

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8, 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 – BETSY'S BREAKFAST | 8:30 A.M. | AUDITORIUM

On the menu: ham and cheese frittatas; breakfast potatoes; sausage links; Jack's biscuits and gravy; waffles; Bob's donuts; Cindi's fresh fruit; Ken's coffee, and tea and juice.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:30 a.m. Betsy's Breakfast - Auditorium
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour - Meade Room
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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. Education for Ministry - Teen Center
9:00 p.m. Compline - Facebook Live

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

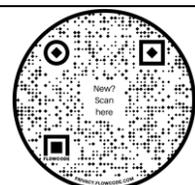
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer - Facebook Live

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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.

2025 Contribution Statements An Update

Your 2025 contribution statements were emailed at the end of last week - AND - a software issue within the system meant some of you received your statement twice, while others did not receive anything. The software issue lingered into this week. We are working to resend all statements. Thank you for your patience if you have received multiple copies, and thank you for your patience if you receive your statement later than expected.

You can also try logging into your Shelby account to find this information. Need your login details?

Email membership2@ccalex.org. For questions about your giving, e-mail Julie Simonton (jsimonton@ccalex.org) or call 703.778.4935.

Betsy's Breakfast | Today | 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/45nXPOM and 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.

Democracy Circle | February 15 | Teen Center

The Christ Church Democracy Circle meets the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Teen Center. The Democracy Circle provides us with an opportunity to accept the Presiding Bishop's call for Episcopalians to be "Christians who seek to practice our faith fully in a free and fair democracy." The next meeting will be on Sunday, February 15. The subject of the meeting will be Christian Nationalism and how we can counter its influence. Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Shrove Tuesday | February 17 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us in fellowship and fun as we celebrate the last hurrah and final Alleluia before Lent begins. A short service with burning of the palms will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by a meal and games for all. We'll enjoy traditional Shrove Tuesday pancakes along with Mardi Gras creole fare. All are welcome to help your Stewardship Committee with the fun, flair, and food. Volunteer to decorate, serve, tidy and more: bit.ly/ShroveTuesdaySignUp

Ash Wednesday | February 18

Service of the Word and Imposition of Ashes:
7:30 a.m., 12 noon, 7:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Family Service: 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Elections

With Vestry elections scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 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.

Annual Meeting | March 1

This year's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, March 1 after the 10:00 a.m. service.

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 Resumes February 22!

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.

Exploring Türkiye | February 15 | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Rm

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!

Lent Book Groups | Signup Deadline February 16

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.

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.

Covenant Class Begins in March

Covenant Class is an 11-week introduction for those who want to know more about being an Episcopalian & Christ Church-- whether newcomers to the church or life-long Episcopalians -- to get better acquainted with the clergy, staff, parish leaders, and other newcomers to Christ Church. Classes begin March 11. Contact Jessica Williams at jessicavilliams@gmail.com to sign up.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

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

Collecting Collage Materials

Children's ministries wants your magazines and books for collages, cards, and other crafts in Sunday School! National Geographics (from any year) are ideal, but books/magazines focused on plants, animals, cooking, decorating, or fashion work well too. Please skim your materials to make sure they are appropriate for children before donating and please no Us

Weekly, People, or Cosmopolitan. Materials can be bagged, labeled for Ariel, and left at the front desk.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

FEBRUARY: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: plain oatmeal (not instant), pasta sauce, and can openers. It's hard to open a can without a decent can opener. 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.

Kairos Prison Ministry Needs Volunteers

Calling all bakers, artists, writers, and good listeners! Kairos is an ecumenical, international ministry that goes inside the walls of correctional institutions to lead Christian retreats with inmates. Our next weekend is April 9-12, and we're looking for volunteers to bake cookies, decorate placemats and posters, pray, write letters of encouragement, and/or serve on the weekend with us. If are interested of if you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Beth Bingham bbingham@ccalex.org and/or Melanie Gray mgray@ccalex.org for more information.

The 9th Annual ALIVE! Empty Bowls Alexandria 2026

Empty Bowls for ALIVE! will take place on Saturday, February 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Beth El Hebrew Congregation. Join us for an unforgettable evening as we raise funds to support ALIVE!'s critical programs, including our Lazarus Food Pantry. Empty Bowls is a global movement to support non-profits like ALIVE! that work to prevent food insecurity. Enjoy food from Alexandria's best restaurants, an exciting silent auction for curated gift baskets, live music and more. All guests will take home a beautiful, handmade, artisan bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Tickets are limited and do sell out: bit.ly/4qjOnDj.

Spanish Speaking Volunteers Needed

We need Spanish speaking translators to help with the Lazarus Financial Ministry either remotely or in person on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until roughly 5:00 p.m. Sign up when you can. Training provided. We have more Spanish speaking residents calling for help than ever and many of them are very frightened and need financial assistance for rent, utilities, and medical bills. Please reach out to Liz Denson at ldenson@ccalex.org for more details.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Brett, Holly, Noah and Elle Levanto and Chris Parente for last minute moving furniture for ALIVE!
- Cara Alfano for making lunches and Anne Land for making soups for the Meade Memorial Bag Lunch Ministry.

OUR HOPE FOR YEARS TO COME A COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN FOR GOD'S WORK AT 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. We recently held our first campaign forums and distributed our feasibility case statement. Thank you to everyone who attended. If you were unable to attend, our feasibility case statement may be found bit.ly/CaseStatement22026 , and hard copies are in the rack outside our chapel.

Later this month all parishioners will receive a survey so that you may share your insights on our ministry and future. Thank you for giving your time to help us discern the best next steps for Christ Church! Contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4935 for more information.

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.

The Gift Shop is offering new merchandise from small business owners and artists. We have beautiful cards from Quiltberry Farms in Des Moines, Iowa. They feature quilted patchwork designs. Nimblepic Magnets from Lakeland, Florida features handmade magnets with lovely valentine designs. Gina B Designs from Plymouth, Minnesota features cards designed by Gina B. herself. We hope you will come and see their creations and help us support these artists and small business owners.

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