

PARISH LIFE • WEEK OF MARCH 29, 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 –

Palm Sunday Easter Flower Delivery

Help in sharing the joy of Christ by delivering flowers to a fellow parishioner who is homebound and unable to attend Easter services.

The flowers are ready for pickup in the Parish House Foyer after the morning services.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour – Meade Room
- 5:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, MARCH 30

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry – Teen Center
- 7:30 p.m. Taizé – Auditorium

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Lazarus Food Pantry – Meade Room
- 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. – All-Night Prayer Vigil | Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 | GOOD FRIDAY

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy
- 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Labyrinth – McMurray Commons
- 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | HOLY SATURDAY

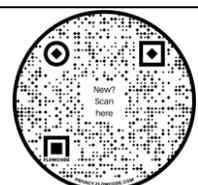
- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer – Facebook Live
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday Liturgy – Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Baptism

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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.

We Need Your Help + A Gift for You

Pledging is an important part of community life at Christ Church, comprising about 70% of our ministry budget. We're not quite there, though. You can join us today! If you contribute to God's mission and ministry at Christ Church, turn your contribution into a pledge so we may faithfully plan for the months ahead.

AND - in gratitude, you'll 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 contribution and choose "2026 Pledge" or complete a card in your pew. One-time and recurring options are available.

Help us fulfill God's call at Christ Church this year and pledge today!

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

Palm Sunday Easter Flower Delivery | Today

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.

Taizé for Lent | April 1 | Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

The Taizé Community in France is an ecumenical monastic community that celebrates Christ together with music and prayer. Join us in the auditorium for this special service filled with the music of Taizé and prayers for the season.

Maundy Thursday: Agape Meal and Holy Eucharist

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, we will commemorate the institution of the Eucharist by celebrating an Agape Meal in the Auditorium, where we will share a simple meal together, hear the story of the night when Jesus broke bread with the disciples, and pray as we dine together. Following the Agape meal, we will process over to the church for the service of Holy Eucharist. The Agape meal starts at 6:00 p.m. The Eucharist starts at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Noon Worship | April 3

At the noon service on Good Friday, April 3, the music will feature Alessandro Scarlatti's *Stabat Mater*. This beautiful Italian Baroque work vividly recounts the emotions of the Virgin Mary at Christ's crucifixion. Soloists Margot Rood and Emily Marvosh (a celebrated contralto from Boston) will be joined by a string consort in offering an historically informed performance made possible by those who donated to our Friends of Music fund this year. The work will be sung in the context of our traditional Good Friday liturgy. This service is a joint worship with St. Paul's Alexandria. The Rev Ruthanna Hooke will be our guest preacher.

Flowering the Easter Cross | April 5

On Easter Sunday, you're invited to bring your favorite flower to adorn the large, white cross that is part of our worship. It can be one flower or many, from your yard or from a store. The cross will be in the churchyard for Easter Sunday services. Just place your flowers on the cross when you arrive.

Betsy's Breakfast | April 12 | Auditorium

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

Knitters and Crocheters | April 12 | Teen Center

The Christ Church Knitters and Crocheters make hats and scarves year-round for our Outreach ministries. We will be meeting April 12 after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Teen Center to organize for the year and knit and crochet together in friendship. Everyone is welcome! We will have yarn, patterns and expertise to share. For questions, please contact Barbara Ziegler at barzieg@mac.com.

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

Poverty Abolitionists: Faith, Activism, and Hope for Difficult Times | April 14

Welcome Center, Virginia Theological Seminary, 7:00 p.m. All are invited to a pre-launch discussion of David Beckmann's forthcoming book about ways to reform US politics and restore progress against poverty. Panelists include David Ian Markham, President, VTS, Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner, Faiths United to Save Democracy, and Kyle Lambelet, Director, St. Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice. Reserve a place by signing up on Eventbrite: bit.ly/BeckmannBookLaunch.

Democracy Circle | April 19 | 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.

Memorial Flowers

An often unknown part of our services is the reason behind our beautiful flower arrangements at the front of the church. They are called the Memorial Flowers because they are sponsored by parishioners to Honor, Celebrate, or Remember a person or group of people. We then add them to our Prayers of the People and we print them in our bulletins. The cost to sponsor is \$125. If you would like to contribute, contact Amy Wilczynski at amyelizabeth0106@gmail.com for more information.

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 Resumes April 19

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.

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: bit.ly/4rgPELL or look for the sign-up sheet on Sundays.

Walk the Labyrinth | April 3 | McMurray Commons

The Labyrinth is a medieval Christian practice that provides a guided pattern for walking prayer. It is a metaphor for the spiritual journey; an opportunity for physically guided meditation and a way to deepen and amplify your worship experience wherever you are on your journey of faith. If you long for a moment's peace and quiet; if you seek an alternative path to prayer and meditation; if you're curious and seeking, then come and walk with us. Noon to 3:00 p.m.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

For information, contact

Children: Ariel Rudy at arudy@ccalex.org

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

Stations of the Cross in Nature | Jones Point Park

On Good Friday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. all kids and families are invited to Jones Point Park in Alexandria for Stations of the Cross in Nature. Meet at the large rocks at the end of the parking lot by the water. We will walk with Jesus to the cross and look for signs of his last moments in nature. This prayerful walk engages kids' bodies and senses. If you're late, don't worry - we can do a second walk!

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.

The ALIVE! Furniture Trucks Roll Again! | April 4

Come out with your Christ Church friends Saturday, April 4 for a fun morning of furniture deliveries for ALIVE! We will meet at the Warehouse at 801 S. Payne Street at 8 am and expect to complete deliveries by 1:00 p.m. Young and old, strong, and less so, there's a need for you in this fun group activity. Contact Kevin Metz atkhmetz@gmail.com. Sign up: bit.ly/3Pfi9IU

BLESSINGS ON...

- Rosanne Bennett, Parks Gilbert, Liz Mendel, Bradley McAllister, Michaela Shaughnessy, Megan Cavanaugh, Ann McMurray, Robin Campbell and Barbara Boehm for shopping, cooking and serving dinner at the Carpenter's Shelter.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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 | Chapel

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.

The cherry blossoms are here! Come and see our beautiful cards by Paul Lebras. We also have cards with spring flowers by Caroline Hottenstein and a variety of cards for Easter. We have chicks and bunnies for Easter baskets and lovely Pashmina scarves in spring colors. Visit us soon!

CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY, CLERGY, AND STAFF

Vestry

Kathleen Hickman '27, Sr. Warden

Steve Slaton '28, Jr Warden

Nanette Lawson '27

Wendy Montes de Oca '27

Christopher Thompson '27

Jane Baird '28, Paula Dubberly '28

Jessica Hughes '28,

Carrie Ann Alford, '29

James Beattie, '29

Janet Beckmann, '29

Christianne Witten, '29

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