

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF MARCH 15, 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 –

Lent Forum Series | 9:00 a.m. | Meade Room

New Testament Apocrypha

Sunday Lunch with Dr. Marty Wheeler Burnett | 11:30 a.m. | Auditorium

Dr. Wheeler is Associate Professor of Church Music and Director of Chapel Music at Virginia Theological Seminary and will discuss 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, MARCH 15

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Lectionary Study – Library
9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum – Meade Room
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
11:30 a.m. Democracy Circle - Teen Center
11:30 a.m. Lunch w/Dr. Burnett - Auditorium
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

7:00 p.m. Covenant Class – Meade Room

MONDAY, MARCH 16

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

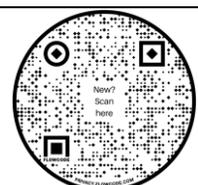
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir – Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Cherub Choir – Choir Room
6:45 p.m. Lent Book Study - St. John's Room
7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center

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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.

Your insight matters – take the campaign survey now!

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 a feasibility study survey: <https://bit.ly/47rJlOm>

Your participation is essential.

The feasibility study gives everyone at Christ Church an opportunity to express their views and opinions regarding our church and its plans in a confidential survey.

Your participation allows us to discern the best path to plan and proceed.

Thank you for your time and for sharing your perspective.

Contact Julie Simonton at jsimonton@ccalex.org or 703.778.4935 for more information.

Vestry Election 2026 | Closes Today at 6:30 p.m.

This year's slate of seven candidates are running for a three-year term on the Vestry. In alphabetical order, they are: Carrie Ann Alford, Jim Arrison, James Beattie, Janet Beckmann, David Halwig, Jenna Mayer, and Christianne Witten. To read their biographies, visit www.historicchristchurch.org/vestry-election. Four of these candidates will be elected to serve, replacing Vestry members who are completing their term of service. All members of Christ Church aged 16 and above are eligible to vote. Results will be announced the following week, and the nominees will be commissioned at a future service. If you did not receive an email from Election Runner, please email Nominating Committee chair Jaclyn Moyer at nominations@ccalex.org or use a paper ballot.

Democracy Circle | March 15 | Teen Center

The 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." Please contact Libby Witt (ewitt@hotmail.com) and Susan Marquis (slmarquis70@gmail.com) for more information.

Make Easter Cards for Pastoral Care | March 22

Parishioners of all ages are invited to join the children of Christ Church in making Easter cards during Coffee Hour in the Meade Room on March 22. These cards, along with spring flowers, will be delivered to parishioners who are not able to join us for worship on Easter on March 29. All materials and guidance will be provided!

We are pleased that the Barksdale Treble Chorus from The College of William & Mary will be returning to Christ Church to perform Sunday, March 22 as part of their spring tour. We are looking for members of the parish to host their singers the evening of Saturday, March 21. Hosts would be asked to:

1. House two singers at minimum the evening of Saturday, March 21 (they come in pairs so no one goes to a house alone)
2. Provide the singers with a light breakfast on Sunday morning (ex. muffins, fruit, etc.)
3. Bring the singers to church early the morning of Sunday, March 22 (exact time TBD)

We would be very grateful to parishioners who would be willing to host the members of the chorus, who will be enriching our worship. If you are interested, please fill out the form: bit.ly/4s4Arya. Email Nancy Marsden with questions njemarsden@gmail.com.

Palm Sunday Easter Flower Delivery | March 29

Help in sharing the joy of Christ by delivering Easter flowers to a fellow parishioner who is homebound and unable to attend Easter services. The flowers will be ready for pickup in the Parish House foyer following the morning services.

Easter Special Gifts

Remember loved ones this Easter with a special gift. Mail in the envelope included with your preprinted offering envelopes, select Easter Special Gifts online at bit.ly/ChristChurchOnlineGiving, or send a check with "Easter Special Gifts" in the memo line to Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St, Alexandria VA 22314 by March 30. Please include a note with the name of your loved one and if your gift is to honor or remember them.

We Need Your Help Decorating for Easter

On Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m. following our Holy Saturday service, we need your help to get our church ready for Easter. If you have an hour of time to give, please consider joining us. Email Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org if you can participate.

Monday Concert Series | April 13 | 12:15 p.m.

Second Monday of the Month | March through May
April's concert will be Love, Loss, and Joy: Songs for New Beginnings; Nicole Plummer and Guzal Isametdinova. 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

Visiting Choir | March 22

FAITH FORMATION

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

Lectionary Bible Study | Sundays | 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 terrybrown1@me.com.

**Lent Forum Series – New Testament Apocrypha
March 15, 22 | Meade Room | 9:00 a.m.**
Join Robbie over three weeks as we explore early Christian writings that were not included in the New Testament. We'll survey some of the more well-known apocryphal books, discuss why they didn't make the cut, and explore how some of these writings still inform our traditions and culture today.

Sunday Lunch with Dr Marty Wheeler Burnett
Today | 11:30 a.m. | Auditorium
Come have lunch with 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. A light lunch will be provided.

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil
The Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil commemorates Jesus' time in prayer with his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. We will hold our Vigil in the Chapel from 8:30 p.m., immediately after the Maundy Thursday service and stripping of the altar, until 6:30 a.m. on Good Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity for quiet contemplation. Security is provided. Please contact Brian Shannon at brian.p.shannon@gmail.com with any questions. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4rgPELL> or look for the sign-up sheet on Sundays.

Adult Baptisms | Easter Vigil | April 4
It is our practice at Christ Church to baptize adults at our Easter Vigil service. If you would like to participate this year

you can contact Michelle Baize at mbaize@ccalex.org to inquire and learn how to start the process.

OUTREACH & MISSION

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

MARCH: PANTRY STAPLES

This month, consider helping us stock the Lazarus Food Pantry: plain oatmeal (not instant), canned soups, canned beans and canned vegetables. 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 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.

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.

Middle School Youth Group | March 22

6:00 p.m. Teen Center

Middle School Youth Group will gather on March 22! RSVPs are helpful for planning purposes but come join us even if you haven't. Contact Robbie to RSVP, if you can help plan a meal, or with any questions.

BLESSINGS ON...

- Megan Cavanaugh, Cristin Jones, Van Ellet, Kathy Bowdring, Cornelia Horner, Micaela Shaughnessy, Barbara Boehm, Bradley McAllister, and Robin Campbell, who shopped, cooked, and served dinner to the residents of Carpenter Shelter.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29 – Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist,
with Children’s Chapel
5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

March 30 & 31

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel

April 1

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel
12:05 p.m. – Holy Eucharist
7:30 p.m. – Taizé Service | Auditorium

April 2 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist | Chapel
6:00 p.m. – Agape Meal | Auditorium
7:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar
9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – Prayer Vigil | Chapel

April 3 – Good Friday

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer | Chapel

12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth | McMurray
Commons

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy
4:30 p.m. – Family Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

April 4 – Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. – Holy Saturday Liturgy | Chapel
7:30 p.m. – Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Baptism

April 5 – Easter Sunday

7:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist | Churchyard
weather permitting
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. – Family Holy Eucharist | Auditorium
Easter Egg Hunt follows in churchyard
11:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

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.

Easter is just around the corner, and we hope you will visit the Gift Shop soon to see our Easter displays. We have Easter cards and small gifts for Easter baskets. We also have some new books for children and adults. Come by and have a look. We hope you will visit us 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