

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

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 – COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour follows the 10:00 a.m. service

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

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
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

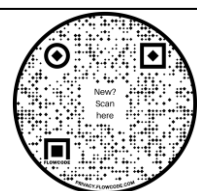
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Choir Room
7:30 p.m. LGBTQ+ Theology & Faith – Library

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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.

Our 2026 Thank You Gift

Make a pledge and receive an only-at-Christ-Church thank you! Our 2026 gift is a bookmark that features shelves of books only found here. You'll see titles like "*How to be a Cheerful Giver*," "*It's Time for Children's Chapel*," and "*I Ain't Afraid of No Ghosts: A Churchyard Tour*". Make a digital gift and choose "2026 Pledge" or complete a card in your pew. Recurring or one-time gifts are both welcome.

Sunday Forum | January 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

Our Hope for Years to Come: A Comprehensive Campaign for Christ Church: For the last year, we have been working to develop a plan for our ministries and beloved campus that will meet the needs of our growing, thriving parish and serve the Christ Church community for generations to come. At the core of this work is ministry – to serve, to welcome, to include, and to grow with our hearts and minds always focused on God. The next step in this exciting work is to embark on a comprehensive campaign. Come to learn more and help shape what's ahead.

Democracy Circle | January 25 | Teen Center

The next meeting of the Christ Church Democracy Circle will be on Sunday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m. in the Teen Center. The Democracy Circle provides us with an opportunity to take up the Presiding Bishop's call for Episcopalians to be "Christians who seek to practice our faith fully in a free and fair democracy." The subject of the January meeting will be Christian Nationalism and how we can counter its influence. Beginning in February, the Democracy will return to its usual schedule, meeting on the third Sunday of each month. Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Save the Date: Party with the Parish!

January 31 at 6:00 p.m.

There is one day between Ross' departure and Linder's move-in and we are going to have a party in the big empty space! More details are coming, but there will be food, friends, and maybe a little dancing. Don't miss it!

Choral Evensong | February 1

The next Choral Evensong will be sung by the Christ Church Choir on Sunday, February 1 at 5:00 p.m. The service will feature music by Orlando Gibbons, William Byrd, and Johannes Eccard celebrating the vigil for Candlemas.

Monday Concert Series | March 9 | 12:15 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month | March through May
The series resumes in March with 4-Hand Piano works by Mozart, Schubert, and Barber; featuring Sean Burns and Jason Abel. 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

Children's Choirs Have Resumed!

If you have a child who might be interested in one of the choirs, please reach out to Jason at jabel@ccalex.org. Children are eligible to join beginning at 4 years old and rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoon. Please encourage your child to join in making a joyful noise in worship!

FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

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.

Lent 2026

Yes, you read that correctly. We are inviting you to contribute to our annual compilation of meditations for Lent. It may seem premature to focus on Lent in Advent; however, because Lent begins quite early in 2026, we will compile all contributions by January 16. Your thoughts can be shared in narrative or poetic style (no more than 300 words) and/or by an illustration. We strongly believe that these contributions will deepen our connection with God and our sense of community in these challenging times. Thank you in advance for considering our call. Email questions and submissions to mgray@ccalex.org. Thank you from the Lenten Meditation Collectors, Melanie Gray, Tom Hahn, Rawles Jones, Ariel Rudy, Sharon Schambra, and Tom Suydam.

New Sacred Ground Circle

Beginning Wednesday January 21, 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Ground is an 11-part film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. More than 100 Christ Church parishioners have completed Sacred Ground as part of our commitment to the national Church's work of Becoming Beloved Community. Robbie and Noelle will lead the next

Circle, beginning January 21 in person and running every other Wednesday through all 11 sessions. We do ask for a commitment to all eleven sessions and the homework in between though grace always abounds. For more information or to join the new Circle, please email Noelle at rector@ccalex.org.

Sunday Forum | January 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room
Marty Wheeler Burnett, D.Min., is the Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music at Virginia Theological Seminary. Her publications, presentations, and research focus on liturgical music, particularly hymns and service music by women. In her presentation, she will teach us about our own Hymnal 1982, using research from her latest book, *Shapers of The Hymnal 1982: Our Faith in Words and Music*. Copies of the book are available in the Gift Shop.

Preacher/Teacher Series: Canon Hill | February 1
The Reverend Canon J. Lee Hill Jr is the Canon for Racial Justice and Healing in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Canon Hill will be the first in our Preacher/Teacher Series, offering the sermon at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, giving the Adult Formation presentation at 9:00 a.m. The Preacher/Teacher Series is made possible through a generous donation from the family and friends of Martha Wilcox.

Exploring Türkiye | February 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room
The Very Reverend Dr. Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, will offer some theological waypoints and historical notes about the modern-day country of Türkiye. Türkiye figures prominently in our scriptures, especially in the travels of the apostle Paul. This presentation prefigures the fall pilgrimage to Türkiye, but all are welcome to come learn!

Preacher/Teacher Series: Rev. Sullivan | February 22
The Reverend Michael Sullivan has been president of Kanuga Camp and Conference Center, North Carolina, since 2016 and has lead the organization through renovations, natural disasters, COVID and more, into a renowned place of beauty and theological learning. The Reverend Sullivan is the second in our Preacher/Teacher series, offering the sermon at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, giving the Adult Formation presentation at 9:00 a.m. The Preacher/Teacher Series is made possible through a generous donation from the family and friends of Martha Wilcox.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

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

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.

Youth Group Ski Trip, January 23–25, 2026

The Youth Group Ski Trip is just around the corner! We've got a great group but there's still room. Reach out to Robbie with any questions, and to RSVP by January 16 to youth@ccalex.org.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

JANUARY: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: Cooking oil (16 oz bottles), plain oatmeal (not instant), pasta, 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.

A Visit from Mengo Hospital | January 18

Join us for lunch and conversation with Dr. Simon Peter Nsingo, Executive Director of Mengo Hospital, in the Auditorium after the 10:00 a.m. service. The mission of Mengo Hospital is as a "Christian Medical Witness" is to provide quality, holistic, patient centered health care services. We welcome you to learn more about Mengo Hospital and the HIV/AIDS Clinic as we celebrate 48 years of mission partnership with Christ Church. Please RSVP to bit.ly/4aQSDWW by January 14.

Virginia Interfaith Center – Day for All People | January 21

In that spirit of faith and perseverance, you are invited to join in the continued fight for justice at Day for All People on January 21 at Centenary United Methodist Church, 411 E Grace St, Richmond. Immanuel Church on the Hill will have a bus leaving from and returning to their parking lot in Alexandria. Their bus will depart at 5:45 a.m. and should be back around 5:00 p.m. If you are planning to attend and you would like to join ICOH on the bus, they have room for about 25 additional people. Register here: bit.ly/4qJsJCH. After you've registered with VICPP, email Kathryn Jackson Haskin at: Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com to be added to their bus list.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Margo Rood for her many years serving as a docent.
- Julie Duke, Ann McMurray, Claire Chow, Sharon Schambra, Amy Bacon, Tom Suydam, Laura Humphrey, Russ Haymes and all the other volunteers who serve our Lazarus Financial Ministry.
- Panera, Trader Joe's, MOM's Organic Market and ALIVE! for their weekly donations of food to our Lazarus Food Pantry.

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.

Welcome back to the Gift Shop! We are now open for the new year and hope you will visit us soon. We have hats, scarves and gloves for the cold weather. We have Senate Soup mix to make a nice pot of soup to warm you up, as well as honey for biscuits and apple butter for toast. Come by and have a look!

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. Beth Bingham
Associate Rector

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
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