



CHRIST CHURCH

in SHORT HILLS

Welcome to Christ Church. We are glad you are here today, affirming our shared faith in Christ, and worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. If you are new to Christ Church, be at peace here, find God at work here, and know that we are grateful to pray with you today.

MARCH 8, 2026: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00AM

The people stand, as able.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER IN LENT

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
His mercy endures for ever.

The people kneel or bow.

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Lord, have mercy on us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

The priest then says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. – *Matthew 22:37-40*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The people stand.

THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not

the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass

A moment of silence is kept following the sermon.

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form II

The leader and people pray responsively.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean, and our Bishop Carlye; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people; especially for Christ Church/St. John the Divine, Hackensack and for The Anglican Church of Kenya.
Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Jack, Lana, Thomas, Amy, Earl, Helen, Tammy, Dana, Katie, Andy, Melissa, Monte, Tyler, Jane, Peggy, Alice, Natalie, and all those on our ongoing prayer list.

Silence.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.)

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

All members of God's household are welcome to receive Communion.

*Come forward and extend your hands, palms up to receive the bread.
If you wish to receive a blessing, but not communion, please approach with your arms
across your chest.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
If you would like a Eucharistic visitation, please contact the Parish Office.*

The people stand.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**Please join us for our Coffee Hour in the St. Mark's Room
immediately after the 8am service.
All are welcome!**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass
Acolyte	Andy Seligson
Usher	Bill and Shirley Horbatt

PRAYER LIST

Each week, we continue to remember those in need of prayer.

Special Prayers: Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Jack A., Lana B., Thomas B., Amy C., Earl D., Helen D., Tammy G., Dana K., Katie M., Andy O., Melissa P., Monte P., Tyler P., Jane R., Peggy S., Alice Z., and Natalie Z.

Ongoing Prayers: Celine, Grady, River, Tom, Andree B., Angelo B., Elena B., Lynn B., Cindy D., Delois D., Dione D., Liz D., Sofia D., Claire H., Inese H., Gregg L., Helen M., Miller M., and Graham P.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for Christ Church/St. John the Divine, Hackensack.

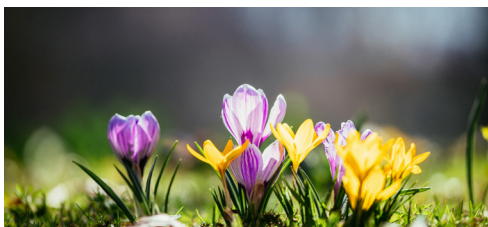
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

We pray for: For peace in the world and an end to war, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, and Yemen; for Haiti; for Sudan; for the Democratic Republic of Congo. For immigrant communities. For the LGBTQ+ community, and especially transgender people.

Please contact Catherine Flynn, Pastoral Assistant, if you have any prayer requests or would like a pastoral visitation. Email: pastoral@christchurchshorthills.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH



Last Call: Easter Flowers and Music

For Easter, our church will be filled with beautiful flowers and joyful music as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. On this holy day, we also give thanks for the loved ones in our lives, both past and present.

You are invited to dedicate Easter Music and Flowers in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. Please complete the form in the narthex by Monday, March 16, or email the names to the Parish Office.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Faith & Film

March 15 & 22 | 3pm in the St. Mark's Room
Watching season 5, episode 2 & 3 of The Chosen

Holy Grounds

March 22 | 9am in the St. Mark's Room
Reading with the Rector: Rest is Resistance

Rector's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 12-1pm
Continuing March 24 | In-person & Zoom
Reading 2nd Isaiah through the season of Lent

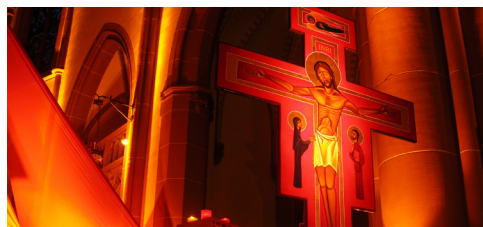
Church History Book Group

4th Tuesdays | 7:30pm
Continuing March 24 | Zoom
Reading Miracles and Wonder by Elaine Pagles

Breakfast Club Youth Gathering

March 29 | 9am in the Kitchen
Come make breakfast with other teens.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



Taizé Youth Pilgrimage

June 26–July 5, 2026

High school students (ages 15–18) are invited to join a pilgrimage to the Taizé Community in France. The journey begins with two nights in Paris before traveling to Taizé, an ecumenical monastic community known for its simple prayer, song, reflection, and international fellowship.

