

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 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 – SUNDAY FORUM | MEADE ROOM | 9:00 A.M.

Come to the Meade Room and hear about what the Inclusive Memorialization Working Group has been learning and doing to bring a physical monument to fruition.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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, NOVEMBER 10

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – VETERAN'S DAY
Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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. Covenant Class – Library
7:00 p.m. EFM – Teen Center
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

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, NOVEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

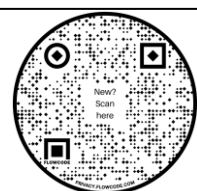
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live

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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.

Help for Federal Workers

Christ Church parishioners who are experiencing financial strain due to the government shutdown are invited to contact the rector for financial assistance. All inquiries will be kept confidential. Thank you to those parishioners who have donated to this effort.

Thanksgiving Ministry at Christ Church

We are over halfway to our fundraising goal for Thanksgiving! We need another \$6,000 to fund this year's market.

Food insecurity in Alexandria continues to rise, and this year we will help 230 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 22 (delivery drivers are especially needed!) by signing up here: bit.ly/thanksgivingmarket2025, or contact Amy Bacon at amybacon4@icloud.com to learn more,

Inclusive Memorial Update | November 9 | 9:00 a.m.

The Inclusive Memorial is a project to more fully express the story of our church's early history including recognizing the role slavery participated in it. Come to the Meade Room and hear about what the Inclusive Memorialization Working Group has been learning and doing to bring a physical monument to fruition.

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 (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Stewards of the Dirt | November 22

Winter is coming, and it is time to prepare the church gardens. Stewards of the Dirt will hold a work session on Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 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 healthy and beautiful, please contact Libby Witt at ewitt@hotmail.com.

Gift Shop Christmas Market | November 23 | Meade Room

The Gift Shop Christmas Market is coming soon! The annual Christmas Market will take place on Sunday November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come by and see our selection of Advent calendars, Christmas cards, ornaments, decorations, children's books and more. Try the jams and jellies and replenish your peanut supplies. It's an annual event you won't want to miss!

Wreaths Across America

For those who may wish to donate wreaths or participate in the December 13 (9:30 a.m.) laying of wreaths on a veteran's grave in the Alexandria National Cemetery (1450 Wilkes Street), please visit: www.wreathsassamerica.org/VA0175 to sponsor one or more \$17 wreaths. For each sponsored wreath using the VA0175 group, we get \$5 toward additional, free

wreaths. Deadline is December 1. Contact Glen Hewitt at Hewittglen@gmail.com for details or questions.

FAITH FORMATION

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

Guest Preacher | November 16

On Sunday November 16, we welcome the Very Rev. Canon Richard Sewell is the Dean of St George's College in Jerusalem. The College is the Anglican center for pilgrimage in the Holy Land. In addition to his role as Dean of the College, Richard is a Residentiary Canon of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. Dean Sewell will also lead the forum at 9:00 a.m.

Exploring the Book of Revelation | Meade Room Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, | 7:00 p.m.

Revelation is the strangest and least-understood book in the Bible, but its ideas and language permeate our liturgy and pop culture. Over three weeks we'll dive into and demystify this strange and powerful book, and discover what it still has to say to us today. For more information or to register, contact Robbie Laughton rlaughton@ccalex.org.

Save the Date: Christ Church Pilgrimage to Turkey October 9-26, 2026

The Dean of Virginia Seminary, The Very Rev Ian Markham, and Rev Noelle will be leading a trip to walk in the footsteps of apostles and to learn up close about the rise of early Christianity. Dean Markham will lead an adult forum at Christ Church on February 15 to introduce the themes and questions for the pilgrimage. Contact Noelle for more information.

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

NOVEMBER OUTREACH: HOUSEHOLD STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry with much needed items: toiletries, cleaning supplies, and canned vegetables and fruits. 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.

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.

BLESSINGS ON...

- The Dinner Church team for cooking and setting up dinner last Wednesday, and everyone who lent support.
- The Stewards of the Dirt volunteers and the work they do to care for our churchyard

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.

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and the Gift Shop has a new assortment of books for children as we give thanks for our many blessings. *Over the River and Through the Woods*, *A Thanksgiving Poem* by Lydia Child, *We Give Thanks* by Cynthis Rylant, *Thankful* by Eileen Spinelli, and *At Our Table* by Patrick Hulse are books to read together. We also have cards to send your Thanksgiving blessings to those far away.

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