



# CHRIST CHURCH

in SHORT HILLS

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Welcome to Christ Church. We are glad you are here today, affirming our shared faith in Christ, and worshiping 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.

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APRIL 26, 2026: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
8:00AM

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*The people stand, as able.*

## ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.  
**The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *The collect is said in unison*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## A SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;  
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.  
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;  
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.  
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;  
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.  
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. George Dredden

*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.**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Bartholomew's Church Ho-Ho-Kus, and St. Luke & St. Mary, Hope & Belvidere. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Lana, Thomas, Veronica, Amy, David, Earl, Helen, Butch, Tammy, Turlough, Dana, Richard, Katie, Scott, Melissa, Monte, Tyler, Lily, Jane, Peggy, Alice, Daniel, Natalie, and all those on our ongoing prayer list.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, remembering especially Dorian Wiggin Maguire, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God.

*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 PEACE

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CROSS ROADS CAMP SUNDAY

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

## 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 GREAT THANKSGIVING (CONT.)

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

**Blessed are you 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

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

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*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.*

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*The people stand.*

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us  
with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever  
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Celebrant	The Rev. George Dredde
Acolyte	Andy Seligson
Ushers	Bill and Shirley Horbatt

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

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## PRAYER LIST

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

**Special Prayers:** Kim, Sarah, Sophia, Lana B., Thomas B., Veronica B., Amy C., David C., Earl D., Helen D., Butch G., Tammy G., Turlough G., Dana K., Richard L., Katie M., Scott M., Melissa P., Monte P., Tyler P., Jane R., Lily S., Peggy S., Alice Z., Daniel Z., and Natalie Z.

We pray for the repose of Dorian Wiggin Maguire.

**Ongoing Prayers:** Celine, Grady, River, Tom, Jack A., 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., Andy O., Graham P., and Gary S.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for St. Bartholomew's Church Ho-Ho-Kus, and St. Luke & St. Mary, Hope & Belvidere.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**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](mailto:pastoral@christchurchshorthills.org).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CROSS ROADS CAMP SUNDAY



### Cross Roads Camp Sunday Sunday, April 26 | 8am & 10am

This morning we welcome Helen Payanzo, Program Director of Cross Roads Camp. During the announcements she will share about the meaningful and life-changing ministries taking place at our diocesan camp.

### Cross Roads Summer Programs Weeks Available July 5 - August 16

Cross Roads 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](http://crossroadsretreat.com).



### The Bishops' Cup Golf Outing Monday, June 15

Join Episcopal and Lutheran golfers from around the state for a fun day of golf at Copper Hill Country Club in Ringoes, NJ to support the ministry of Cross Roads Camp and Retreat Center. Funds raised by the Bishops' Cup support generous camperships to help families who can't afford camp. If you would like to join a team from Christ Church, contact Don Syracuse or Danny Jacobs.

## UPCOMING AT CHRIST CHURCH



### Chelsea Chen Organ Recital Sunday, May 3 | 4pm

Christ Church in Short Hills welcomes internationally acclaimed organist Chelsea Chen for a special solo recital on Sunday, May 3 at 4:00pm. Known for her "rare musicality" and "lovely lyrical grandeur" (Los Angeles Times), Chen will present a dynamic program of traditional and contemporary works performed on Christ Church's historic 63-rank Aeolian-Skinner organ. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.



### Christ Church Annual Meeting May 3 | 11:15am

On May 3, plan to attend our Annual Meeting & Brunch immediately following the 10am service. During the Annual Meeting, we will elect vestry members as well as representatives to the Diocesan Convention and the Nominating Committee. We will also provide updates on all of the vibrant ministries of Christ Church.



## Breaking Bread with the Bishop

Tuesday, April 28 | 6:30-8:30pm

Grace Episcopal Church, Madison

You are invited to an evening of fellowship and conversation with Bishop Carlye Hughes and the Evelyn Underhill Regional Network.

A simple supper will be served at 6:30pm, followed by conversation with Bishop Hughes at 7pm. Please RSVP to Sarah Rosen: saraharosen@gmail.com.



## Christ Church Recognized for Excellence in Church Communications

Christ Church was recognized with two Polly Bond Awards at last week's Episcopal Communicators Conference in San Diego, California. These awards celebrate excellence in communications throughout the Episcopal Church.

Christ Church received the Award of Merit for Best E-Newsletter for a Parish and an Honorable Mention in the Best Bulletin category.

Additionally, Libby Clarke received a Polly Bond Award alongside Nina Nicholson for their design of the Diocese of Newark's pilgrimage logo. Chris Whitaker currently sits on the Episcopal Communicators Board of Directors.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### Breakfast Club Youth Gathering

April 26 & May 3 | 9am

*Youth are invited to prepare breakfast together*

### Rector's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays | 12-1pm

Continuing April 28 | In-person & Zoom

*Reading 2nd Isaiah*

### Church History Book Group

4th Tuesday of the Month

Continuing April 28

*New Book: "Dominion, How the Christian Revolution Remade the World" by Tom Holland*

### Create & Connect

May 1 | 9am in the St. Mark's Room

*Join Rev. Bowie and be creative in community*

### Faith & Film

May 10 | 3pm in the St. Mark's Room

*Watching season 5 of The Chosen*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



### 2026 Annual Spong Lecture

Saturday, May 9 | 10:30am

St. Peter's Episcopal Church welcomes author and priest the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers for the annual Spong Lecture on Saturday, May 9 at 10:30am. Drawing on her new book *Church Tomorrow?*, she explores what the rise of the "nones" and "dones" means for the future of faith.

Light lunch and Q&A to follow. RSVP online or email [admin@stpetersmorristown.net](mailto:admin@stpetersmorristown.net).



### WARDENS AND VESTRY

Dara Near, Senior Warden  
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The Rev. Bowie Snodgrass, Rector  
The Rev. George Dredde, Community Engagement  
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The Rev. Dr. R. Kevin Johnson, Children's Ministry  
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