

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 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 – Meade Room | 9:00 a.m.

Virginia Interfaith Power and Light

Come learn about VA IPL's work with over 200 faith communities in the Commonwealth, the issues they are tackling and how we can collaborate.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

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 27

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting – Meade Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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 30

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 31

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

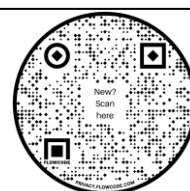
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Sunday Lunch for Furloughed Workers | 11:30 a.m. | Auditorium

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.

Thanksgiving Ministry at Christ Church

Giving to our neighbors at Thanksgiving is a Christ Church tradition. Food insecurity in Alexandria continues to rise, and this year we will help 225 families in need. Each family will receive a Thanksgiving bag stocked with everything but the turkey along with a \$50 grocery gift card that will enable them to purchase the main dish of their choice along with any foods specific to their family tradition. Donate here: bit.ly/ThanksgivingDonations2025, or stop by the table in the churchyard to get a Trader Joe's bag with shopping list, volunteer to help with our Thanksgiving market November 20 - 22 by signing up here: bit.ly/thanksgivingmarket2025, or contact Amy Bacon at amybacon4@icloud.com to learn more about this effort.

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.

Dinner Church | November 5

The first Wednesday of the month means Dinner Church! From 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, we will offer a special dinner for everyone. There will be a short "Service of Word and Table" during dinner for everyone to participate in together, and a special craft corner for kids.

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.

Linder Academy Book Sale | November 8

3, 2, 1 ... We're having a book sale! Sponsored by the Friends of the Linder Academy Library and generously hosted by Christ Church, the sale will be held in the Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. Shop hundreds of preloved children's books, including picture books, early readers, chapter books, nonfiction, middle-grade fiction, and more. Pricing is simple! \$3 for hardcovers, \$2 for paperbacks, and \$1 for leveled readers, plus special prices on books in a series, including the *Boxcar Children*, *Nancy Drew*, *Elephant & Piggie*, & more! Cash, Venmo, and PayPal accepted. A quarter of all proceeds will be donated to Christ Church's Mission & Outreach programs. Hope to see you there!

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

Christ Church Democracy Circle | November 16

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 (ewawitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (smarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

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 elizabethpwall@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 shopped, cooked, and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter last Friday night, Cornelia Horner, Bob Carpenter, Anne Shackleton, Robin Campbell, Barb Boehm, Michaela Shaughnessy, Lenny Marsico, and Brad McAllister.
- Peter and Joanna Reams for hosting the choir party at their home last Sunday.
- Alan Adenan, Cindi and Jay Bartol, Fran Usher, Tom Hahn, Tory and Freya Montes De Oca, Bethany and John Kucia, Trish Fineran, Bob Cady, Brian Butcher, Bill Wiley, Stratton and Sharmili Edwards and Mina, Thacher, and Asha Edwards, John Jex, and Julie and Evie Simonton.

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 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.

Our book collection in the Gift Shop includes the *Book of Common Prayer* with covers in black, red or white. We also have the *Book of Common Prayer* with large easy to read print. We have study bibles with footnotes and a beautifully illustrated family Bible to pass on to future generations. We have *Welcome to the Episcopal Church* and *Welcome to the Book of Common Prayer*. We have *Call on Me*, a book with prayers for many occasions. We also have the Hymnal we use in our worship services. Come to the Gift Shop to see our collection of books. 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