

# PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 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 – SUNDAY FORUM | 9:00 A.M. | MEADE ROOM**  
Our Hope for Years to Come: A Comprehensive Campaign for Christ Church.  
Come to learn more and help shape what's ahead

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

For a listing of currently scheduled activities and meetings, visit [www.historicchristchurch.org/events](http://www.historicchristchurch.org/events)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum – Meade Room  
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. Mengo Luncheon  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 19

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live  
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel  
9:00 p.m. Compline – Facebook Live

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

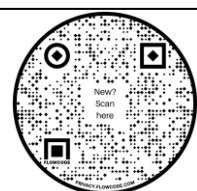
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live  
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Choir Room

### AA • Al-Anon

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



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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send submissions of 50 words or less to [ParishLife@ccalex.org](mailto:ParishLife@ccalex.org).

### Did you know?

Christ Church receives *no* funding from our diocese or from the larger Episcopal church! In fact, dioceses and the larger Episcopal church are funded from individual churches - not the other way around. This means that almost everything at Christ Church happens because of you and your faithful gifts.

This thriving community depends on you. Join us and pledge for 2026 today! Visit [bit.ly/CCPledgeToday](https://bit.ly/CCPledgeToday) or see the QR code in the bulletin.

### 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](mailto:ewitt@hotmail.com)) and Susan Marquis ([slmarquis70@gmail.com](mailto:slmarquis70@gmail.com)) for more information.

### Endless Summer at Christ Church!

January 31 at 6:00 p.m. | Street level of Fowler House  
Ross is moving out and we are going to fill the space with fun! Don your best Hawaiian shirt, sunglasses, and beach hat and come join your church friends for an indoor beach party. Chef Jaime is providing a low country seafood boil and summer sides. We will have a pickleball court and cornhole, beach music and a dance floor. Bring your favorite dessert to share and bring a friend to share the fun! Note: enter the space from the Columbus Street side. If you have time on Saturday to help with setup or cleanup, please let Rev Noelle know.

### 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.

### George Washington Birthday Parade | February 14

Join Christ Church in the George Washington Birthday Parade, Saturday, February 14, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The theme this year is George Washington: Virginia's Son America's Founding Father. Please reach out to Melanie Gray [mgray@ccalex.org](mailto:mgray@ccalex.org) if you are interested by February 2. We will carry our fence banners; "Christ Church All Are Welcome" and we want a minimum of 25 people to march.

### Vestry Elections

With Vestry elections scheduled for Sunday, March 1, it's time to prayerfully discern who our candidates should be. To be on Vestry you must be over 16 years old, an Episcopalian (confirmed/received in the Episcopal Church), and a member in good standing of Christ Church (demonstrated by regular attendance and pledging). If you feel called to nominate yourself or someone else, or if you just want more information about the process, please contact the Nominations Chair, Jaclyn Moyer, at [nominations@historicchristchurch.org](mailto:nominations@historicchristchurch.org).

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:terrymbrown1@me.com).

**Sunday Forum | January 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room**  
Sunday's forum will feature Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett, the Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music at Virginia Theological Seminary. She will speak about her new book, "Shapers of The Hymnal 1982." This work discusses at length the history of the creation and production of our denomination's primary hymnal. She will have interesting stories to share related to the publication of The Hymnal 1982. Dr. Burnett's book is available in the Gift Shop. Come prepared to learn more about the resources we use each week to sing our prayers and praises.

**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.

### **Women's Retreat | March 6-8, 2026**

Chanco on the James Retreat Center  
We understand "sabbath" to mean rest and, ideally, should be observed for a full 24-hour period weekly. But who has time for that? Lacking the time, we feel guilt and shame for not making time for God. Author, priest, retreat leader, and cook the Rev. Mary Hemmer will lead us through two days of learning to redefine holy rest to help soothe our weary bodies and souls. The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch. There is a \$300 cost for the weekend with scholarships available upon request. This retreat is made possible by the friends and family of Martha Wilcox. For more information, please contact Rev Noelle. To sign up, follow this link: [bit.ly/49B22zh](https://bit.ly/49B22zh).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

*For information, contact*

*Children: Ariel Rudy at [arudy@ccalex.org](mailto:arudy@ccalex.org)*

*Youth: the Rev. Robbie Laughton at [rlaughton@ccalex.org](mailto: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](mailto:jackie.hagner@gmail.com)) if you have questions or would like to be added to the email list.

## OUTREACH & MISSION

*For information, contact Melanie Gray at*

*[mgray@ccalex.org](mailto: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.

### **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](https://bit.ly/4qJsJCH). After you've registered with VICPP, email Kathryn Jackson Haskin at: [Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) to be added to their bus list.

## BLESSINGS ON...

- The parishioners who pick up donations at Trader Joe's for our Lazarus Food Pantry, Andrew, Jess, Bridget & Gideon Floyd, Richard & Christina Jones, Claudia & Van Ellet, Andy Sauter, Steve & Jan Slaton, Claire & Russ Haymes, Nicole & Jodi Wireman

## 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.*

We hope you will visit the Gift Shop soon. Many of our vendors contribute to the needs of their communities. Others contribute to organizations that help high risk youth. Some contribute to environmental causes. We also support small businesses, and local artists and photographers. Come and find something special for yourself or others and support those who contribute to many in need.

## 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  
Glen Curry Kevin Lawyer