Cost: \$3,000 (includes travel, lodging, meals, and program expenses). Scholarships available. Spots are limited.

Register by Monday, March 16.
Questions? Contact Chris Whitaker at cwhitaker@christchurchshorthills.org.



Scout Sunday & Plant Sale

Sunday, April 12 | 10am

On April 12, we welcome Scout Troop 15 and Cub Scout Pack 1 at our 10am service. This year Scout Troop 15 celebrates 100 years of scouting! During coffee, the scouts will be taking pre-orders for the Plant Sale in the CCSH parking lot on April 25. As a parish, we commend these young people for their work throughout our local community and give thanks for their participation in our wider community of children and youth at Christ Church.

OUTREACH



Diaper Drive Supporting MEND

Christ Church and Christ Church Nursery School are partnering to collect diapers and wipes for MEND through March 29 in the Info Center at Christ Church. MEND serves families throughout Essex County, where the need for diapers and basic baby supplies remains high. Your donation of diapers or wipes can make a meaningful difference for parents and caregivers in our community.

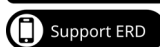
LENT AT CHRIST CHURCH



Support ERD this Lent

Lent is a season of reflection, faith, and action—a time to follow Christ's call to serve those in need and give alms. Join us in supporting Episcopal Relief & Development as we put Jesus' command to love our neighbors into action. Your generosity can make a meaningful difference.

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Looking for a Lenten Practice?

Daily Morning Prayer – In-person & Zoom

Begin your day with Morning Prayer beginning at 8:30am, Monday through Thursday.



Stations of the Cross

Throughout Lent, you are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary. Begin near the war memorial and follow the stations around the perimeter of the church, concluding near the side chapel.

Lenten Devotionals

We are publishing a daily Lenten Devotional with thoughtful reflections to guide us through this sacred season of repentance, renewal, and hope. If you are not receiving the daily devotional and would like to, email the Parish Office: office@christchurchshorthills.org.

Lenten Reading Recommendations

Rev. Bowie recommends several books that explore Sabbath as a practice of rest, renewal, and faithful resistance to a culture of constant busyness. One featured recommendation is *Rest is Resistance* by Tricia Hersey, which approaches Sabbath through the lens of liberation theology. Rev. Bowie will lead a *Reading with the Rector* discussion of this book at Holy Grounds on March 22 at 9am.

CROSS ROADS CAMP

Cross Roads Summer Programs

Weeks Available July 5 - August 16

Cross Roads, our Episcopal camp, provides an amazing opportunity for people of all ages to have a classic camp experience in a safe and supportive environment. If you are interested in attending a week at Cross Roads, contact Rev. Bowie or Chris Whitaker. Children and teens from Christ Church will be attending throughout the summer. Learn more and register at crossroadsretreat.com.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday | March 29

8:00am | Palm Sunday w/ Spoken Eucharist
10:00am | Palm Sunday with Palm Procession

Monday | March 30

8:30am | Morning Prayer
7:00pm | Evening Prayer

Tuesday | March 31

8:30am | Morning Prayer
7:00pm | Evening Prayer

Wednesday | April 1

8:30am | Morning Prayer
7:30pm | Tenebrae Service @ St. Stephen's

Maundy Thursday | April 2

8:30am | Morning Prayer
6:30pm | Simple Supper and Service

Good Friday | April 3

8:30am | Morning Prayer
3:00pm | Intergenerational Stations of the Cross
7:00pm | Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday | April 4

7:00pm | Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday | April 5

10:00am | Easter Service



WARDENS AND VESTRY

Dara Near, Senior Warden
Chuck Nwachuku, Junior Warden
Danny Jacobs, Clerk

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Todd Corbin, Heather Finan, Jean Funk,
Anne Miller, Deborah Purdon, James Sammartino,
Jennifer Vinsonhaler, Kevin Walsh

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