

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 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

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 WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

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
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

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 29

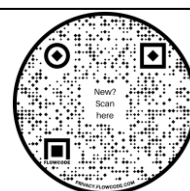
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Choir Room

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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.

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 or see the QR code in the bulletin.

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.

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.

Dinner Church | February 4

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.

Information Session | February 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Library

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. A Zoom link will be also be available.

Betsy's Breakfast | February 8 | Auditorium

Breakfast is served in the Auditorium from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.!

George Washington Birthday Parade | February 14

Join fellow parishioners of Christ Church as we march 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 register here: bit.ly/45nXP0M if you are interested by February 6. Please contact Elizabeth Trigg with any questions emtrigg@gmail.com.

Guest Choir | February 15

On Sunday, February 15, we will be blessed to be joined by the choir of Christ Church Episcopal, Winnetka, Illinois. Located right outside of Chicago, this church is well known for a long tradition of good music and a thriving music ministry. They have toured throughout the United Kingdom and the United States. We are honored to have them joining us on their tour this winter. They will sing for the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist and then return to sing Choral Evensong here at 5:00 p.m. that same day. The intergenerational choir is under the direction of Organist-Choirmaster Richard Clemmitt and Assistant Organist Todd Gresick.

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.

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

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 Book Groups

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor, scholar, and Nazi resistor. This year in our Lenten book study, we will read Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*, in which he challenges comfortable Christianity in Nazi Germany~and today~ by emphasizing humility, sacrifice, and a transformed life following Jesus. To join one of our book groups sign up at bit.ly/3YWPehY. If you'd like to lead a book group or have any questions, please contact Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org.

Sunday Forum | January 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

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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.

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.

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.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Amanda Blue, Karen Hill, Emily Bryan, Emily Soapes, Maude Williams, Elaine Wick, Ruth Arnold, Mary Dixon and Jack Hutcheson, Roseanne Bennett for making and serving bag lunches at Meade Memorial Church.
- The parishioners who shopped, cooked, and served dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter last Friday, Barbara Boehm, Cornelia Horner, Kathy Bowdring, Robin Campbell, Ann McMurray, Rob Spillar, Joe and Carol Shull.
- For those who donated wreaths or participated in laying or picking up wreaths on a veteran's grave in the Alexandria National Cemetery at 1450 Wilkes Street.

WELCOME SEMINARIAN EMILY MEEKS

Emily Meeks is a postulant for Holy Orders to the priesthood in the Diocese of Olympia (The Episcopal Church in Western Washington). She is a second-year student in the Master of Divinity program at Virginia Theological Seminary with a concentration in Christian Spirituality. Emily is passionate about intergenerational ministry, spirituality and aging, and eco-theology.

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.

Cards, cards, cards. Come to the Gift Shop to see the large variety of cards we offer. We have birthday, wedding, get-well, and sympathy cards from Caspari. We have beautiful flower cards from a local artist. We have cards with quotations from scripture, as well as cards to celebrate special days such as graduation, Baptism and Confirmation. We also have cards with photographs of wild life and the sea. With Valentine's Day coming soon. the Gift Shop is a great place to find the perfect card. 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. 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