

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 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 – BETSY'S BREAKFAST | 8:30 A.M. | AUDITORIUM

Today'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.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
8:30 a.m. Betsy's Breakfast – Auditorium
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 20

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
(www.facebook.com/ChristChurchAlexandria)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

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 23

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

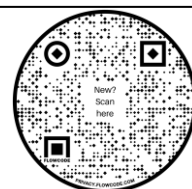
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

This Is My Story

Your story of following God's call is an essential part of Christ Church's story. And there are SO many chapters ahead! Make your 2026 commitment to what's now, what's next, and what's always been. Pledge today.

bit.ly/CCPledgeToday

Or connect with Julie Simonton at 703.778.4935

or jsimonton@ccalex.org.

Pledge here: bit.ly/CCPledgeToday
or see the QR code in the bulletin.

Betsy's Breakfast | October 19 | Auditorium

Breakfast is served in the Auditorium from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.! Today'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 (sanmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Sunday Lunch for Furloughed Workers

Resumes next week!

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 RIFs.

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. SOD 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!

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.

Maurice Duruflé's Requiem | November 2

The Christ Church Choir will sing Maurice Duruflé's beautiful Requiem on Sunday, November 2 at 5:00 p.m. The choir will be joined by guest organist Nicholas Bideler, and a chamber orchestra in presenting this work in the context of the All Souls' Day Liturgy. Many consider this piece to be among the greatest choral works of the 20th century, and we are honored to present it here thanks to the generosity of so many Friends of Music donors. The service will be sung in memory of all the faithful departed who we will remember that day. Drinks and dessert will follow in the Meade Room, hosted by the Christ Church Foundation. Childcare will be available for the service in the nursery.

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.

Monday Concert Series | 12:15 p.m. | November 10

Second Monday of the Month | October through May
British violinist, Freya Creech, enjoys a busy and varied schedule as a soloist, chamber musician, and collaborative artist, on both baroque and modern violin. Freya recently recorded a concert video as soloist of Vivaldi's Four Seasons for PBS, which received three EMMY nominations, and she has also produced two albums of little-known solo violin music, featuring composers Sonia Eckhardt-Gramatté and Virgil Thomson. 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

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 elizabethpull@gmail.com for more information.

FAITH FORMATION

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

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 VAIPPL'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.

One Time Need!

Lazarus Food Pantry needs someone to pick up donated food from MOM's Organic Market (3831 Mt. Vernon Avenue, on Tuesday, October 28 anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. and bring donations to Christ Church. Please mail Denise Jean Claude if you can help calldenise.jc@gmail.com.

Spanish Translators needed at Lazarus Food Pantry and Lazarus Financial Ministry

Lazarus Food Pantry needs translators Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. until roughly 10:30 a.m. We need translators to help with the Lazarus Financial Ministry on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until roughly 5:00 p.m. Please reach out to Liz Denson for more details ldenson@historicchristchurch.org.

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 made lunches for Meade Memorial Bag Lunch, Mary Ann Jones, Elizabeth Olson, Amanda Blue, Claudia Ellet, Jane Baird, May and Jon Hobbie, Jessica Hughes, Emily Bryan, Karen Hill, Maude Williams, Emily Soapes, Elaine Wick, Claire Chow, Mary Dixon and Jach Hutcheson, and Anne Land.
- JoAnn Ackerman, Susan Anderson, Ruth Arnold, Jane Baird, Mary Hobbie, Jeanne Hoenicke, Liz Jones, Kirk Kitchen, Bob McIntyre, Michele Smith, Jon Smoot, Ann Spitler, Rusty Vellek, and Maude Williams for delivering Meals on Wheels on October 15.

MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

On November 4 of this year, the residents of Virginia will elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and the entire House of Delegates. This is YOUR chance to have a say in what happens on both a local and statewide level. Please do two things: 1) make sure you are registered and 2) VOTE. It matters and it makes a difference. Early voting started on September 19 and ends on November 1 at 5:00 p.m.

The Reverend Senator Raphael Warnock has said that “every vote is a prayer for the future of our communities”. No matter who you choose to vote for, your choice to exercise your Constitutional right to vote is part of the ongoing exercise that strengthens and facilitates our democracy. Make your own prayer for our communities.

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.

Pumpkin butter, apple butter, and peach butter are some of the jam flavors for fall. We have lots of different jam and jelly flavors to try on those cold fall mornings. We also have beautiful golden summer honey. We have new fall napkins and dish towels to welcome the new season. Come by the Gift Shop and see our display of owls and foxes. We 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