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday to Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Phone: 703.836.5258

All proceeds benefit outreach in the Alexandria community and globally.

Come to the Gift Shop to see our assortment of inspirational books for children. We have *I Can Make a Difference* by Marion Wright Edelman, *Good People Everywhere* by Lynea Gillen, *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates, *For the Beauty of the Earth* by Folliott Pierpoint, and *For Every Little Thing* by June Cotner. I know you will enjoy reading these books with your children. Hope to see you soon.

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

Vestry

Steve Reed, '26, Sr. Warden
Kathleen Hickman '27, Jr Warden
Cornelia Horner '26
Ken Knapp '26
Jay Purcell Manchester '26
Nanette Lawson '27
Wendy Montes de Oca '27
Christopher Thompson '27
Jane Baird '28, Paula Dubberly '28
Jessica Hughes '28, Steve Slaton '28

David Rees, *Treasurer*

Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Noelle York-Simmons
Rector
The Rev. Robbie Laughton
Associate Rector
The Rev. Abbott Bailey
Priest Associate

Music

M. Jason Abel
Director of Music

Parish Office

Michelle Baize
Meredith Bracco
Liz Denson, Melanie Gray
Ariel Rudy, Lia Sanchez
Julie Simonton

Facilities

Pouyan Meghdadian
Van Bridgers, Glen Curry
Kevin Lawyer